

## Earith Parish Council

### Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Held on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2022

#### Present – Councillors

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

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

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Mandy Pink – Clerk

**Item 188 Apologies for absence** – Ms Hazel Lambert, Mrs Marilyn Russell, Mrs Louise Reay, Mr Alan Spackman, CC Mr Steve Criswell, DC Mr Jon Neish

#### **Open Meeting**

**Item 189 Open Forum** – No members of the public present

**Item 190 Ecops Report** – No report

#### **Item 191 County Council and District Council Reports**

County Councillor Mr Steve Criswell – No report

District Councillor Mr Jon Neish emailed report noted by Council. Cllr Hudson asked the Clerk to contact DC Neish to ask him if HDC will be returning to finish off the maintenance that was started the other day in Darford Car Park. Some of the Car Park has been cleared but there is still some vegetation left to clear.

#### **(Close open Meeting)**

#### **(Open closed section of Meeting)**

**Item 193 Code of Conduct – Dispensation received, and decisions granted** – None.

**Item 193 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 194 Clerk reminder to Councillors regarding elections on 5th May – Paperwork to be forwarded in March for action to be taken – Scheduled PC meeting to be moved back to Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> May.**

**Item 195 To agree minutes of Parish Council meeting held on – 6<sup>th</sup> January 2022.**

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

**Item 196 Planning** - Application 22/00021/TREE - 5 Cooks Drove - TPO1 - Tree work to replant Silver Birch replacement for fallen Field Maple - Noted by Council

#### **Item 197 Parish Council Representatives Report –**

**Road Safety** – Mr Jeff Nicholls reported that the Road Safety Group have asked the Highways Department to clean the signs at the Wheatsheaf Crossroads and to repaint the white lines

**HCV Group** – Mr Nick Tindall reported that the Minutes will be forwarded when he has received them, and the next meeting will be held in April

**Recreation Field and Play Equipment** – No report

**Health and Safety** – No report

**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** – No report

**Village Pond** – The Parish Council would like to thank Mr Flynn and his team from Flynn Lakes Koi for the great clearance work at the Pond. There is still some work to complete, and Mr Flynn is keen to carry on. A recommendation to introduce fish that feed on Duckweed has been forwarded to the Council and the Council would like Ms Hazel Lambert to organise this.

**Allotments** – The Chairman reported that Mr Spackman had completed his volunteer work at the Allotments. The Clerk reported that both ½ plots have now been let and only one ¼ plot remains.

**Skeeles update** – No report

**Village Car Parks** – The Clerk reported that the drains in the Village Hall car park have been cleaned but two still have a lot of mud in them, but water is draining away. To clear all the mud from the two drains would take a lot of work and this is not needed at this time. If the area does flood, then the Clerk will work with the Chairman to see what can be done.

