

## Earith Parish Council

### Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Held on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2022

#### Present – Councillors

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

Mr Nick Tindall  
 Mr Jeff Nicholls  
 Mr Allan Till

District Council – Cllr Jon Neish, Cllr Paul Hodgson-Jones

Public 4

Mandy Pink – Clerk

**Item 61 Apologies for absence** – Miss Ann Brennan (Vice Chairman), Mr Nev Clements, Mrs Louise Reay, CC Mr Steve Criswell

#### **Open Meeting**

**Item 62 Open Forum** – A resident gave a brief presentation concerning agenda item 68. Planning Application 22/0835/FUL. It was stressed that this application will be using the same footprint as the original building.

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**Item 63 Ecops Report** – No report

**Item 64 County Council and District Council Reports** – County Council – no report.  
 District Council – Cllr Neish introduced new Cllr Hodgson-Jones to the Parish Council and advised that the new administration is working through outstanding queries and there was a two-million-pound surplus to the budget figures when the new administration took over. CIL funding has now opened. Cllr Hodgson-Jones gave a brief resume of his experience as a Councillor in Hertfordshire and said that he was pleased to have been elected as the new District Councillor for the ward.

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

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

**Item 65 Code of Conduct – Dispensation received, and decisions granted** – None.

**Item 66 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 67 To agree minutes of Parish Council meeting held on – 9<sup>th</sup> June 2022.**  
 Ms Hazel Lambert proposed, and Mr Jeff Nicholls seconded that the minutes are agreed.  
 Resolved - All in favour

**Item 68 Planning - Application ref 22/00617/FUL - Land rear of Riverview - Erection of four bed dwelling** –  
 The Council discussed this application and agreed that the footprint of the new development is too large for the site and the design does not sit well within the area. The size of the property does not provide enough garden space and parking may be an issue.  
 Ms Hazel Lambert proposed, and Mrs Paula Brown seconded that the application should be rejected.  
 Resolved – Seven in favour with one abstention

**Planning - Application ref 22/01352/HHFUL - 14 Cooks Drove - Addition of first floor extension, two storey front porch extension single storey rear extension and changes to external materials** – Mr Alan Spackman commented that this development will alter the street scene as this will mean that a bungalow (in a row of others) is being made into a two-storey building so this may well set a precedent for other builds in the Village. There are some two storey dwellings opposite this site. Ms Hazel Lambert commented that the change to the façade will enhance the dwelling and make it look more uniform. Mr Nick Tindall also made note of the change from a one to a two-storey dwelling. The Council asked the District Councillors in attendance if setting a precedent should be something that the Parish Council appear to do. DC Cllr Hodgson-Jones stated that the Parish Council can draw the Planners attention to this fact and should state that, as they understand it, the application is policy compliant and if it is policy compliant then it should be encouraged.  
 Mr Alan Spackman proposed, and Ms Hazel Lambert seconded that the application should be accepted.  
 Resolved – All in favour

**Planning - Application ref 22/00835/FUL - Newfields Earith Road Colne - Demolish outhouse & replace with three bed dwelling, same footprint**

The Clerk advised the Chairman to check if the two sheds located on the side of the proposed plans would also be included in the build. The Chairman asked the applicant to clarify this, and they stated that the two sheds would not form part of the new dwelling. The Council discussed this application and noted that other development has been agreed in the area and that the access, parking and turning circles are all adequate for the development.

Mr Jeff Nicholls proposed, and Mr Nick Tindall seconded that the application should be accepted.

