

Earith Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council E-Meeting Held on Thursday 3rd December 2020 by Zoom

Present – Councillors

Mr Steve Edwards (Chairman)
Mrs Louise Reay
Mrs Marilyn Russell
Mr Alan Spackman

Miss Ann Brennan (Vice Chairman)
Mr Jeff Nicholls
Mr Allan Till
1 Vacancy

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 114 Apologies for absence – Mr Keith Hudson, Ms Hazel Lambert, Mrs Paula Brown, CC Mr Steve Criswell

Open Meeting

Item 115 Open Forum – No comments from Earith Residents

Item 116 Ecops Report – RTA at the allotments and theft of Classic Vespa Scooter from Marina Drive

Item 117 County Council and District Council Reports

County Council emailed report noted – HGV Diamond Report to be discussed by the Parish Council in January

District Council emailed report noted – DC Mr Jon Neish reiterated that Huntingdon is in Tier 2 for Covid restrictions and the District Council are concentrating efforts on the Think Local Campaign to re-energise the High Streets. One Leisure is now open. HDC are also running the bulky waste collections throughout December and January.

(Close open Meeting)

(Open closed section of Meeting)

Item 118 Code of Conduct – Dispensation received, and decisions granted – None

Item 119 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 120 To agree minutes of Parish Council meeting held on – 5th November 2020

Miss Ann Brennan proposed, and Mrs Marilyn Russell seconded that the minutes are agreed and should be signed when Full Council resumes.

Resolved - All in favour

Item 121 Planning – Application 20/02130/TREE – 40 High Street – Pollard Willow tree to 10 feet – Information only

Item 122 Planning Application from Fenland to be noted – Consultation (F/YR20/1048/F) – construct an extension to existing anaerobic digester plant – North West of Mepal AD Plant

Item 123 Proposal for an increase to the Clerk's hours to be discussed – The Chairman proposed that the Clerk's hours are increased by 20 hours each month to reflect upcoming new responsibilities in the New Year, primarily the upkeep and administration of the Recreation Field and other training for new tasks such as Parish Mapping. Also, it is hoped that the new Village Hall project can be moved forward. The Council discussed the proposal for some time and as the total quantity of hours are unknown at this present time an extra 10 hours per month is to be given to the Clerk with any extra hours worked to be classed as additional work and to be paid for as and when so that a firm amount of extra hours can be given when more information has been provided. Reviews will be made every three months or as raised by the Clerk.

Mrs Marilyn Russell proposed, and Mr Jeff Nicholls seconded that an extra 10 hours (plus any additional hours worked) will be awarded as of January 2021.

Resolved - All in favour

Item 124 Budget to be set and Precept to be agreed – The Council discussed the draft budget tabled in November and agreed that an extra £2000 is to be added to salaries so the resulting budget is now set at £66,136 with a precept amount of £60,000. The Clerk also proposed that £28,540 is moved to the Village Hall reserve.

Miss Ann Brennan proposed, and Mrs Marilyn Russell seconded that budget is set at £66,136

Miss Ann Brennan proposed, and Mr Jeff Nicholls seconded that the precept is set at £60,000

Mr Alan Spackman proposed, and Mrs Marilyn Russell seconded that the movement to Reserves is to be actioned by the Clerk

Resolved - All in favour

Item 125 Parish Mapping and training to be discussed – Costs to be agreed – The Clerk has looked into this matter and has determined that many of the currently offered software packages are expensive. She has therefore downloaded some free software from Ordnance Survey and will work through the training tutorial offered for this product. If this fails to allow the Clerk full ability to understand the software, then some more formal training will be investigated. Costs at this point are nil but there may be a need for a potential outlay of around £800 for some formal training. This will be brought before the Council if needed.

Item 126 Finance – a) Payments to sign off
b) Online Salary payments for December to be made as standard
c) Chairman to note bank statement. To be signed when Full Council resumes

a) Mrs Louise Reay proposed, and Mr Allan Till seconded that the payments should be signed off.
Resolved – All in favour

b) Online salary payments for December – Mr Jeff Nicholls proposed, and Mrs Marilyn Russell seconded that the payments should be made. Resolved – All in favour

c) Bank statement noted and to be signed when Full Council resumes

Payee	Description		£	Chq	Powers
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		88.08	online	
Mrs J Law	Caretaker November		100.00	online	LGA 1972,s.133
Inland Revenue	PAYE November 2020		345.89	online	LGA 1972,s.112-119
Mr MS Pink	Parish Handyman		150.00	online	LGA1953,s.4
Mick George Ltd	Environmental clearance at Allotment		336.00	online	SH&A 1908, ss.23
Earith Timber Products	Allotment Fence repair to be reclaimed from insura		150.00	online	OSA 1906, ss.9 & 10
Earith Timber Products	General maintenance at the Recreation field		156.00	online	OSA 1906, ss.9 & 10
W Oldfield	Environmental Testing up to Oct 2020		45.60	online	LGA 1972, s.137
SLCC	Practitioners Conference		90.00	online	LGHA1989,s.7
CPRE	Membership Renewal		36.00	online	LGA 1972, s.143
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
Zoom	Zoom meetings monthly cost		14.39	DD	LGA 1972, Schd 12
CNG	Village Hall Gas		3.77	DD	LGA1972,s.133
SSE	Village Hall Electricity		69.91	DD	LGA1972,s.133
	Total spend for November 2020		2,537.77		

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Meeting closed at 8.55PM

Meeting Dates 2021
7th Jan, 4th Feb, 4th March

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Date of Notice – 12th December 2020