

Earith Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Held on Thursday 7th April 2022

Present – Councillors

Mr Steve Edwards (Chairman)

Mrs Paula Brown

Mr Keith Hudson

Ms Hazel Lambert

Mr Alan Spackman

Vacancy

Miss Ann Brennan (Vice Chairman),

Mr Nick Tindall

Mr Jeff Nicholls

Mr Allan Till

Mrs Louise Reay

DC Mr Jon Neish

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Mandy Pink – Clerk

Item 1 Apologies for absence – CC Mr Steve Criswell

Open Meeting

Item 2 Open Forum – No members of the public present

Item 3 Ecops Report – The Clerk has reported vandalism at the Pavilion on Sunday 3rd April to the Police

Item 4 County Council and District Council Reports

County Councillor Mr Steve Criswell – Emailed report noted

District Councillor Mr Jon Neish reported that the District Council ward election is uncontested this year so he will be working alongside new Cllr Paul Hodgson-Jones moving forward. The Planning Department have a new Manager in post, and this has resulted in a better service being achieved. The Combined Authority have agreed a drawdown of £2.3m for the A141/St Ives upgrade so that they can get work started on Local improvement schemes as they have a proactive travel policy. A more detailed report will be emailed to all concerning this item.

(Close open Meeting)

(Open closed section of Meeting)

Item 5 Code of Conduct – Dispensation received, and decisions granted – None.

Item 6 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 7 To agree minutes of Parish Council meeting held on – 3rd March 2022.

Mrs Louise Reay proposed, and Mr Jeff Nicholls seconded that the minutes are agreed.

Resolved - All in favour

Item 8 Planning - Application - CCC/21/088/FUL Envar Composting Ltd - New information dated 1st March 2022 only. The Council agreed that the original comments to reject this application stand and no further comments will be made to the County Council as the latest information does not give any grounds for support.

Item 9 Parish Council Representatives Report –

Road Safety – Mr Jeff Nicholls reported that he was unable to attend the meeting and could not find an available replacement Councillor, but he will forward any Minutes as soon as they are issued.

HCV Group – Mr Nick Tindall reported that there will be a meeting next week and he will provide a report if he is re-elected onto the Council in May.

Recreation Field and Play Equipment – H&S visits have been made. See agenda item 17 for more information.

Health and Safety – H&S visits have been made. See agenda item 17 for more information.

Hanson update – No report

Speedwatch – The Clerk reported that twelve two-hour sessions were held in 2021. 185 vehicles were recorded as speeding on the High Street and the fastest speed recorded was 59mph. 109 vehicles were reported speeding on Colne Road and the fastest speed recorded was 44mph.

Saywell Charity – No report

Rights of Way – No report

Village Pond – Ms Hazel Lambert reported that the Pond is coming along nicely following the excellent maintenance work carried out by Flynn Lakes Koi Ltd.

Allotments – Cllr Spackman reported that a litter pick along the front of the allotment site on both sides resulted in several bags of rubbish being collected. Thanks were given to the Village ladies who look after this matter.

