

Earith Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Held on Thursday 12th May 2022

Present – Councillors

Mr Steve Edwards (Chairman)
Mrs Paula Brown
Mr Keith Hudson
Ms Hazel Lambert
Mr Alan Spackman
Mr Nev Clements

Miss Ann Brennan (Vice Chairman),
Mr Nick Tindall
Mr Jeff Nicholls
Mr Allan Till
Mrs Louise Reay

CC Mr Steve Criswell
Public 1

Mandy Pink – Clerk

The present Chairman opens the meeting and welcomes the Councillors, Members of the Public and then invites nominations for the new Chairman

All newly elected Councillors to sign their acceptance of office, register of interest, and candidate expense forms.

- Item 19 Election of Chairman – *The vote takes place***
Nomination received for Mr Steve Edwards
Mr Jeff Nicholls proposed, and Mrs Louise Reay seconded that Mr Edwards is Chairman
Resolved – All in favour

The New Chairman takes the Chair and signs their acceptance of office

- Item 20 Apologies for absence – DC Mr Jon Neish, DC Mr Paul Hodgson Jones**

- Item 21 Election of Vice Chairman – *The vote takes place***
Nomination received for Miss Ann Brennan
Ms Hazel Lambert proposed, and Mr Jeff Nicholls seconded that Miss Brennan is Vice Chairman
Resolved – All in favour

Open Meeting

- Item 22 Open Forum – No comments made**

- Item 23 Ecops Report – No report**

- Item 24 County Council and District Council Reports**
 County Councillor Mr Steve Criswell congratulated the Council on the election results. The A1123 consultation with the Villages has not happened yet but money has been set aside. HCV Group is considering Village clusters or zoning to help give more weight to highway improvement proposals. The 20mph review has been restarted and the coalition will look into it. Wheatsheaf crossroads new design is now underway. It will take two years to deliver the project. Cllr Hudson asked if the repairs to the A1123 are still on schedule and the Clerk and Cllr Criswell said that they will be completed once funding has been received at County. Cllr Tindall said that the repairs to the Haddenham Road have been finished to a good standard.
 District Council – No report

(Close open Meeting)

(Open closed section of Meeting)

- Item 25 Code of Conduct – Dispensation received, and decisions granted – None.**

- Item 26 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 27 To agree minutes of Parish Council meeting held on – 7th April 2022.**
 Mr Keith Hudson proposed, and Miss Ann Brennan seconded that the minutes are agreed.
 Resolved - All in favour

- Item 28 Planning - Application – 22/00127/FUL – 13-14 Earith Business Park – renew change of use permissions for Gym no alterations to building or grounds.**
 Ms Hazel Lambert proposed, and Mr Jeff Nicholls seconded that the application is accepted with no objections.
 Resolved – All in favour

