

Earith Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council E-Meeting Held on Thursday 2nd July 2020 by Zoom

Present – Councillors

Mr Steve Edwards (Chairman)
Mrs Paula Brown
Ms Hazel Lambert
Mr Allan Till

Miss Ann Brennan (Vice Chairman)
Mr Jeff Nicholls
Mrs Marilyn Russell

DC Mr Jon Neish
CC Mr Steve Criswell

1 member of the public

Mandy Pink – Clerk

Due to the Covid19 Government Lockdown measures the June Parish Council meeting was held via a video conferencing link, the Agenda was published on the Parish Council Website and emailed to the 62-member Newsletter Subscriber List. This means that at least 73 Households were notified of the Parish Council E-Meeting. Approximately 10% of the Village of Earith.

Item 43 Apologies for absence – Mr Keith Hudson, Mr Peter Jackson, Mrs Louise Reay, Mr Alan Spackman joined the meeting sporadically due to technical issues

Open Meeting

Item 44 Open Forum – No comments made

Item 45 Ecops Report – The Clerk reported that a man was reported as behaving suspiciously in Greenfields and when challenged mentioned that he was looking for a lost dog.

Item 46 County Council and District Council Reports

County Council emailed report noted – Cllr Criswell was on hand to answer questions if needed.
DC Mr Jon Neish reported that the recovery of the High Streets in the area was a priority at this time.

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

Item 47 Code of Conduct – Dispensation received, and decisions granted – None

Item 48 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 49 To agree minutes of Parish Council meeting held on – 4th June 2020

Mr Jeff Nicholls proposed, and Ms Hazel Lambert seconded that the minutes are agreed and should be signed when Full Council resumes.
Resolved - All in favour.

Item 50 Planning – Application - 20/00888/HHFUL - 156 Greenfields - Single Storey rear and first floor front extension and internals.
The planning group assessed this application and provided an emailed guide for the Council to consider.
Mr Alan Till proposed, and Ms Hazel Lambert seconded that the application is accepted with comments stating no objections.
Resolved - All in favour

Planning - Application - 20/00702/OUT - The Nurseries, Colne Road - Two new dwellings
The Council considered this application and Cllr Lambert commented that the application is within the build parameters of the village and sits well in the site. The Bungalow will retain ownership of the shared drive. The Clerk stated that this is not a material planning consideration, and this should not cause any issues going forward.
Ms Hazel Lambert proposed, and Mr Jeff Nicholls seconded that the application is supported.
Resolved - All in favour

Item 51 New Code of Conduct Consultation to be discussed – The Clerk had emailed the consultation document prior to the meeting and Cllr Lambert stated that the document was comprehensive and fair and the Clerk should make these comments known as part of the Consultation process.

- Item 52 Request to contact Mick George and ask them to honour the 20mph speed limit in the Village – Cllr Nicholls** reported that Mick George Ltd have signed up to the CCC HCV Covenant and that they have signs stating 20mph speeds to be adhered to in Willingham and Somersham. Cllr Nicholls asked the Council to consider asking the Clerk to contact Mick George to ask if he could extend his voluntary speed limit of 20mph in Earith.
Mr Jeff Nicholls proposed, and Mrs Marilyn Russell seconded that the Clerk should contact Mick George Ltd to ask for the voluntary scheme to be extended to cover Earith.
Resolved - All in favour.

- Item 53 Resident request for some areas of village grass to be left uncut to promote flowers and insects –** The Clerk had received an email request from a Village Resident as above. The Council considered this request in detail and agreed that seeds should be used to cultivate a wildflower meadow in one area of the Village as a trial at this time. Maintenance should be minimal.

