

Earith Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council E-Meeting Held on Thursday 5th November 2020 by Zoom

Present – Councillors

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

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

DC Mr Jon Neish joined 7.55pm

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 97 Apologies for absence – Mr Keith Hudson, Mrs Louise Reay, CC Mr Steve Criswell

Open Meeting

Item 98 Open Forum – No comments from Earith Residents

Item 99 Ecops Report – None

Item 100 County Council and District Council Reports

County Council emailed report noted

District Council emailed report noted

Cllr Brennan raised a query regarding the reinstallation of the damaged sign at Earith Bridge for Ely, Haddenham and Wilburton.

Cllr Spackman raised a query regarding conifer tree cuttings being left on the HDC owned pathway opposite Darford behind the locked gate. The Clerk reported these cuttings when they were first sighted, and they have not yet been removed as they are not a priority at this time.

(Close open Meeting)

(Open closed section of Meeting)

Item 101 Code of Conduct – Dispensation received, and decisions granted – None

Item 102 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). – Cllr Nicholls declared an interest in Agenda Item 111.

Item 103 To agree minutes of Parish Council meeting held on – 1st October 2020

Miss Ann Brennan proposed, and Mr Jeff Nicholls seconded that the minutes are agreed and should be signed when Full Council resumes.

Resolved - All in favour

Item 104 Planning – Application 20/00702/OUT – The Nurseries, Earith Road – revised scheme now single dwelling with detached garage/office

Ms Hazel Lambert proposed, and Miss Ann Brennan seconded that the application should be accepted as there are no objections

Resolved - All in favour

Planning – Application 20/01952/TREE – 40 Meadow Lane – Tree works to a TPO tree – This application has been listed for information only.

Item 105 Memorial Bench to be considered following request by resident – The Clerk received an email from a resident asking for permission to erect a memorial bench in memory of her husband at the pond. The Council discussed this item and agreed that a bench would be a good idea, but it should not be a wooden bench due to maintenance and that it should face into the park area and not the pond. The Clerk will let the resident know.

Mrs Marilyn Russell proposed, and Mrs Paula Brown seconded that the bench should be installed by the resident in the pond play area on Colne Road

Resolved - All in favour

- Item 106 Draft budget to be tabled for precept request in December** – The Clerk had emailed the draft budget to all Councillors ready for them to discuss this item in December.
- Item 107 Removal of asbestos sheets and piping at the allotment to be discussed** – The Allotment Representative, Mr Alan Spackman had visited the site to assess what was needed. There is one sheet of grey asbestos and a few pieces of guttering type pipe to be removed. It was agreed that a specialist asbestos removal company should be asked to remove these items. The Clerk is to obtain quotations. The Clerk has also been informed that a large pile of conifer cuttings have been fly tipped at the Allotment site.
- Item 108 Draft Supplementary Planning Document (SPD): Climate Change – to be noted** – Noted by the Council
- Item 109 Earith Footpath – Earith Bridge car park to Earith Bridleway 10 confirmation of build** – Noted by the Council
- Item 110 Sports Holiday Club proposal to be discussed** – The Clerk received an email request for the Council to consider using a Holiday Sports facility called “Finding Fitness”. The Parish Council have previously asked HDC Holiday Sports Club to provide sports sessions within the Village and these have been well attended and professionally run. The Council agreed that they would stay with the facility provided by HDC due to cost considerations, ease of use and provision knowledge. Mr Alan Spackman proposed, and Mrs Marilyn Russell seconded that HDC would be the preferred supplier of Holiday Sports Facilities for the Village
Resolved - All in favour
- Item 111 Donation to the Royal British Legion to be discussed** – The Parish Council regularly provide a donation of £60 to the local branch of the Royal British Legion. It was decided that this year the donation should be increased to £75.00. The Clerk will action this request. Mr Alan Spackman proposed, and Mr Allan Till seconded that the donation should increase to £75.00
Resolved - All in favour
- Item 112 Parish Mapping and training to be discussed – Costs to be agreed** – The Clerk would like the Council to consider acquiring software and training so that she can organise some Parish Mapping of the Village assets and hopefully other local authority assets such as footpaths etc. The Clerk has carried out some initial investigation into this matter and found that you can either have a monthly subscription for software and then not own the finished maps or buy software to keep for future use and have ownership of the information provided in an ongoing capacity so that it remains updated and current. Costs are quite high so the Clerk will arrange a free trial/demonstration and will then report back to the Council in December. In principle, the Council agreed that this would be a good asset for the Village to have and that it will help the Clerk in her role so that she can provide the residents with current information and other details as needed. Cllr Till stated that owning the data is a much better format than an online option and favoured this method of work for the Clerk to investigate.
- Item 113 Finance** – a) Payments to sign off
b) Online Salary payments for November to be made as standard
c) Chairman to note bank statement. To be signed when Full Council resumes
The Clerk would like the Council to also include an invoice from SLCC for £75 + Vat for an online Practitioners Conference in February and the figure for the Donation to the RBL will need to be increased to £75.00. It was agreed that both items could be included in the payments to be made as listed below. Therefore, the payment noted below for the RBL will increase to £75.00 and a payment of £90 will be made to SLCC now and then listed on the payments to be noted in November (at the meeting in December)
- a) Mr Jeff Nicholls proposed, and Ms Hazel Lambert seconded that the payments should be signed off.
Resolved – All in favour
 - b) Online salary payments for November – Mrs Paula Brown 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

<u>Payee</u>	<u>Description</u>		<u>£</u>	<u>Chg</u>	<u>Powers</u>		
Mrs K M Pink	Clerks Wages 65hrs @ £18.05	1173.25			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	921.90	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	81.08	online			
Mrs J Law	Caretaker October		100.00	online	LGA 1972,s.133		
Inland Revenue	PAYE October 2020		352.89	online	LGA 1972,s.112-119		
Mr MS Pink	Parish Handyman		150.00	online	LGA1953,s.4		
MSP Services	Grass Cutting		510.00	online	OSA 1906, s.10		
Castle Manor Electrica	Installation & supply of lights in the Hall		145.00	online	LGA 1972, s.133		
Paul Scott	Tree work at Bridge End		440.00	online	PHA 1936, s.260		
EDC Poppy Appeal	Remembrance Day Wreaths		40.00	online	LGA 1972, s.137		
Earith, Bluntisham & C	Donation to Local British Legion		60.00	online	LGA 1972, s.137		
Royal British Legion				online			
Cambridge Acre	Membership Renewal		57.00	online	LGA 1972, s.143		
Camb Water	Village Hall water & sewerage cost 04/20-09/20		63.31	DD	LGHA1972,s.133		
Community Heartbeat	Annual Support Year 4		126.00	online	Public Health Act 1936, s.234		
Post Office	Postage re Contract Sale of Island		2.94	Debit Card	LGA 1972, s.127		
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		51.95	DD	LGHA1972,s.133		
	Total spend for October 2020		3,132.30				

DC Jon Neish stated that HDC would probably not be able to remove the asbestos at the Allotment site, but a specialist removal company should be used, and this would be costly. The Clerk is to look into this in more detail.

Cllr Nicholls stated that a Remembrance Service will be held at the Bridge Memorial site on November the 11th

The Clerk informed the Council that the Chairman and Clerk will lay a wreath, on behalf of the Village, at the memorial at Bluntisham on Sunday the 8th

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Meeting closed at 8.30PM

Meeting Dates 2020
3rd Dec

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Date of Notice – 14th November 2020