Resolved – All in favour

- Item 69 Parish Council Representatives Report –**
- Road Safety** – Mr Jeff Nicholls had sent the Minutes and Mr Nick Tindall will attend the next meeting.
- HCV Group** – No report
- Rights of Way** – Ms Hazel Lambert informed the Council that the RSPB are having a guided evening walk around their new routes. The Clerk had also sent an email to all about this. Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> August.
- Recreation Field and Play Equipment** – No report
- Village Pond** – Ms Hazel Lambert reported that two volunteer groups have cleared the pond of duckweed and this problem does still need to be investigated.
- Health and Safety** – No report
- Hanson update** – No report
- Skeeles update** – No report
- Village Car Parks** – No report
- Speedwatch/MVAS** – The Chairman reported that he had attended the recent speedwatch session in the Village on the High Street 333 vehicles were noted. Six vehicles were speeding, and the top speed recorded was 40mph. The session on Colne Road had police in attendance and letters will be sent to those speeding, although the speeds recorded were not that high. The Chairman has also received a letter from a resident who is concerned about vibration from large speeding vehicles on the High Street. He noted that the larger vehicles were not necessarily speeding but their size was causing vibration rather than the speeds at which they are travelling.
- Ouse Valley Way** – No report
- Saywell Charity** – The Chairman reported that the application to lease the land has attracted a few people and is now out to tender.
- Allotments** – Mr Alan Spackman reported that one uncultivated plot has now been vacated and he will clear this ready for reletting. The other plot is being cleared by the tenant. Mr Spackman asked the Clerk if the Parish Council provide insurance for individual plots. She confirmed that the entire area was insured as a piece of land but not individual plots so plot holders should organise their own individual insurances if they wish to do so.
- Item 70 Earith Town Estate** – The Clerk informed the Council that the Care and Share shop has now been set up in the Pavilion. Only two residents provided donations on the day.
- Item 71 Trees and hedges to report for action to be taken and updates on visits already made** – No new reports. Mr Keith Hudson asked the Clerk to chase up the housing association regarding garden clearance at no 24 Darford.
- Item 72 Drains, Roads, and Pavements – including advisory notes re car parking – reports for action to be taken** – Mr Nick Tindall informed the Council that work to the footpaths is being carried out in Parrens Road.
- Item 73 Plastic Free Communities** – The Clerk reported that emails had been sent to the local businesses asking for support, but so far little response had been received.
- Item 74 Village Hall update** – The Chairman had prepared a slide presentation about the current progress and the items highlighted will be looked into. The Clerk is to find out what powers the Council have in relation to the Charity and the Open Spaces Act definition of open space is to be investigated. The Chairman is to review the Constitution of the Charity to see if placing the new Village Hall on the field can be considered. Mr Jeff Nicholls said that the Architects should report back these things to the Planners so that an accurate plan can be submitted. The Council will need to have a better understanding of the finances involved in the build because if the design that has been agreed proves to be costing far more than first anticipated then the Village will need to be consulted. The Chairman will also look into what funding is available and will attend the Local Council Forum on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July. The Clerk is to investigate the CIL funding to see what information the application requires.
- Item 75 Revised leasing arrangements with ETE to be discussed** – This item is to be moved to a future meeting when the items noted above have been clarified. The Clerk has prepared a lease to be discussed as this should not be held up.

- Item 76 Land Registry update** – The Clerk reported that all the registrations have now been sent to the Land Registry Office. They are taking up to 18 months, in some cases, to process new registrations.
- Item 77 Electrical installation at the Pond – Quotation to be discussed** – The Clerk tabled the quotation received from UK Power Networks and it was agreed that the quotation of £6,550 + VAT should be accepted. Install date approximately March 2023. There will also be costs for meter installation and possibly traffic management.  
Mr Alan Spackman proposed, and Mrs Paula Brown seconded that the quotation is accepted.  
Resolved – All in favour
- Item 78 Finance** – a) Payments to sign off  
b) Online Salary payments for July 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 – All in favour
- b) Online salary payments for July to be made as standard  
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

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		
	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 June		100.00	online	LGA 1972,s.133		
Inland Revenue	PAYE June 2022		263.90	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		
Ms H Lambert	Jubilee expenses		170.04	online	OSA 1906, s.10		
Auditing Solutions	Internal Auditor Charge		300.00	online	A&AR 2003 SI2003/533 reg 9		
Hunts DC	Election cost 2022		1990.33	online	Representation of the people act 1983		
Advanced Security	Maintenance Visit Rec		213.60	online	Local Govt & rating Act 1997, S.31		
Advanced Security	Maintenance Visit Hall		220.80	online	Local Govt & rating Act 1997, S.31		
Information Commissio	Renewal of data protection registration		40.00	online	LGA 1972, s.288		
GE Awards Ltd	Jubilee medals		163.75	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		
Positive Energy	Village Hall Gas		57.36	DD	LGHA1972,s.133		
	Total spend for June 2022		5,588.67				

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

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Meeting closed at 9.35pm

Meeting Dates 2022  
4<sup>th</sup> August  
1<sup>st</sup> September  
6<sup>th</sup> October  
3<sup>rd</sup> November  
1<sup>st</sup> December

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Date of Notice – 20th July 2022