

**Earith Parish Council**  
**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting**  
**Held on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> August 2019 at the Village Hall**

Present – Councillors

Mr Steve Edwards (Chairman)  
 Mr Keith Hudson  
 Mrs Paula Brown  
 Mr Alan Spackman  
 Mr Peter Jackson

Miss Ann Brennan (Vice Chairman)  
 Mrs Marilyn Russell  
 Mr Jeff Nicholls  
 Mr Alan Till  
 Ms Hazel Lambert

5 members of the public  
 Mandy Pink – Clerk

DC Mr Jon Neish, CC Mr Steve Criswell

**Item 65 Apologies for absence** – Mrs Louise Reay

**Open Meeting**

**Item 66 Open Forum** - A member of the public raised a query with the Council regarding the sale of the River Island. The Clerk gave some further details regarding the need to keep the Island as a piece of Common Land. This will be an agenda item in September.

**Item 67 Ecops Report** – The Clerk reported that there was a break in at a house on Colne Road, some car number plates have been stolen from Hermitage Road and there has been some further anti-social behaviour at the Recreation Field.

**Item 68 County Council and District Council Reports**

CC Mr Steve Criswell reported that the traffic survey concerning traffic in the central diamond has been carried out and HCV movements are being monitored. Cllr Spackman raised comments concerning the Willingham Road, Cllr Nicholls raised concerns over the road surface on Colne Road and asked for more information regarding the community maintenance volunteer scheme. Cllr Criswell stated that the Parishes could take on the maintenance of the Highway verges if they wanted to, but they would need to be registered to do this so that they were covered as volunteers under the County Council insurance. Cllr Till asked if there was any update regarding the Hill Row, Haddenham planning application and Cllr Criswell stated that there are no current updates but when the required information has been gathered by the County this application would go back out for consultation.

DC Mr Jon Neish reported that he had contacted the Operations Department concerning St Mary's, but he had not got any updates at present. Planning is now quieter and there is a new enforcement officer.

**(Close open Meeting)****(Open closed section of Meeting)**

**Item 69 Code of Conduct – Dispensation received, and decisions granted** – None

**Item 70 Councillors declaration of interest** – The Chairman drew the Councillors attention to the legal requirement that all interests should be declared following the Code of Conduct Localism Act 2011 c7. s27(3)(b). – None

**Item 71 To sign minutes of Parish Council meeting held on – 4<sup>th</sup> July 2019**

Mr Jeff Nicholls proposed, and Mr Keith Hudson seconded that the minutes should be signed.  
 Resolved - All in favour.

**Item 72 Matters arising** – None

**Item 73 Planning** – Application Ref 19/01460/OUT – Land at 125 High Street – Construction of 2 new residential dwellings. No objections to be made  
 Mr Alan Spackman proposed, and Mr Jeff Nicholls seconded that this application is accepted.  
 Resolved – All in favour

**Item 74 Chairman's Report** – The Chairman reported that he had attended the Children's sports activity day on Friday the 27<sup>th</sup> July and the parents attending stated that there was a lack of advertising for this event even though there was a full page, colour article about it in the Earith Echo. He will provide some laminated signs to be placed on the fencing at the recreation field to advertise the next event on the 22<sup>nd</sup> August from 2-4pm. Cllr Lambert will also post this onto the Earith Facebook page.

He also reported that there had been a finance working group meeting prior to the main Council meeting and all finance items checked were found to be accurate and correct.