**Ouse Valley Way** – No report

- Item 198 Earith Town Estate** – The Clerk reported that she had still not received any feedback from the Village regarding putting on events in the Pavilion despite two articles in the Echo requesting feedback from the Village. She is hoping to organise some events and will advertise them in the Echo to see if any residents attend. She is also sorting out internal locks, emergency lighting and heating and window replacement to ensure that the Pavilion meets Health and Safety standards for events to be carried out. A new electricity supplier has been sourced. The water and sewerage suppliers are being sorted out at the moment.
- Item 199 Trees and hedges to report for action to be taken and updates on visits already made** – No new reports. The homeowner at no 1 Hereward is in the process of disposing of the conifer trees that have been left in the pathway off Cooks Drove.
- Item 200 Drains, Roads and Pavements – including advisory notes re car parking – reports for action to be taken** – There is some surface water flooding at the Shop following heavy rainfall, but this does drain away and does not meet Highways Safety Criteria at the moment for intervention. The Clerk is to report a pothole in Chapel Road.
- Item 201 Plastic Free Communities** – The Clerk reported that two residents have come forward to volunteer in the steering group and a zoom meeting is being scheduled so that roles and responsibilities can be finalised. The Clerk will carry on with admin and help as needed with communications and events. It is hoped that more people will come forward to offer help as this is supposed to be a Community Initiative.
- Item 202 Land Registry update** – The Clerk has passed all the paperwork to the Solicitors who are now working on the first registration of Parish Land in PC control along with Charity land for Earith Town Estate and the Saywell Charity.
- Item 203 Queens Platinum Jubilee Memorabilia to be discussed** – The Parish Council agreed that an informal bring your own picnic is to be organised for Friday the 3<sup>rd</sup> June between 2pm and 5pm on the recreation field and some children's sports will be organised for the event. Medals will be provided for those who attend, and Miss Ann Brennan will organise this. Residents are encouraged to organise their own parties on Sunday the 5<sup>th</sup> June in line with the rest of the UK. The Chairman will oversee opening and closing the Pavilion so that toilet facilities can be provided, and it is hoped that the Second Saturday Café will help to provide some tea and cake. Official roles will be decided at the March meeting as Ms Lambert is not present today and it is thought that she would like to help with this project. Due to Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> June being a bank holiday the scheduled PC meeting will be moved back to 9<sup>th</sup> June.
- Item 204 Village Hall update** – The Clerk reported that a further design meeting was held with the Architects on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> Jan. Internal design and external building products were discussed, and the Architects are to provide some sample materials for the next meeting on the 28<sup>th</sup> Feb. Survey and Engineer reports have also been agreed. The Clerk and Chairman are to meet with the Highways Officer to find out about access requirements and transport surveys.
- Item 205 Purchase of a new MVAS speed sign to be discussed** – The Clerk reported that the old sign is not working correctly, and repairs would be costly. It would be appropriate to purchase a new one as technology has changed and it is hoped that a solar powered one could be funded. The Clerk has only received one quote at present at just over £3000 plus VAT. The Clerk is to try and organise some community funding for this and will be meeting with Tesco's Community Champion to discuss this in more detail. The Clerk asked the Council if one could be purchased if external funding is not secured. Mr Keith Hudson proposed, and Mr Steve Edwards seconded that the Clerk could organise for a replacement sign and can purchase one if funding is not agreed.  
Resolved – All in favour
- Item 206 To award the Clerk delegated powers to ensure the smooth running of the Council during times of National Mourning or other unprecedented times if deemed necessary by the Chairman** – The Clerk informed the Council that there may be times when the full Council are not able to work effectively together such as times of National Mourning and during Election periods. The Council have deadlines and specific jobs to carry out in these times and it may not be achievable to raise a full council to agree Council business.  
Mr Steve Edwards proposed, and Mr Jeff Nicholls seconded that the Clerk should be awarded delegated powers to act on behalf of the Council if needed and Mr Nick Tindall asked if this provision can be reviewed annually.  
Resolved – All in favour
- Item 207 Finance** – a) Payments to sign off  
b) Online Salary payments for February to be made as standard  
c) Chairman to sign bank statement.  
a) Miss Ann Brennan proposed, and Mrs Paula Brown seconded that the payments should be signed off.  
Resolved – All in favour

- b) Online salary payments for February – Mr Jeff Nicholls proposed, and Mr Keith Hudson 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 @ £18.58	1393.50			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		1281.92	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
	total less tax		83.52	online	
Mrs J Law	Caretaker January		100.00	online	LGA 1972,s.133
Inland Revenue	PAYE January 2022		242.63	online	LGA 1972,s.112-119
Mr MS Pink	Parish Handyman		150.00	online	LGA1953,s.4
Create Signs	Fire signs at the Hall		132.00	online	LGA 1972, s.133
SLCC	Training Conference		54.00	online	LGHA1989,s.7
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
Positive Energy	Village Hall Gas		387.02	DD	LGHA1972,s.133
	Total spend for January 2022		2,461.32		

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

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Meeting closed at 8.37pm

Meeting Dates 2022

3<sup>rd</sup> Mar

7<sup>th</sup> Apr

Due to the Elections 12<sup>th</sup> May  
Due to the Bank Holiday 9<sup>th</sup> June

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Date of Notice – 12<sup>th</sup> February 2022