

Earith Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Held on Thursday 6th January 2022

Present – Councillors

Mr Steve Edwards (Chairman)
Mrs Paula Brown
Mr Keith Hudson
Mr Nick Tindall
Mr Allan Till

Miss Ann Brennan (Vice Chairman),
Ms Hazel Lambert
Mr Jeff Nicholls
Mr Alan Spackman

DC Mr Jon Neish
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Mandy Pink – Clerk

Item 169 Apologies for absence – Mrs Marilyn Russell, Mrs Louise Reay, CC Mr Steve Criswell

Open Meeting

Item 170 Open Forum – No members of the public present. Resident's emailed comments regarding the Village Hall noted by Council.

Item 171 Ecops Report – No report

Item 172 County Council and District Council Reports

County Councillor Mr Steve Criswell – emailed comments noted by Council

District Councillor Mr Jon Neish reported that HDC are looking to provide growth grants for Businesses in the region. There have been some cases of homelessness recorded over the Christmas period and the Dolphin Hotel in St Ives is being used to house immigrants whilst their status is being investigated.

(Close open Meeting)

(Open closed section of Meeting)

Item 173 Code of Conduct – Dispensation received, and decisions granted – None.

Item 174 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 175 To agree minutes of Parish Council meeting held on – 2nd December 2021.

Ms Hazel Lambert proposed, and Mr Jeff Nicholls seconded that the minutes are agreed.
Resolved - All in favour

Item 176 Planning - Application 21/02700/S73 - The Old Barns Mill Lane Bluntisham - Variation of condition C2 (plans) to 18/01111/FUL for improvements to the layout and aesthetics of the proposed replacement dwelling.

Mr Keith Hudson proposed, and Mr Jeff Nicholls seconded that the application is refused as the Council did not agree the original application and they still feel that the original comments stand. This development is outside of the Village build framework and is in the countryside. It also does not fit the original build footprint of the barn which has now been demolished. Resolved - All in favour

Application - 21/02374/FUL - The Green House 127 High Street - Construction of new Single residential 'Eco House' and associated works

Ms Hazel Lambert proposed, and Mr Nick Tindall seconded that the application is approved with no objections. Resolved - All in favour

Application - FMW/025/19 - Restoration of land at Colne Fen Quarry using imported waste to create conservation habitats. Section 73 planning application to develop land without complying with condition 1 of planning permission H/05001/13/CW to allow the development to continue for a further 5 years until 31 December 2024

The Council discussed this application at length and are unsure why the pre planning conditions have not been carried out. They are not happy with the idea of no actual end date and did not want to see this application have a rolling five-year period of time due to the excessive extra lorry movements that this would inflict on the amenity of the residents of Earith.

Ms Hazel Lambert proposed, and Mr Keith Hudson seconded that this application is refused as per the comments stated above.

Resolved – All in favour

Item 177 Parish Council Representatives Report –

Road Safety – Mr Jeff Nicholls reported that the next meeting will be 11th January 2022.

HCV – No report

Recreation Field and Play Equipment – No report

Health and Safety – The Clerk and Chair will carry out H&S inspections in the Spring.

Hanson update – No report

Speedwatch – No report

Saywell Charity – The Chairman reported that the land had been advertised for let but the Charity had not received any responses so far.

Rights of Way – Ms Hazel Lambert reported that the bridleway at Colne Fen Quarry should be completed in Spring 2022.

Village Pond – Ms Hazel Lambert reported that a local business had offered to carry out maintenance at the Pond for the Village and they will instal a marketing board for the company at the site. Thanks to be given to Mr Spackman and Mr Clements for maintenance to the hedge and pollarding of the trees.

Allotments – The Clerk reported that a half plot has been taken and this will leave a half and a quarter plot still vacant.

Skeeles update – Miss Ann Brennan reported that eight applications had been made for grants and all have been successful. Monies have been paid. The school received some funding as well.

Village Car Parks – The Clerk reported that the drains in the Village Hall car park are to be cleaned in January. Notices will be put up in the car park once an agreed date has been made.