Skeeles update – No report

Village Car Parks – No report

Ouse Valley Way – No report

- Item 10 Earith Town Estate** – The Clerk informed the Council that an article in the Echo provided information about the Care and Share Shop trial that she is undertaking in July. The shop will be open on Tuesday 19th July 2022 from 1pm – 4pm and donations can be left at the Pavilion on Tuesday 5th July between 1pm -4pm. Please see the article in the Echo, issue sixty-three, page 11 for more details.
- Item 11 Trees and hedges to report for action to be taken and updates on visits already made** – Mr Jeff Nicholls reported two new hedges for visits to be made. 68 Greenfields and 39 High Street.
- Item 12 Drains, Roads, and Pavements – including advisory notes re car parking – reports for action to be taken** – No report
- Item 13 Plastic Free Communities** – The Clerk reported that the steering group are looking to sign up Community Allies and Businesses to the initiative and have organised two events to help to spread the word. There will be a presentation at the Annual Parish Meeting on the 28th of April and there will also be an information post at the Care and Share shop on the 19th of July. Infographics and articles are being posted on Facebook and in the Echo and positive feedback has been received
- Item 14 Land Registry update** – No report
- Item 15 Village Hall update** – Ms Hazel Lambert reported that a design is being worked on and will be displayed at an Open Forum for the Village on Thursday April 28th in the afternoon before the Annual Parish Meeting in the evening. The building is being designed as a sustainable development using sustainable materials and an approximate costing is being put together. The open forum event will ask for residents' feedback which can be used when a planning application is submitted.
- Item 16 Wildlife Ponds – Funded Pond Conservation Project to be discussed** – The Clerk had forwarded an email about this fund to the Councillors prior to the meeting and asked for some feedback concerning any landowners who should be approached about this. No landowners' details could be provided, and the Clerk has put a notice on the Noticeboard for the Village to respond to if they know of any sites that can be used.
- Item 17 Health and Safety Update – Annual play inspections booked for the 26th of April 2022** – The Clerk and Chairman carried out a Village Walkabout and assessed the outside areas and the Village Hall for any health and safety issues. The allotment site was considered clear of any issues. The Village Hall needed a new first aid kit and some light bulbs. The Clerk has also spoken to the Caretaker and Cleaner about stacking the chairs as the chairs in the Hall are being stacked behind the stage and in the disabled toilet area and this is not acceptable as it presents a fire risk. The Clerk has put up signs about this in the Hall and the Caretaker will assess the Hall before locking up after events and will notify the Clerk if the chairs have been left in a dangerous manner so that the Hall user can be notified, and the chairs can be moved. Both play areas need some clearance work to be carried out and signs to be reinstalled. The Clerk will arrange to have the areas cleared and looked at prior to the inspection date. Cllr Brown will repaint the rocking horse at the recreation field and the Clerk has provided her with the paint.
- Item 18 Finance** –
- a) Payments to sign off
 - b) Online Salary payments for April to be made as standard
 - c) Chairman to sign bank statement.
- a) Mrs Louise Reay proposed, and Mr Keith Hudson seconded that the payments should be signed off. Resolved – All in favour
- b) Online salary payments for April to be made as standard
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

Payee	Description		£	Chq	Powers	
Mrs K M Pink	Clerks Wages 75hrs @ £18.90	1417.50			LGHA1989,s.7	
	Clerks Expenses	25.00			LGA 1963, s.5	
	Back dated payrise	264.00				
	Mobile phone monthly rental not taxab	12.00			LGA 1972, s.133	
	total less tax		1477.76	online		
Mrs C Shook	Cleaner 5.5 hrs @ 10.63	58.47			LGA 1972,s.133	
xx	Booking Clerk 2.5hrs @ 10.63	26.58			LGHA1989,s.7	
	Back dated payrise	16.72				
	total less tax		101.76	online		
Mrs J Law	Caretaker March		100.00	online	LGA 1972,s.133	
Inland Revenue	PAYE March 2022		374.53	online	LGA 1972,s.112-119	
Mr MS Pink	Parish Handyman		150.00	online	LGA1953,s.4	
MSP Services	Grass Cuttting		390.00	online	OSA 1906, s.10	
Earith Timber Products	Fence repair at High Bridge		186.00	online	OSA 1906, s.10	
Viking	Stationery		67.67	online	LGA 1972, s.226	
Impressions Printers	Echo issue 63 - Printing 28 pages		589.00	online	LGA 1972, s.142	
Mrs K M Pink	Echo issue 63 - Editorial		200.00	online	LGA 1972, s.142	
CAPALC	Membership Renewal		488.92	online	LGA 1972, s.143	
Sisco Architect	Stage 2 fee V Hall paymt 2 of 3		3300.00	online	LGA 1972, s.133	
Advanced Security	emergency call out plus parts		300.00	online	Local Govt & rating Act 1997, S.3	
GE Awards Ltd	Jubilee medals		327.50	online	LGA 1972, S.137	
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	
Microsoft	Office 365 annual cost		59.99	DD	LGHA 1972, s.266	
Positive Energy	Village Hall Gas		172.55	DD	LGHA1972,s.133	
	Total spend for March 2022		8,315.91			

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

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Meeting closed at 8.20pm

Meeting Dates 2022
Due to the Elections 12th May
Due to the Bank Holiday 9th June
7th July
4th August
1st September

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Date of Notice – 16th April 2022

There will be a Parish Council election on the 5th May as there have been twelve nominees for eleven spaces on the Council. The Clerk reminded the Councillors that they need to return their election candidate expenses forms even if they are NIL.