- Item 54 Village Hall re-opening criteria to be reported –** The Clerk is working with the Caretaker and the Cleaner to ensure that the Hall will be in a good enough position to re-open when the Council are in agreement for this to happen. Signage, social distancing posters, hand sanitizers and a one-way system of entry and exit have been incorporated along with a track and trace system. Only one person will be able to use the toilet facilities at any one time and only two people will be allowed entry to the kitchen facilities. At this present time indoor meeting restrictions have not been lifted for all to gather and only groups of six people can meet indoors at any one time. The Council agreed that the Hall would probably not be available for use for large groups any time this year and they will work with the Clerk to establish re-opening when all health and safety measures have been implemented and when Government Guidelines have been established. It is up to the Parish Council to determine when they are happy for the Hall to be opened again for public use. They will follow guidelines but will only open the building when they are sure that all options have been covered.

- Item 55 Finance –** a) Payments to sign off
b) Online Salary payments for July to be made as standard
c) Chairman to note emailed bank statement. To be signed when Full Council resumes

Payee	Description		£	Chq	Powers			
Mrs K M Pink	Clerks Wages 65hrs @ £17.57	1142.05			LGHA1989,s.7			
	Clerks Expenses	25.00			LGA 1963, s.5			
	Mobile phone monthly rental not taxab	12.00			LGA 1972, s.133			
	total less tax		900.64	online				
Mrs C Shook	Cleaner 5 hrs @ 10.16	50.80			LGA 1972,s.133			
xx	Booking Clerk 2.5hrs @ 10.16	25.40			LGHA1989,s.7			
	total less tax		76.20	online				
Mrs J Law	Caretaker June		100.00	online	LGA 1972,s.133			
Inland Revenue	PAYE June 2020		338.45	online	LGA 1972,s.112-119			
Mr MS Pink	Parish Handyman		150.00	online	LGA1953,s.4			
MSP Services	Grass Cutting		710.00	online	OSA 1906, s.10			
Ms H Lambert	Pond Maintenance		8.00	online	PHA 1936, s.260			
Viking	Stationery		44.47	online	LGA 1972, s.226			
Impressions Printers	Echo issue 56 - Printing		545.00	online	LGA 1972, s.142			
Mrs K M Pink	Echo issue 56 - Editorial		200.00	online	LGA 1972, s.142			
Auditing Solutions	Internal Auditor Charge		300.00	online	A&AR 2003 SI2003/533 reg 9			
W Oldfield	Environmental Testing		22.80	online	LGA 1972, s.137			
CAPALC	Councillor training		50.00	online	LGA 1972, s.91			
Advanced Security	Annual Maintenance Visit Rec		194.40	online	Local Govt & rating Act 1997, S.31			
Advanced Security	Annual Maintenance Visit Vhall		200.40	online	Local Govt & rating Act 1997, S.31			
John Henry Group	Electrical Maintenance at Rec		3548.40	online	OSA 1906, s.10			
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		59.90	DD	LGHA1972,s.133			
	Total spend for June 2020		7,484.88					

- a) The Clerk requested that one new invoice be authorised for payment now and then added to the payment list for August. One invoice for ETE for £750 yearly lease of Recreation Ground Play Area
Ms Hazel Lambert proposed, and Mr Jeff Nicholls seconded that the payments should be signed off. This includes the invoice stated above.
Resolved – All in favour

- b) Online salary payments for July – Mr Jeff Nicholls proposed, and Ms Hazel Lambert seconded that the payments should be made. Resolved – All in favour
- c) Bank statement noted and to be signed when Full Council resumes

Item 56 Village Item to be Noted – Magpas request for donation – To be considered in August

Cllr Lambert proposed that the Clerk should go ahead and organise signs to enable the Village Play Areas to be re-opened. The Clerk had emailed wording prior to the meeting and the suggested wording template obtained from the Association of Playground Industries (API) was agreed. The Clerk is to order between 2-4 signs depending on the cost.

Cllr Nicholls also drew the Councils attention to the need to move the De-Fib machine from the Apple Tree Surgery now that the Village Doctors surgery is to be closed. The Clerk is in the process of removing the machine from the surgery building and will re-site the machine at the Village Hall.

Mrs Mandy Pink – Clerk 07717 207 533
These minutes are unadopted

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Meeting closed at 8.02pm

Meeting Dates 2020
6th August
3rd Sept
1st Oct
5th Nov
3rd Dec

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Date of Notice – 11th July 2020