

Earith Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Held on Thursday 7th October 2021 at the Village Hall

Present – Councillors

Mr Steve Edwards (Chairman)
 Ms Hazel Lambert
 Mr Alan Till
 Mrs Marilyn Russell

Miss Ann Brennan (Vice Chairman)
 Mr Jeff Nicholls
 Mr Keith Hudson

DC Mr Jon Neish
 0 members of the public

Mandy Pink – Clerk

Item 111 Apologies for absence – Mr Nick Tindall, Mr Alan Spackman, Mrs Paula Brown, Mrs Louise Reay, CC Mr Steve Criswell

Open Meeting

Item 112 Open Forum – No members of the public present

Item 113 Ecops Report – Two road traffic accidents have occurred in the Village. One on Meadow Drove and one near the allotments on Colne Road

Item 114 County Council and District Council Reports

District Councillor Mr Jon Neish reported that the District Council have released information about more funding to help with problems caused by Covid. The District Council have lost 2.4million in parking funds since the pandemic but they will not allow this lack of funding to halt support for front line services.

County Councillor Mr Steve Criswell had emailed his report which was noted by Council

(Close open Meeting)

(Open closed section of Meeting)

Item 115 Code of Conduct – Dispensation received, and decisions granted – None.

Item 116 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 117 To agree minutes of Parish Council meeting held on – 2nd September 2021.

Mr Jeff Nicholls proposed, and Mr Keith Hudson seconded that the minutes are agreed.
 Resolved - All in favour

Item 118 Planning - 21/01831/FUL - Sunfun Ltd Meadow Drove - Change of use from Transport yard and workshops with associated offices to Storage depot with associated offices (B8)
 The lack of sufficient detail regarding the type of storage and vehicle movements was discussed but the information regarding what B8 allows is also very vague. The Council realised that they would probably not get any firm information from the planning department, so they needed to decide based on the information that they have.

Ms Hazel Lambert proposed, and Miss Ann Brennan seconded that the application is approved with no objections. Resolved - Six in favour with one abstention.

Planning - 21/01424/FUL - Newfields Earith Road Colne - 2 x 4/5 bed detached house with integral double garage

The location of this development is outside the current Village build framework and is in the countryside. It is sited closer to Colne than Earith and any more development going towards Earith was not needed. Spatial distance between the two villages should be maintained.

Mr Jeff Nicholls proposed, and Mr Keith Hudson seconded that the application is rejected as per the reasons given above. Resolved - Six in favour with one abstention.

Item 119 Parish Council Representatives Report –

Road Safety – Mr Jeff Nicholls reported that there is a new secretary for the group and the main discussion concerned the Wheatsheaf Crossroads. He had circulated the Minutes to the Council prior to the meeting.

HCV – No report

Recreation Field and Play Equipment – No report

Health and Safety – No report

Hanson update – No report

Speedwatch – Mrs Louise Reay commented by email that she had contacted the Speedwatch Group and there was no current information to report.

Saywell Charity – Revd Sheila had emailed the Clerk asking for the Earith PC rep's details as she was trying to sort out a meeting.

Rights of Way – No report

Village Pond – Ms Hazel Lambert reported that the pond is becoming very overgrown. She will clear the frontage and ask Mr Alan Spackman to help with the hedge and pollarding of the willows.

Allotments – Mr Alan Spackman has organised for a group of Volunteers to cut the hedge at the allotment. He will also look after the two plots that are vacant to make sure that they do not become overgrown. The Chairman has reminded Mr Spackman that the correct Volunteer forms will need to be completed along with the risk assessments and method statements prior to the work being carried out. The Clerk is to inform the Insurance Company that a series of Village jobs at the Pond and Allotment site will be conducted by Volunteers during the two-week period starting from the 11th of Oct to the 24th.

Skeeles update – Miss Ann Brennan reported that there will not be a meeting until all the grant applications are returned at the end of October.

