

Earith Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Informal Meeting Held on Thursday 3rd June 2021 by Zoom

Present – Councillors

Mr Steve Edwards (Chairman)
 Ms Hazel Lambert
 Mr Alan Spackman
 Mrs Paula Brown

Miss Ann Brennan (Vice Chairman)
 Mr Jeff Nicholls
 Mr Allan Till
 Mr Nick Tindall

1 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 71-member Newsletter Subscriber List. This means that at least 83 Households were notified of the Parish Council E-Meeting. Approximately 12% of the Village of Earith. This meeting is therefore an informal meeting and any decisions made will be ratified at the next face to face meeting of the Council.

Item 41 Apologies for absence – Mr Keith Hudson, Mrs Marilyn Russell, Mrs Louise Reay, CC Mr Steve Criswell, DC Mr Jon Neish

Open Meeting

Item 42 Open Forum – Kate Wood from Eddisons introduced herself to the Council. Eddisons, formerly Barker Storey Matthews are dealing with the Outline planning application which is currently being considered for the development of 101 High Street, Earith. Due to the long length of time this application has taken new reports will need to be undertaken such as transport assessments etc and as this is still an exception site and not nominated in the Local Plan for development the Councils support will be needed to move this application along. The Parish Council have already recorded support of this application but will need to see any new reports when they are available to ensure that the items agreed previously are still needed/relevant for the proposed outline development.

Item 43 Ecops Report – The Clerk reported that number plates have been stolen from vehicles on the Industrial Estate.

Item 44 County Council and District Council Reports

District Council emailed report noted.
 County Council emailed report noted.

(Close open Meeting)

(Open closed section of Meeting)

Item 45 Code of Conduct – Dispensation received, and decisions granted – None.

Item 46 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 47 To agree minutes of Parish Council meeting held on – 6th May 2021.

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 by those members present at the meeting.

Item 48 Planning – Application 21/00425/FUL - The Old Barns Bluntisham – Erection of dwelling following demolition of existing agricultural building.

Ms Hazel Lambert proposed, and Mr Jeff Nicholls seconded the application is rejected. The build is outside of the current village build lines and is situated in the countryside. The build exceeds the original barn footprint and does not show that any original features are being incorporated into the new dwelling. Resolved - All in favour

Planning – Application 20/01917/LBC - 52-54 High Street - Repair works to East Chimney Stack
 Mr Alan Spackman proposed, and Mr Allan Till seconded that the application is accepted with no objections. Resolved - All in favour

Item 49 Internal Audit Report to be noted – The Clerk had tabled the report to the Councillors prior to the meeting and the Council thanked the Clerk for another excellent Internal Audit Report and noted that she had been commended by the Auditor for her outstanding work.

