

Earith Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council E-Meeting Held on Thursday 7th January 2021 by Zoom

Present – Councillors

Mr Steve Edwards (Chairman)

Ms Hazel Lambert

Mrs Marilyn Russell

Mr Alan Spackman

1 Vacancy (later filled by co-option – Mr Nick Tindall)

Miss Ann Brennan (Vice Chairman)

Mr Jeff Nicholls

Mr Allan Till

Mrs Paula Brown

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

Item 128 Councillor Vacancy – Co-Option of New Councillor – Mr Nick Tindall applied for the current vacancy with Earith Parish Council and as he had previously presented his application in Sept 2019 and all items remain current, he was Co-opted onto the Council.

Ms Hazel Lambert proposed, and Mr Jeff Nicholls seconded that Mr Nick Tindall should join the Council. Resolved – All in favour

Mr Nick Tindall to complete the declaration of office paperwork and to join the virtual table as the new Councillor for Earith Parish Council

Open Meeting

Item 129 Open Forum – No comments from Earith Residents other than those reported at agenda item 139

Item 130 Ecops Report – None

Item 131 County Council and District Council Reports

County Council emailed report noted

DC Mr Jon Neish discussed the issues of flooding within the Village and the Clerk is to notify him of the homes that flooded. He stated that it is a multi-agency responsibility and forums are being held to decide which agency will deal with the different aspects of flooding. Cllr Lambert stated that responsibility is not the only issue as action is needed now to prevent re-occurrence of flooding issues in the Village.

DC Neish also stated that further support grants are being organised and that the Covid 19 hubs are up and running again to help with any new Covid issues.

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

Item 132 Code of Conduct – Dispensation received, and decisions granted – None

Item 133 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 134 To agree minutes of Parish Council meeting held on – 3rd December 2020

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

Resolved - All in favour by those Councillors present at the December meeting

Item 135 Planning – Application 20/02439/HHFUL – 38 Meadow Lane – Single storey extension to front and rear Mr Alan Spackman proposed, and Ms Hazel Lambert seconded that the Council have no objections to this planning application.

Resolved - All in favour

Planning – Application 20/00702/FUL – The Nurseries, Earith Road – Detached house to replace existing building

Mr Alan Spackman proposed, and Mrs Marilyn Russell seconded that the Council have no objections to this planning application.

Resolved - All in favour

Item 136 CCTV Scheme Review – The Clerk had emailed the paperwork prior to the meeting and the Scheme was noted with only one change to make regarding the ownership of the playing field which will change when the Council take over the Trusteeship.

Item 137 HGV Diamond Area Report to be discussed – The Council discussed this item at length and expressed concern that the amount of through journeys appeared to be quite low. Cllr Nicholls confirmed that the ~~Road Safety Group~~, amended to the HCV Group as per the February meeting agenda item 147, have asked for a copy of the raw data so that they can analyse it. Cllr Till noted that County Councillor Steve Criswell had stated in his report that he supported the bid for declassifying the A1123 to make it a B road. The Council discussed this point and asked the Clerk to find out what had prompted Cllr Criswell's decision and to see if more detailed classification of the meaning of a B road could be investigated. The Clerk is to ask Cllr Criswell for some more detail to be discussed at the next meeting in February.

Item 138 Replacement of 7 Squadron Bench at the memorial – Cllr Nicholls stated that he had attended the recent Remembrance Day service at the Bridge Memorial and he, along with Cllrs Brennan and Edwards and the Clerk noted the rotten condition of the wooden bench currently at the memorial. The wood was covered in lichen and moss and was rotten in some parts. It was felt that this was not a fitting seat for this area and that a replacement should be provided. The Clerk had contacted 7 Squadron and they would be pleased for the Council to replace the bench if the original plaque or an exact replica is still in place on the new bench. It is believed that a cost of approximately £600 would be needed but that the Clerk could have discretion to change this after consultation with the Chair and Vice Chair. The Clerk would work with Cllr's Nicholls, Brennan, and Edwards to find a suitable design. Mr Jeff Nicholls proposed, and Mrs Marilyn Russell seconded that the Clerk could organise a replacement bench for the Bridge Memorial site.
Resolved - All in favour

Item 139 Drainage and Gullies in the Village to be discussed – Bridge End Flooding – The Clerk had forwarded comments from residents concerning this agenda item for the Council to note. These comments had been received from residents who were not actual flood victims but who wanted the Council to act regarding the recent Village flooding issue. The Clerk is to write to all the agencies involved in flood issues such as the County and District Councils, along with Anglian Water and the Environment Agency and any other parties identified by the District Council flooding forums noted by DC Cllr Jon Neish. Drains and gullies that remain blocked, along with possible problems with the Pumping Station and the size of the underground pipes were all considered to be fundamental in the problems that the homeowners experienced. It was not believed that flooding was an issue caused by the amount of water in the river but more than likely it was the heavy periods of rainfall that led to sudden deluges of water that the pipes, drains, gullies, and pumping station could not contain. Flooding was also an issue earlier in the year due to a very heavy period of constant rainfall.

Item 140 Finance –

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

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 January – Mr Jeff Nicholls proposed, and Mrs Paula Brown 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>Chq</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	81.28	online	
Mrs J Law	Caretaker December		100.00	online	LGA 1972,s.133
Inland Revenue	PAYE December 2020		352.69	online	LGA 1972,s.112-119
Mr MS Pink	Parish Handyman		150.00	online	LGA1953,s.4
MSP Services	Village Maintenance		375.00	online	PHA 1936, s.260
Viking	Cleaning Products		107.99	online	LGA 1972, s.133
Viking	Stationery		42.55	online	LGA 1972, s.226
Impressions Printers	Echo issue 58 - Printing		495.00	online	LGA 1972, s.142
Mrs K M Pink	Echo issue 58 - Editorial		200.00	online	LGA 1972, s.142
Earith Timber Products	Allotment Fence repair		240.00	online	OSA 1906, ss.9 & 10
Plantscape	Provision of Christmas Lights		2472.00	online	LGA 1972, S.137
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		101.88	DD	LGA1972,s.133
	Total spend for December 2020		5,684.91		

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Meeting closed at 8.30PM

Meeting Dates 2021
4th Feb, 4th Mar, 1st April

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Date of Notice – 16th January 2021

Agenda Item 137 amended – Road Safety Group wording changed to HCV Group