- Item 29 Annual Financial Risk Management to be noted – Noted by Council**

- Item 30 Annual Insurance Renewal year 2 of a 5-year term to be noted –** Noted by Council
- Item 31 Annual Return acceptance of guidance Section 1 -** Mrs Louise Reay proposed, and Mr Keith Hudson seconded that the Chairman should sign Section 1.
Resolved – All in Favour
- Item 32 Annual Return acceptance of Section 2 -** Mrs Louise Reay proposed, and Mr Keith Hudson seconded that the Chairman should sign Section 2.
Resolved – All in Favour
- Item 33 Standing Orders to be noted - No changes to be made –** Noted by Council
- Item 34 Financial Regulations to be noted - No changes to be made –** Noted by Council
- Item 35 Parish Councillor Responsibilities to be agreed –** The Clerk asked all Councillors to confirm their agreement to continue with the responsibilities as noted. Cllr Reay asked for the speedwatch responsibility to be removed from the list. There is also no need for an Earith Town Estate representative. Mr Allan Till has stepped down from the Road Safety group, Mr Nev Clements has signed up for allotments, the Clerk will work with the Chairman on pavements, gutters and drains and Mrs Louise Reay has stepped down from Hansons. The full list can be found on the website.
- Item 36 Parish Council Representatives Report –**
Road Safety – Mr Jeff Nicholls reported that there are now some new members in the group and the lack of progress with the Wheatsheaf Crossroads was discussed along with the general state of the roads all over the County.
HCV Group – Mr Nick Tindall reported that he will forward the meeting Minutes when he receives them.
Recreation Field and Play Equipment – The rocking horse looks lovely following its update by Cllrs Brown and Clements. Ms Hazel Lambert reported that there had been some vandalism at the skate park, but the graffiti has now been removed. Thanks to Cllrs Lambert and Clements. Help is needed at the Jubilee picnic and Ms Hazel Lambert asked for volunteers to sign a sheet so that a rota of help can be worked out for the event on Friday 3rd June.
Health and Safety – H&S visits have been made. See agenda item 38 for more information.
Hanson update – No report but attendance was noted at the RSPB circular walks event earlier in April.
Speedwatch – No report
Saywell Charity – The Chairman reported that there is now an interested party for the Saywell land. The Trustees are formerly looking at the Charity status so that it can be updated.
Rights of Way – No report
Village Pond – Ms Hazel Lambert reported that the fish are dying in the Pond probably due to lack of oxygen. She will investigate solar pond pumps and report back. Mr Nev Clements will look to implement a pond pump run on a generator for now.
Allotments – No report
Skeeles update – Miss Ann Brennan reported that there is now a new treasurer and bank account
Village Car Parks – No report
Ouse Valley Way – No report
- Item 37 Earith Internal Audit report to be noted – No items for consideration –** The Council thanked the Clerk for a fantastic report and clean bill of health for the Council.
- Item 38 Earith Annual Playground Inspection Reports to be noted – H&S items to be considered for the recreation ground play area –** Several items have been noted on the play reports and the Clerk and Chairman will work together to get the items actioned. The Pond play area was noted as Low Risk with no items for action to be noted.
- Item 39 Earith Town Estate –** The Clerk reminded the Council that the Care and Share Shop trial will be 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. Help on either of these dates would be welcome. The CCLA investment paperwork has now been sorted but dividend payments have not yet been received.
- Item 40 Trees and hedges to report for action to be taken and updates on visits already made –** No new reports.
- Item 41 Drains, Roads, and Pavements – including advisory notes re car parking – reports for action to be taken –** Burst water main in Parrens Road to be noted.
- Item 42 Plastic Free Communities –** The Clerk reported that the steering group are looking to sign up Community Allies and Businesses to the initiative and information will be on display 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 43 Land Registry update** – The Clerk has asked the solicitors to complete the registrations by the end of June.
- Item 44 Village Hall update** – Ms Hazel Lambert reported that thirty-two people attended the Forum and twenty-seven feedback forms were completed giving an overall positive response to the design and materials for the new Hall. The points raised will be taken back to the Architects so that the design can be revised if needed.
- Item 45 Resident request to purchase land adjacent to the Pond to be considered** – The Clerk had forwarded an email for the Council to consider regarding selling part of the land connected to the Pond. The Council discussed this idea and agreed that the land could not be sold as it was gifted to the Village and must remain as public land.
- Item 18 Finance** –
- a) Payments to sign off
 - b) Online Salary payments for May to be made as standard
 - c) Chairman to sign bank statement.
- a) Mrs Louise Reay proposed, and Miss Ann Brennan seconded that the payments should be signed off.
Resolved – All in favour
- b) Online salary payments for May to be made as standard
Mr Jeff Nicholls proposed, and Mrs Louise Reay 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 @ £18.90	1417.50			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	1293.62	online	
Mrs C Shook	Cleaner 5.5 hrs @ 10.63	58.47			LGA 1972,s.133
xx	Booking Clerk 2.5hrs @ 10.63	26.57			LGHA1989,s.7
		total less tax	85.04	online	
Mrs J Law	Caretaker April		100.00	online	LGA 1972,s.133
Inland Revenue	PAYE April 2022		263.90	online	LGA 1972,s.112-119
Mr MS Pink	Parish Handyman		150.00	online	LGA1953,s.4
MSP Services	Grass Cuttting		450.00	online	OSA 1906, s.10
MSP Services	General H&S Village Hall Maintenance		170.00	online	LGA 1972,s.133
Seagrave Inspection S	Playground Inspections x 2		204.00	online	OSA 1906, s.10
RS Components	First aid kit and play equip sockets		45.90	dcard	LGA 1972, s.133
Zurich Municipal	Annual Insurance Renewal		2371.24	online	LGA 1972, s.111
Sisco Architect	Stage 2 fee V Hall paymt 3 of 3		3300.00	online	LGA 1972, s.133
Source for Buisness	Village Hall water and sewerage cost		56.86	DD	LGHA1972,s.133
MTC	Flood risk, drainage survey		1828.80	online	LGA 1972, s.133
Leeds Day Solicitor	First payment re Land Registry		1000.00	online	LGA 1972, s.127
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		115.63	DD	LGHA1972,s.133
	Total spend for April 2022		11,525.21		

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

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Meeting closed at 8.55pm

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

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Date of Notice – 21st May 2022