

Earith Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council E-Meeting Held on Thursday 1st October 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

Mr Alan Spackman

CC Mr Steve Criswell, DC Mr Jon Neish

0 member of the public

Mandy Pink – Clerk

Due to the Covid19 Government Lockdown measures the Earith Parish Council meeting was held via a video conferencing link, the Agenda was published on the Parish Council Website and emailed to the 68-member Newsletter Subscriber List. This means that at least 80 Households were notified of the Parish Council E-Meeting. Approximately 12% of the Village of Earith.

Item 84 Apologies for absence – Mr Keith Hudson, Mr Peter Jackson, Mrs Louise Reay

Open Meeting

Item 85 Open Forum – No comments from Earith Residents

Item 86 Ecops Report – The Clerk reported one incident within the Village. The football hut was set on fire at the Recreation Field. Police are reviewing the CCTV footage.

Item 87 County Council and District Council Reports

County Council emailed report noted

District Council emailed report noted

CC Mr Steve Criswell gave an update on the Colne Fen restoration applications that were discussed by the Committee earlier today. Cllr Lambert attended the meeting and provided a report. Both applications under consideration have been given approval.

DC Mr Jon Neish reported that HDC are looking to provide assistance for Youth Employment.

Cllr Criswell left the meeting at 19.42

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

Item 88 Code of Conduct – Dispensation received, and decisions granted – None

Item 89 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 90 To agree minutes of Parish Council meeting held on – 3rd September 2020

Mrs Marilyn Russell proposed, and Ms Hazel Lambert seconded that the minutes are agreed and should be signed when Full Council resumes.

Resolved - All in favour

Item 91 Planning – Application 20/01042/FUL – Mill Road Bluntisham – Demolition of existing agricultural building and erection of dwelling.

The Council discussed this item at length and decided that the application is completely outside of the Village Build Boundary and as such it sits within the Countryside. There are also queries regarding the footpath being used as access to the site and the larger footprint of the new build as opposed to the original footprint of the agricultural building. It was also not clear in the plans if any of the original building would be retained within the new dwelling.

Miss Ann Brennan proposed, and Mr Jeff Nicholls seconded that the application should be recommended for rejection.

Resolved - All in favour

Planning – Application 20/01708/HFUL – 22 Cooks Drove – To remove existing hedge and replace with 2m fence

The Council are happy to support this application if a maximum height of fence is agreed at 1800mm. A 2m fence should not be agreed.

Mr Alan Spackman proposed, and Mr Allan Till seconded that the application should be recommended for approval if the maximum fence height is agreed at 1800mm and not 2m.

Resolved - All in favour

- Item 92 Proposal from Earith Town Estate (ETE) for the Council to take on the ongoing Sole Trusteeship of the Recreational Field and associated buildings** – The Clerk emailed a report prior to the meeting which the Council discussed. Cllr Spackman felt that the Council should take on this responsibility as Sole Trustee and thanked the Clerk for her report. The Clerk is to work with the Secretary of the ETE to enable the transfer of Trusteeship to be carried out.

Ms Hazel Lambert proposed, and Mr Jeff Nicholls seconded that the Council should take on the Sole Trusteeship as discussed above.

Resolved - All in favour

- Item 93 Earith PC to join Litter Picking Network** – The Clerk received an email request asking the Parish Council to join the Litter Picking Network. The Councillors discussed this and felt that it was a good idea in principle, and they asked the Clerk to find out some further information.

- Item 94 Earith River Island Sale Update** – The Clerk notified the Council that all the paperwork had not been signed and the transfer of deeds was underway. Payment for the sale should be received soon. Total payment to receive would be £18,600 minus the cost of the Restrictive Covenant Indemnity Insurance £18,540 in total. (as noted by email 14th March 2020)

- Item 95 Cambridge Acre Renewal to be noted - £57 as per last year** – The Council agreed that the renewal can be actioned. Cambridge Acre are a good source of advisory materials especially about Village Halls and Neighbourhood plans.

- Item 96 Finance** – a) Payments to sign off
b) Online Salary payments for October to be made as standard
c) Chairman to note bank statement. To be signed when Full Council resumes

Payee	Description		£	Chg	Powers
Mrs K M Pink	Clerks Wages 65hrs @ £18.05	1173.25			LGHA1989,s.7
	Clerks Expenses	25.00			LGA 1963, s.5
	Back dated payrise	156.00			
	Mobile phone monthly rental not taxab	12.00			LGA 1972, s.133
	total less tax		1027.98	online	
Mrs C Shook	Cleaner 5.5 hrs @ 10.16	55.88			LGA 1972,s.133
xx	Booking Clerk 2.5hrs @ 10.16	25.40			LGHA1989,s.7
	total less tax		81.28	online	
Mrs J Law	Caretaker September		100.00	online	LGA 1972,s.133
Inland Revenue	PAYE September 2020		424.14	online	LGA 1972,s.112-119
Mr MS Pink	Parish Handyman		150.00	online	LGA1953,s.4
MSP Services	Grass Cutting		720.00	online	OSA 1906, s.10
MSP Services	Maintenance at Rec H&S work re inspection		385.00	online	OSA 1906, s.10
Impressions Printers	Echo issue 57 - Printing		495.00	online	LGA 1972, s.142
Mrs K M Pink	Echo issue 57 - Editorial		200.00	online	LGA 1972, s.142
SLCC	Virtual webinar		30.00	online	LGHA1989,s.7
CAPALC	Councillor training		150.00	online	LGA 1972, s.91
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
CNG	Village Hall Gas		41.74	DD	LGHA1972,s.133
	Total spend for September 2020		3,835.37		

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

Cllrs Brennan and Russell attended the Councillor Training and raised some queries re having Council emails and arrangements for state funerals. The Clerk reminded all Councillors that they can have their own emails but the email

platform that the PC website is based on is not an easy email system to use and she along with Cllrs Till and Brown advised the Council to open a generic Gmail account for PC use only.

The Council had already discussed the protocol for dealing with state funerals and they had previously agreed that they would point people in the direction of the District Council for understanding when this issue arose.

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Meeting Dates 2020

Meeting closed at 8.18PM

5th Nov

3rd Dec

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Date of Notice – 10th October 2020