Ouse Valley Way – No report

- Item 178 Earith Town Estate** – The Clerk reported that she had not received any feedback from the Village regarding putting on events in the Pavilion. A further request for feedback has been added to the Earith Echo which will be distributed early January. A care and share shop will be trialled in April.
- Item 179 Trees and hedges to report for action to be taken and updates on visits already made** – No new reports
- Item 180 Drains, Roads and Pavements – including advisory notes re car parking – reports for action to be taken** – Parking in School Road has become an issue and the Clerk will report this to the Police for action.
- Item 181 Resident request re “Lest we forget” bench at the Green near the Bus Stop** – The Clerk has received an email from a resident requesting the Council to provide a memorial bench at the Green. The Council considered this request and noted that there is already a Bench on the Green and they would look to provide a new ornamental bench once this one has become unusable.
- Item 182 Plastic Free Communities** – The Clerk has added a further article in the Earith Echo asking for volunteers to help in the steering group. The Clerk will continue to work in the background to contact Village Businesses and Village Allies such as the WI, Primary School, Village Charities, Second Saturday Café and the Earith Pre School and Toddlers’ Group to help to raise support. So far, one resident has come forward to volunteer help but as this is supposed to be a Community Initiative more people will be needed to move this forward.
- Item 183 Land Registry update to include land under PC control and two Village Charities** – The Clerk has organised a meeting at the Solicitors with the Chairman in attendance for Tuesday the 18th of January 2022.
- Item 184 Queens Platinum Jubilee Commemoration Event to be discussed** – Cllr Lambert commented that she would like to see an afternoon tea party on the recreation ground where the Village can all get together and socialise whilst having a fun afternoon. Children’s activities could be organised, but this would be a low key do it yourself event from 2-4pm on Friday 3rd June. This would need minimum effort to organise but would bring the Village together to celebrate the Queens leadership. Mugs for the Primary school children could also be provided at a cost of £5.55 each and this will need to be decided in February as this will be a S137 spend. The Clerk will have this as an agenda item in February for a decision to be made. One hundred mugs would need to be ordered as there are currently ninety-one children at the school.
- Item 185 LHI Feasibility Study to be discussed** – The Clerk forwarded the LHI report prior to the meeting. The cost of a new pathway running along Colne Road from Meadow Drove to the corner of the allotment site was proposed to the County Council and they have costed this project at over £55,000 so this would mean that the Council would need to find over £40,000 as a contribution to the cost. The Council decided that this would not be possible at this present time, but they have asked the Clerk to continue to look for grant funding to see if this can be actioned later.
- Item 186 Support in principle request for solar panels to be installed on the Grade 1 listed St Marys Church roof** – The Clerk has received a request from the heating advisor for the Church to ask the Council to consider “In Principle” support for solar panels to be added to the Church roof to provide more efficient heating within the Church.

Mr Nick Tindall proposed, and Mr Keith Hudson seconded that support could be given in principle at this stage, but a final decision will need to be made when the planning application has been submitted as this will provide the Council with more detailed information.

Resolved – All in favour

- Item 187 Finance** –
- a) Payments to sign off
 - b) Online Salary payments for January to be made as standard
 - c) Chairman to sign bank statement.
- a) Ms Hazel Lambert proposed, and Mrs Paula Brown seconded that the payments should be signed off. Resolved – eight for and one against the payments being made.
- b) Online salary payments for January – Mr Keith Hudson proposed, and Mr Jeff Nicholls seconded that the payments should be made. Resolved – All in favour
- c) Bank statement signed by Chairman

<u>Payee</u>	Description		<u>£</u>	<u>Chq</u>	<u>Powers</u>
Mrs K M Pink	Clerks Wages 75hrs @ £18.58	1393.50			LGHA1989,s.7
	Clerks Expenses	25.00			LGA 1963, s.5
	Back dated payrise	79.50			
	Mobile phone monthly rental not taxab	12.00			LGA 1972, s.133
	total less tax		1335.88	online	
Mrs C Shook	Cleaner 5.5 hrs @ 10.44	57.42			LGA 1972,s.133
xx	Booking Clerk 2.5hrs @ 10.44	26.10			LGHA1989,s.7
	Back dated payrise	4.49			
	total less tax		88.01	online	
Mrs J Law	Caretaker December		100.00	online	LGA 1972,s.133
Inland Revenue	PAYE December 2021		279.14	online	LGA 1972,s.112-119
Mr MS Pink	Parish Handyman		150.00	online	LGA1953,s.4
MSP Services	Maintenance to trees and hedges at the Memorial		385.00	online	OSA 1906, s.10
Earith Timber Products	Maintenance at the Hall		163.80	online	LGA 1972, s.133
Ms H Lambert	Pond Maintenance		8.00	online	PHA 1936, s.260
Impressions Printers	Echo issue 62 - Printing		495.00	online	LGA 1972, s.142
Mrs K M Pink	Echo issue 62 - Editorial		200.00	online	LGA 1972, s.142
EON	Street Lighting Apr 21 - Nov 21		549.02	online	Parish Councils Act 1957, s.3
Ornamental Trees	QGC tree for the Green		110.92	dcard	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		13.09	DD	LGHA1972,s.133
	Total spend for December 2021		3,908.09		

Ms Hazel Lambert gave the Council a brief update on the Village Hall status and asked the Clerk to keep this as an Agenda item for regular updates for the Council and the Village. The Working Group have had the first design meeting with the Architects and other monthly meetings have been pencilled in. The Architects have been asked to organise a topographical survey along with some other surveys to start off the design process.

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

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Meeting closed at 8.40pm

Meeting Dates 2022
3rd Feb
3rd Mar
7th Apr

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Date of Notice – 15th January 2022