

Earith Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council E-Meeting Held on Thursday 6th August 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

Mrs Louise Reay

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 64-member Newsletter Subscriber List. This means that at least 75 Households were notified of the Parish Council E-Meeting. Approximately 10% of the Village of Earith.

Item 57 Apologies for absence – Mr Keith Hudson, Mr Peter Jackson, Mr Alan Spackman, CC Mr Steve Criswell

Open Meeting

Item 58 Open Forum – All comments noted by residents are included in this agenda.

Item 59 Ecops Report – The Clerk reported three incidents within the Village. A motorcycle on the High Street was towed away due to no insurance and an invalid licence. Also, on the High Street a group of 5-6 people were seen climbing on the roof of a commercial building, when challenged they drove away and caused damage to a parked vehicle. Loud music and anti-social behaviour was reported at the Recreation ground but when the Police attended site the people had dispersed.

Item 60 County Council and District Council Reports

County Council emailed report noted

DC Mr Jon Neish reported that HDC are still supporting the re-opening of High Streets and are looking into re-instating car parking charges as a loss of 1.2million has been suffered so far. The Parish Council have now been proven eligible for the Small Business Rates Relief Grant for the Village Hall. Payment will be made shortly.

(Close open Meeting)

(Open closed section of Meeting)

Item 61 Code of Conduct – Dispensation received, and decisions granted – None

Item 62 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 63 To agree minutes of Parish Council meeting held on – 2nd July 2020

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

Resolved - All in favour.

Item 64 Planning – None

Item 65 Playground Inspections to be noted – H&S items have been actioned – The Clerk had emailed the Inspection Reports prior to the meeting. These reports are particularly good. All the immediate H&S items have been actioned and improvements will be made to the seat and slabs at the Recreation field when the children are back at school. The Inspector was impressed by the cleanliness of the site and the Clerk thanked the Cleaner, Mrs Shook for her hard work.

Item 66 Grass cutting contract to be rolled due to lockdown restrictions and uncertainty on HDC cutting in the coming season – The Clerk has been unable to approach any contractors for quotations due to lockdown and is still unsure if HDC will be maintaining the pieces of County Council owned grass in the Village that they are currently responsible for over and above their own grassed areas. Therefore, The

Chairman proposed that the grass cutting contract remains with the current contractor for the foreseeable future.

Mr Steve Edwards proposed, and Mr Jeff Nicholls seconded that the contract remains with the current grass cutting company for the foreseeable future.

Resolved - All in favour.

- Item 67 Resident request for work to clear rubbish and fallen trees at the Allotment** – The Chairman and Clerk visited the site and did not see any notable amounts of rubbish but there could be a problem with a fallen tree. Mr Spackman, the Allotment Rep will deal with this and report back to the Council
- Item 68 Resident request to stop Allotment tenants burning fires late at night or to stop it completely** – The Clerk received a telephone call on Friday 31st July at 9pm from a very angry resident who was concerned that a fire had been lit at the Allotment site and that he had to close all of his windows and doors to stop the smell and smoke from pervading his home. The Clerk has since had email contact with an Allotment tenant who stated that he was the only person on site after 7pm that evening and that he did not witness any fires at the site and has since asked other tenants if they know of this incident. Mr Spackman, the Allotment Rep will deal with this and report back to the Council.
- Item 69 Resident request for help with cutting down overhanging trees at the Recreation field** – The Clerk has been asked by a resident who lives adjacent to the Recreation field for some maintenance to be carried out on trees at the field that are overhanging the home owners garage and garden area. The Clerk informed the resident that the Recreation field is operated by a Village Charity that does not have sufficient resources to carry out any maintenance work to the trees. The Clerk will source some quotations from tree surgeons to see how much this work may cost and the Charity will then authorise the cost if they are able to or make a donation request to the Council for help with this matter.
- Item 70 Finance** – a) Payments to sign off
b) Online Salary payments for August 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 5.5 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 July		100.00	online	LGA 1972,s.133
Inland Revenue	PAYE July 2020		338.45	online	LGA 1972,s.112-119
Mr MS Pink	Parish Handyman		150.00	online	LGA1953,s.4
MSP Services	Grass Cutting		840.00	online	OSA 1906, s.10
MSP Services	Maintenance at Rec H&S work re inspection		200.00	online	OSA 1906, s.10
Create Signs	Playground signs		138.00	online	OSA 1906, s.10
Seagrave Inspection S	Playground Inspections x 2		241.20	online	OSA 1906, s.10
Earith Town Estate	Rental of play area at Recreation Field		750.00	online	OSA 1906, 3.10
Viking	Cleaning Products		48.32	online	LGA 1972, s.133
CCC	LHI Bid Fee for 2019/2020 MVAS		1000.00	online	OSA 1906, s.10
James Waters	Grass Cutting Colne to Earith		48.00	online	OSA 1906, s.10
Terrys Heel Bar	Key Cutting Village Hall x 1		6.50	Debit Card	LGHA1972,s.133
Information Commissio	Renewal of data protection registration		40.00	Debit Card	LGA 1972, s.288
A J Rowell & Son	5 hands free bins V Hall		50.00	online	LGA 1972, s.133
Running Imp	Covid 19 H&S items		46.10	Debit Card	LGA 1972, s.133
Amazon	Covid 19 H&S items		166.21	Debit Card	LGA 1972, s.133
Hunts DC	Commercial Waste Collection Rec		20.15	DD	Litter Act 1983,ss.5,6
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CNG	Village Hall Gas		45.06	DD	LGHA1972,s.133
	Total spend for July 2020		5,227.99		

- a) The Clerk requested that one new invoice be authorised for payment now and then added to the payment list for September. The invoice is for electrical work to move and reinstall the De-fib machine for £110.

Miss Ann Brennan proposed, and Mrs Paula Brown seconded that the payments should be signed off. This includes the invoice stated above.

Resolved – All in favour

- b) Online salary payments for August – 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

Cllr Reay stated that Speedwatch sessions will be resumed within the Village

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

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Meeting closed at 7.59pm

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

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Date of Notice – 15th August 2020