- Item 50 Resident request for a memorial bench – Possibly at the Pond site –** The Clerk advised the Council that permission had already been given for one memorial bench at the Pond and noted that George Corner would be a good site for a further memorial bench although the Pond site could have two new benches as it was large enough. Cllr Lambert is to liaise with the family as they are also considering other memorials that can be provided such as planting of a tree etc. Cllr Lambert asked the Council to give permission now for a memorial to be erected and she would work with the family and Clerk to make sure that a suitable site and item would be placed in the Village.
Ms Hazel Lambert proposed, and Mr Alan Spackman seconded that permission can be given and details can be arranged by Cllr Lambert and the Clerk in conjunction with the Family.
Resolved - All in favour
- Item 51 Purchase and position of an RBLI Tommy for the Village to be discussed –** The Clerk had tabled this agenda item in May for further thoughts to be given by the Council. It was agreed that the Clerk can purchase a RBLI Tommy and that it would be sited at George Corner.
Mr Jeff Nicholls proposed, and Mrs Paula Brown seconded that the Clerk should organise this for the Village.
Resolved - All in favour
- Item 52 Update on the Village Hall project –** The Clerk advised the Council that she had now heard from two sets of Architects (the third had declined to provide costs) and the costs received would be tabled for consideration in July.
- Item 53 Update on the Trusteeship of the Recreation Field –** The Clerk advised the Council that she had signed the Charity investment paperwork and will be attending the bank with the current ETE Secretary to enable a change-over of bank mandate details so that the Parish Council would be the Sole Trustee of the Charity called Earith Town Estate. When the Trusteeship has been passed to the Council to act the Clerk will organise clearance of the Pavilion ready for its renewed use for events in the Village.
- Item 54 Multi sports sessions for up to 30 young people (aged 6 plus) for the summer holidays to be noted.**
The Clerk has organised a series of five sports sessions to be held at the Recreation field over the summer holidays. Sessions will be held between 2-4pm on Thursday afternoons commencing on the 29th July 2021 and ending on the 26th August 2021 (inclusive). Participants will be encouraged to pre-book sessions so that social distancing requirements can be assessed prior to the event. More details will be provided in the next Earith Echo along with a sign-up form.
- Item 55 Creation order for public path no 24 to be noted –** The Clerk advised the Council that a new footpath is to be created by the County Council going from the car parking area at High Bridge to the Memorial Site alongside the riverbank. Further details can be found on the County Council website and a plan has been provided in the Noticeboard at the Shop.
- Item 56 Request for the Council to consider “20’s plenty” campaign for lowering traffic speeds in the village –** The Council agreed that this is not a decision that they can make as the views of the Village will need to be given. The Clerk will put an article about this in the next Earith Echo and will also organise a Public Meeting for the Village when Covid 19 Restrictions have been fully lifted and the Hall is opened again for events. It is hoped that the Community Café and the Women’s Institute can continue to use the Hall as of September.
- Item 57 Finance –**
- a) Payments to sign off
 - b) Online Salary payments for June to be made as standard
 - c) Chairman to note bank statement. To be signed when Full Council resumes
- The Clerk asked the Council to allow the payment of the invoice from the Internal Auditors now and that it would be placed on the payments list for authorisation in July.
Ms Hazel Lambert proposed, and Miss Ann Brennan seconded that the Clerk should make the payment.
Resolved - All in favour
- 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 June – Mr Jeff Nicholls proposed, and Miss Ann Brennan seconded that the payments should be made. Resolved – All in favour
 - c) Bank statement noted and to be signed when Full Council resumes

The Clerk advised the Council that the VAT refund had been received for the 2020 2021 financial year.

<u>Payee</u>	<u>Description</u>		<u>£</u>	<u>Chq</u>	<u>Powers</u>
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	1254.94	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 May		100.00	online	LGA 1972,s.133
Inland Revenue	PAYE May 2021		224.37	online	LGA 1972,s.112-119
Mr MS Pink	Parish Handyman		150.00	online	LGA1953,s.4
MSP Services	Grass Cutting		720.00	online	OSA 1906, s.10
MSP Services	General Village Hall Maintenance		140.00	online	LGA 1972,s.133
Mr Fothergills	Pond Maintenance		129.60	Debit Card	PHA 1936, s.260
Viking	Stationery		38.95	online	LGA 1972, s.226
CAPALC	Clerk Training		40.00	online	LGHA1989,s.7
Hunts DC	Commercial Waste Collection Rec		20.15	DD	Litter Act 1983,ss.5,6
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Zoom	Monthly charge		14.39	DD	LGA 1972, Schd 12
CNG	Village Hall Gas		52.22	DD	LGHA1972,s.133
SSE	Village Hall Electricity		78.27	DD	LGHA1972,s.133
	Total spend for May 2021		3,054.25		

Cllr Lambert informed the Council that quarry work at Colne Fen is due to start on the Bridle Way.

Cllr Till informed the Council that he had been notified by Helen Wass that the Willow Hall Farm application is to be considered at the next County Council Planning Committee and he would circulate a copy of this email to the Council for information.

Cllr Spackman informed the Council that a plot at the Allotment site was not being tended and asked the Clerk to send a clearance letter to the Plot holder. The Clerk is to send an up-to-date plot list to Cllr Spackman.

Cllr Nicholls asked the Clerk to report various potholes on Chapel Road, School Road and School Road/Greenfields junction to the Highways Officer along with queries re the Crack Sealing Programme for Greenfields and the White Lining at Meadow Drove Junction. The Clerk will organise a Meeting with the Highways Officer and Chairman and will report back to the Council.

The Clerk asked all Councillors present to state if they would be happy to return to face to face meetings in July. All Councillors agreed that they would return to face to face meetings if all Covid 19 Government restrictions have been lifted.

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Meeting closed at 8.31pm

Meeting Dates 2021
1st July

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Date of Notice – 12th June 2021