- Item 75 Parish Council Representatives Report -**  
**Road Safety and HCV** – Cllr Nicholls reported that the Road Safety meeting discussed speed limits on rural roads and fatalities are up and not down. There is not much progress regarding the Wheatsheaf crossroads. The S106 agreement for Aldi highlighted that a Toucan crossing will be installed. The HCV meeting stated that Environmental Testing readings have gone down, but new equipment is being used that provides more accurate testing. The next HCV meeting will be on the 18<sup>th</sup> September at Bluntisham Village Hall and Cllr Till will attend this meeting and the next Road Safety meeting will be on the 10<sup>th</sup> September and Cllr Reay will attend this.  
**Recreation Field and Play Equipment** – No report  
**Health and Safety** – No report  
**Hanson update** – No report  
**Rights of Way** – Cllr Lambert reported that the right of way on the High Street going down to the river is no longer blocked by a gate and the fence remains the responsibility of the homeowner. The local authority is responsible for the pathway surface and they will also reinstate the sign.  
**Saywell Charity** – No report  
**Ouse Valley Way update** – No report  
**Village Pond** – Cllr Lambert reported that the weather had stopped the working party from maintaining the pond, but they would reschedule the event. The School have donated two bales of barley straw.  
**Allotments** – Cllr Spackman reported that the three plots reported in July had been maintained.  
**Skeeles update** – No report  
**Earith Town Estate** – No report  
**Village Car Parks** – No report  
**ERICA Update** – No report  
**Speedwatch** – No report
- Item 76 Trees and hedges to report for action to be taken and updates on visits already made** – Bad weather had ruled out visits so far, but they would be looked at soon. Cllr Spackman and the Chairman will maintain the hedges at the allotment and the pond.
- Item 77 Drainage, Roads and pavements including advisory notes re car parking** – Two drains at the top end of the High Street are full of straw and need to be cleared.
- Item 78 Grass cutting between Earith and Colne to be discussed** – Cllr Spackman stated that the County Council cut the grass verges and extra work is not necessary. The cost of an extra grass cut was discussed, and it was agreed that a maximum spend of £70 would cover an extra cut between the two villages. The Clerk to Colne would organise this with their contractor as a flail cutter is needed. The contractor will provide liability insurance documents and would invoice Earith Parish Council directly. Mrs Paula Brown proposed, and Mr Keith Hudson seconded that an extra cut can be made. Resolved – 8 voted for and 2 voted against this proposal.
- Item 79 Rospa report to be discussed and actions taken if needed** – The Clerk had previously sent the reports out for consideration and all items stated are to be monitored to see if any action is needed. No points to be actioned at present.
- Item 80 Operation London – Death of a Monarch to be discussed** – The Clerk tabled a summary report and the Council agreed that the local authority will action this as they are the bigger Council.
- Item 81 Village Hall Maintenance to be discussed** – Cllrs Brennan, Reay and Lambert have organised a working group to look into either possible refurbishment or replacement of the Village Hall. Provisional costings will be provided for the Council so that they can decide if funding should be applied for. A public meeting will need to be held to see if the Parish are in favour of monies being raised/spent on a new/refurbished Village Hall. Ms Hazel Lambert proposed, and Mr Jeff Nicholls seconded that the working party should look into this further and provide costings. Resolved – All in favour
- Item 82 Amendment to Standing Orders regarding reporting at meetings** – The Clerk reported that Standing Order number 1.13 (part two) must be replaced with new wording regarding the correct procedure for reporting at meetings. Miss Ann Brennan proposed, and Mr Keith Hudson seconded that the change should be made. Resolved – All in favour

- Item 83 Finance** – a) Payments to sign off  
 b) Online Salary payments for August  
 c) Chairman to sign bank statement

Payee	Description		£	Chq	Powers
Mrs K M Pink	Clerks Wages 65 hrs. @ £17.09	1110.85			LGHA1989, s.7
	Clerks Expenses	25.00			LGA 1963, s.5
	Mobile Phone monthly rental not taxable	12.00			LGHA1989, s.7
	Total Less Tax		870.83	online	
Mrs C Shook	Caretaker hours 5.5hrs @ £9.96	54.78			LGA1972, s.133
	Booking Clerk 2.5hrs @ £9.96	24.90			LGHA 1989, s.7
	Total Less Tax		79.48	online	
Inland Revenue	PAYE July 2019		334.74	online	LGA1972, s.112-119
Mr M S Pink	Parish Handyman		150.00	online	LGA1953, s.4
MSP Services	Grass Cutting		450.00	online	OSA 1906, s.10
Mr R Hodge	Pond Maintenance		8.00	3022	PHA 1936, s.260
Seagrave Inspections	Playground inspections x 2		241.20	Online	OSA 1906, s.10
Earith Town Estate	Rental of play area - Recreation Field		750.00	online	OSA 1906, s.10
Information Commissioner	Renewal of data protection registration		40.00	Dcard	LGA 1972, s.288
Reach Publishing	Advert for sale of Common Land		128.93	Dcard	LGA 1972, s.127(1)
Hunts DC	Commercial Waste Collection Rec		20.15	DD	Litter Act 1983, ss.5,6
Hunts DC	Commercial waste collection V Hall		10.08	DD	Litter Act 1983, ss.5,6
Microsoft	Office 365 monthly cost		5.99	DD	LGHA 1972, s.266
CNG	Village Hall Gas monthly charge		35.70	DD	LGHA 1972, s.133
	<b>Total Spend for July 2019</b>		<b>£3,125.10</b>		

- a) Mr Keith Hudson proposed, and Mr Jeff Nicholls seconded that the payments should be signed off.  
 Resolved – All in favour
- b) Online salary payments for August – Mr Jeff Nicholls proposed, and Mr Keith Hudson seconded that the payments should be made. Resolved – All in favour
- c) Chairman to sign the bank statement to confirm the online salary payments for July as above  
 Mr Keith Hudson proposed, and Mr Jeff Nicholls seconded. Resolved – All in favour

**Item 84 Correspondence** – Ouse Valley Way letter to be an agenda item in September.

**Item 85 Items for future meetings** – Village Hall working group, Neighbourhood Plan, River Island, Ouse Valley Way.

**Mrs Mandy Pink – Clerk 07717 207 533**  
 These minutes are unadopted  
 Meeting closed at 9.45pm

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**Meeting Dates**

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> Sept 2019**  
**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> Oct 2019**  
**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> Nov 2019**  
**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> Dec 2019**

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**Date of Notice – 10<sup>th</sup> August 2019**