

Earith Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council E-Meeting Held on Thursday 3rd September 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

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 66-member Newsletter Subscriber List. This means that at least 78 Households were notified of the Parish Council E-Meeting. Approximately 10% of the Village of Earith.

Item 71 Apologies for absence – Mr Keith Hudson, Mr Peter Jackson, Mrs Louise Reay, CC Mr Steve Criswell

Open Meeting

Item 72 Open Forum – No comments from Earith Residents

Item 73 Ecops Report – The Clerk reported one incident within the Village. A car overturned on the bend near the allotments on Colne Road and one person was slightly hurt.

Item 74 County Council and District Council Reports

County Council emailed report noted

DC Mr Jon Neish reported that an update had been received concerning the St Ives Transport Study. One Leisure facilities will be reopening the swimming pools. HDC are bidding in the Future High Street Fund and will look to help St. Neots first followed by St. Ives and other town centres if they are successful.

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

Item 75 Code of Conduct – Dispensation received, and decisions granted – None

Item 76 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 77 To formally agree extended leave of absence for Councillor Jackson –

Mr Alan Spackman proposed, and Ms Hazel Lambert seconded that a leave of absence beginning in April until October is approved.

Resolved - All in favour.

Item 78 To agree minutes of Parish Council meeting held on – 6th August 2020

Mr Jeff Nicholls proposed, and Mrs Marilyn Russell seconded that the minutes are agreed and should be signed when Full Council resumes.

Resolved - All in favour by those Councillors who were present at the meeting in August.

Item 79 Planning – Application 20/01464/HHFUL – 9 Adelaide Walk – single storey flat roof double garage

Mr Jeff Nicholls proposed, and Ms Hazel Lambert seconded that there are no objections to this application. It is in keeping with the street scene and will provide extra amenity for the owner.

Resolved - All in favour

Item 80 Planning White Paper Consultation to be noted – The Clerk emailed the Consultation to the Councillors prior to the meeting so that they could have enough time to read the document and to make comments if needed. The Council did not put forward any comments.

Item 81 Report from Cllr Spackman regarding the allotment site – Cllr Spackman reported that he had cleared up rubbish along the first pathway side and the scrap metal had been removed. The resident concerned was contacted and was happy with the clearance work that had been carried out and agreed that the tree

was not a problem as there was not a defined boundary and any movement was due to the growth of the tree. It was not unstable. Cllr Spackman stated that the query was resolved to the resident's satisfaction. The second query relating to bonfires at the allotment could not be defined as it was not positive that the fires came from the allotment site as they could well have come from other areas within the vicinity of the allotment and have been attributed to the allotment site when it has not been proven. Therefore, Cllr Spackman stated that no action is needed at present, but the Parish Council would monitor the situation.

Item 82 External Audit Report to be noted – No items raised by the Auditor. The Council thanked the Clerk for her hard work and dedication throughout the year.

Item 83 Finance – a) Payments to sign off
b) Online Salary payments for September to be made as standard
c) Chairman to note emailed bank statement. To be signed when Full Council resumes
d) Nationally agreed pay rise to £18.05 per hr to be backdated to 1st April 2020 for the Clerk
e) Holiday entitlement rise to 22 days with an extra 3 days after five years' service.

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 10 hrs @ 10.16	101.60			LGA 1972,s.133
xx	Booking Clerk 2.5hrs @ 10.16	25.40			LGHA1989,s.7
	total less tax		120.40	online	
Mrs J Law	Caretaker August		100.00	online	LGA 1972,s.133
Inland Revenue	PAYE August 2020		345.05	online	LGA 1972,s.112-119
Mr MS Pink	Parish Handyman		150.00	online	LGA1953,s.4
MSP Services	Grass Cutting		450.00	online	OSA 1906, s.10
Castle Manor Electrica	Uninstall and reinstall Defib Machine		110.00	online	LGA 1972, s.133
Paul Scott	Tree work at pond		550.00	online	PHA 1936, s.260
Fenland Fire Appliance	Fire Extinguisher Service		85.08	online	LGA 1972, s.133
PKF Littlejohn	External Auditor Charge		360.00	online	LGA 1972, s226
W Oldfield	Environmental Testing		22.80	online	LGA 1972, s.137
John Henry Group	Electrical Maintenance at Rec		619.20	online	OSA 1906, s.10
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		-23.82	DD	LGHA1972,s.133
SSE	Village Hall Electricity		67.80	DD	LGHA1972,s.133
	Total spend for August 2020		3,887.38		

- Mr Allan Till proposed, and Ms Hazel Lambert seconded that the payments should be signed off.
Resolved – All in favour
- Online salary payments for September – Ms Hazel Lambert proposed, and Mr Jeff Nicholls seconded that the payments should be made. Resolved – All in favour
- Bank statement noted and to be signed when Full Council resumes
- Nationally agreed Pay rise – Noted
- Change to Holiday Entitlement - Noted

Cllr Lambert stated that there had been several problems with Highways due to flooding and the Clerk will contact CC Mr Steve Criswell to find out the policy regarding drain and gully clearing.

Cllr Brennan reported that the white lines are being worn away at the Meadow Lane/Meadow Drove Junction and two hedges are causing concern in Orchard Crescent (No.s 3 & 12) The hedge at New Farm just after the chicane on Meadow Lane is also causing some problems with large traffic passing and Cllr Spackman will talk to the tenants at New Farm to see if they will carry out some maintenance.

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Meeting closed at 7.50pm

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