

Earith Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council E-Meeting Held on Thursday 4th March 2021 by Zoom

Present – Councillors

Mr Steve Edwards (Chairman)
 Ms Hazel Lambert
 Mrs Marilyn Russell
 Mr Alan Spackman
 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 155 Apologies for absence – Mr Keith Hudson, Mrs Louise Reay, CC Mr Steve Criswell

Open Meeting

Item 156 Open Forum – Emailed comments from Earith Residents re agenda item 166

Item 157 Ecops Report – Cannabis plants have been found and removed from a home in Earith and investigations are ongoing. Two skips containing scrap metal have been stolen from a business on Meadow Drove. A robbery of all usable hand tools from the entire unit has occurred on the Industrial Estate. CCTV footage is being examined.

Item 158 County Council and District Council Reports

District Council emailed report noted.

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

Item 159 Code of Conduct – Dispensation received, and decisions granted – None.

Item 160 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 161 To agree minutes of Parish Council meeting held on – 11th February 2021

Ms Hazel Lambert proposed, and Mrs Marilyn Russell seconded that the minutes are agreed and should be signed when Full Council resumes.

Resolved - All in favour

Item 162 To agree minutes of Extra Ordinary Parish Council meeting held on – 24th February 2021

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 163 Planning – Application 21/00087/HHFUL – 98 High Street – Single storey rear extension.

Mr Alan Spackman proposed, and Mr Nick Tindall seconded that the Council have no objections to this planning application.

Resolved - All in favour

Planning – Application 21/00322/REM – 125 High Street – Approval of appearance, access, layout, design, and scale for one dwelling pursuant to 19/02430/OUT

Mr Jeff Nicholls proposed, and Mr Alan Spackman seconded that the Council have no objections to this planning application.

Resolved - All in favour

Item 164 Recreation Ground Update – The Clerk reported that the football shed had been removed and this was now in the hands of the ETE insurance company. The Secretary of ETE and the Clerk will begin work on the paperwork needed to transfer the Trusteeship from ETE to the Council within the next few weeks.

- Item 165 HDC and CCC flooding update** – The Clerk reported that she had received a letter from Anglian Water, and they have said that they are not responsible for the main problems but will investigate the matter on a priority basis. The Clerk has written to them to try and find out how far up the league table of priority Earith Village is. She has emailed the letter to the Residents so that they are aware. There have not been any updates from the County Council and the District Council have provided an update as part of the emailed report at agenda item 158 stating that all the information passed to them from the Parish is being used by the task group at HDC to assist the relevant agencies and the County Council to deal with the issues raised. Some gully cleaning has occurred.
- Item 166 Traffic Calming measures in the High Street to be discussed** – Following on from the Extra Ordinary meeting the Council discussed the comments made by the Residents including some new ideas received after the meeting and felt that further input from County Councillor Mr Steve Criswell was needed before any firm plans could be agreed and asked the Clerk to set up a further meeting with Councillor Criswell to discuss what can and cannot be done on the Earith High Street. District Councillor Mr Jon Neish will also attend the meeting if his schedule allows.
- Item 167 Renewal of CAPALC Membership to be agreed** – The Clerk advised the Council to consider renewing the CAPALC Membership as it allowed access to NALC and provided good advice for the Council. Mrs Marilyn Russell proposed, and Ms Hazel Lambert seconded that Renewal should be made. Resolved - All in favour
- Item 168 Remote meeting update – Possible return to face-to-face meetings in May** – The Clerk advised the Council that the law to allow Virtual Meetings is only valid until the 6th May, but guidance has also been provided to state that Village Halls must not re-open until 17th May. The Council agreed that Virtual Meetings would continue until all Councillors and the Clerk have received the Covid Vaccine. The Clerk has advised the Hall users that the Hall will remain out of use until September at the earliest.
- Item 169 Finance** –
- Payments to sign off
 - Online Salary payments for March to be made as standard
 - Chairman to note bank statement. To be signed when Full Council resumes
- Ms Hazel Lambert proposed, and Miss Ann Brennan seconded that the payments should be signed off. Resolved – All in favour
 - Online salary payments for March – Mr Jeff Nicholls proposed, and Mrs Paula Brown seconded that the payments should be made. Resolved – All in favour
 - Bank statement noted and to be signed when Full Council resumes

Payee	Description		£	Chq	Powers
Mrs K M Pink	Clerks Wages 75hrs @ £18.05	1353.75			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	1253.14	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 February		100.00	online	LGA 1972,s.133
Inland Revenue	PAYE February 2020		226.86	online	LGA 1972,s.112-119
Mr MS Pink	Parish Handyman		150.00	online	LGA1953,s.4
Mrs K M Pink	Extra work facebook, Rec, Meeting		162.45	online	LGHA 1989, s.7
MSP Services	Village Maintenance		425.00	online	PHA 1936, s.260
Viking	Stationery		41.65	online	LGA 1972, s.226
W Oldfield	Environmental Testing up to Dec 2020		22.80	online	LGA 1972, s.137
SLCC & ALCC	Membership Renewal		302.00	online	LGA 1972, s.143
Screwfix	paint and fixings village hall		8.14	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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Zoom	Zoom meetings monthly cost		14.39	DD	LGA 1972, Schd 12
CNG	Village Hall Gas		87.27	DD	LGA1972,s.133
SSE	Village Hall Electricity		81.15	DD	LGA1972,s.133
	Total spend for February 2021		2,986.36		

Cllr Brennan reported that two Silver Birch trees have fallen at the Green and the Clerk is to check with the Environment Agency if they are responsible for the clearance. Cllr Russell stated that if the trees are causing a hazard then the Handyman should clear them for the Council.

Cllr Spackman queried the need to attend the Environment Agency tele conference update regarding the Middle Level Barrier Project and the Clerk advised him that Councillors could attend if they wanted any further information, but the Q&A document provided by the Environment Agency answered most of the issues. The next part of the Project relates to Welney rather than Earith and the main part of the works at Earith are now complete although there is still further work to do to complete the entire project and some further remedial work may be needed at the Earith site.

Cllr Brown reported that a dog had been seen on the Recreation Field and it was running loose and causing some concern for other users at the Field. Dogs are not allowed on the Field and the Clerk is to put an article in the Echo to remind residents of this matter. She will also check the CCTV footage to see if anything could be reported to the Police regarding the unruly behaviour of the dog and the rude and abusive behaviour of the dog's owners.

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Meeting Dates 2021

Meeting closed at 8.34PM

1st April

May date to be decided depending on elections.

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Date of Notice – 13th March 2021