Village Car Parks – No report

Ouse Valley Way – No report

- Item 120 Earith Town Estate** – The Clerk has placed an article in the Echo stating the various ideas raised for the Pavilion and will give feedback at the next meeting. The Governing Document still needs to be finalised.
- Item 121 Trees and hedges to report for action to be taken and updates on visits already made** – Mr Jeff Nicholls reported that work has been carried out at Bridge End following the visit made and the Clerk reported that she had given the homeowner at Hereward some information concerning tree surgeons as they are intending to take the hedge right back along the roadside and to carry out some maintenance to the conifer trees at the back. Miss Ann Brennan reported that the hedge along the left-hand side of the road at the Industrial Estate needs cutting back and the Clerk will write to the owner initially and will then ask the County Council to intervene if necessary.
- Item 122 Drains, Roads and Pavements – including advisory notes re car parking – reports for action to be taken** – The Clerk reported that the stolen drain covers along Cooks Drove will be replaced sometime around the 19th of October as the Highways Department need to wait for a delivery of new covers. Drain covers were stolen from many Villages across the County and not just in Earith.
- Item 123 New Model Code of Conduct to be adopted if agreed** – The Clerk had emailed the new Code to the Councillors prior to the meeting. The code previously adopted by Earith PC was produced in conjunction with the Local Government Association (LGA) and the National Association of Local Councils (NALC). The New Code has been produced by the LGA and NALC have adopted it. Ms Hazel Lambert proposed, and Mr Jeff Nicholls seconded that the LGA New Model Code of Conduct is adopted by Earith Parish Council. Resolved - Five in favour with two abstentions.
- Item 124 Update on the Village Hall project** – No report to make but the Village Hall Group will be attending a meeting with the Architects tomorrow and a presentation will be made at the Annual Parish Meeting on the 14th of October.
- Item 125 Rights of Way maintenance by County Council to be discussed – Possible need to involve our MP**
The Clerk informed the Council that the rights of way in the Village are only maintained three times each year. The rights of way team are only responsible for keeping the surface clear and any side vegetation should be the responsibility of homeowners if the path borders a home or the Highways if there are no homes present. The Clerk highlighted the Ouse Valley Way (OVW) in particular as she had received several residents' complaints about the state of the gates and the overgrown vegetation along the way. Ms Hazel Lambert thought that the OVW was looked after by the Environment Agency. The maintenance for the paths can be devolved from the County Council to the Parish Councils and they will be given a grant to help with costs. This grant would only cover the cost of three cuts per year so the Parish would then need to fund any other work that needs completing. The devolved service would then sit with the Parish ad infinitum. The Villages along the OVW could also join together to help to maintain the area but this partnership working would also have to be forever, and costs shared accordingly. The Clerk wanted the Council's agreement to lobby the County Council to cut the areas more than three times per year as the Parishes do not have the finances, time, equipment, or workforce to take on this work and the County Council do but have cut back on this issue over time.
Resolved – The Council asked the Clerk to lobby County Councillor Criswell about this matter.
- Item 126 Finance** –
- a) Payments to sign off
 - b) Online Salary payments for October to be made as standard
 - c) Chairman to sign bank statement.
- a) Ms Hazel Lambert proposed, and Mr Keith Hudson seconded that the payments should be signed off.
Resolved – All in favour
- b) Online salary payments for October – Mr Jeff Nicholls proposed, and Ms Hazel Lambert seconded that the payments should be made. Resolved – All in favour
- c) Bank statement signed by Chairman

<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 September		100.00	online	LGA 1972,s.133		
Inland Revenue	PAYE September 2021		224.37	online	LGA 1972,s.112-119		
Mr MS Pink	Parish Handyman		150.00	online	LGA1953,s.4		
MSP Services	Grass Cutting		510.00	online	OSA 1906, s.10		
MSP Services	Tree maintenance at the Pavilion		245.00	online	OSA 1906, s.10		
Earith Timber Products	Maintenance at the Hall		192.00	online	LGA 1972, s.133		
Viking	Stationery		64.74	online	LGA 1972, s.226		
Impressions Printers	Echo issue 61 - Printing		495.00	online	LGA 1972, s.142		
Mrs K M Pink	Echo issue 61 - Editorial		200.00	online	LGA 1972, s.142		
Hunts DC	5 Sports Summer sessions		783.36	online	Local Govt Misc Prov Act 1976, s.19		
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		38.28	DD	LGHA1972,s.133		
	Total spend for September 2021		4,369.20				

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

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 Meeting closed at 9.00pm

Meeting Dates 2021
 4th November

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Date of Notice – 15th October 2021