

Earith Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Held on Thursday 4th August 2022

Present – Councillors

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

Miss Ann Brennan (Vice Chairman)
Mr Nev Clements
Mr Jeff Nicholls
Mr Alan Spackman

County Council – Cllr Steve Criswell
Public 3

Mandy Pink – Clerk

Item 79 Apologies for absence – Mr Nick Tindall, Mr Allan Till, Mrs Louise Reay, DC Cllr Jon Neish, DC Cllr Paul Hodgson-Jones

Open Meeting

Item 80 Open Forum – Three residents provided objections concerning agenda item 86. Planning Application 22/01464/TELDET. The proposed 5G mast will dominate the entrance to the Village and will be in a conservation area. It will be in direct sight lines of a new dwelling and will intrude on the family amenity of the home that it is adjacent to. It will also encroach onto the cycleway causing problems for users. County Councillor Mr Steve Criswell has spoken to the Highways Officer who has included comments to state that the mast and cabinets must be on the verge and not on the cycleway surface. 5G is needed primarily for industrial use and for heavy duty gaming which does not fit the Village profile of Earith. The location is not acceptable.

A resident also thanked Cllr Lambert for her work on the new Village Hall project after attending the presentation held today at the Pavilion.

Item 81 Ecops Report – No report

Item 82 County Council and District Council Reports – County Council – no report. Cllr Brennan asked Cllr Criswell who would be responsible for cutting the willow trees back from the road at High Bridge. Cllr Criswell said that this job is included in the operations schedule for the County. Cllr Brennan also reported a missing road sign as the sign for Cambridge at the mini roundabout at the main bridge has not been replaced since it was knocked down many years ago. Cllr Criswell will investigate this.
District Council – Report noted – Cllr Spackman asked the Chairman to find out if weed spraying in Greenfields has been actioned yet as the roads have still not been cleared of debris. He also reported several overgrown trees in the grassed areas belonging to the District Council. The trees are covering the streetlights near 90 and 92 Greenfields.

(Close open Meeting)

(Open closed section of Meeting)

Item 83 Code of Conduct – Dispensation received, and decisions granted – None.

Item 84 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 85 To agree minutes of Parish Council meeting held on – 7th July 2022.

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

Item 86 Planning - Application ref 22/01464/TELDET – High Street – Proposed 5G telecoms installation – The Council discussed this application and echoed the comments made earlier by residents. The Clerk has already provided some comments. The site is in a conservation area and near to an RSPB reserve and SSSI sites. It is also very close to the flood plain and a grade II listed property. The mast will be in direct sight line of a new dwelling and will cause harm to the family amenity of the property that it is adjacent to. It is encroaching on a path that is used by numerous residents to visit the Church and to tend to family plots in the churchyard. Dog walkers and people with mobility scooters use the path as well as families with young children and buggies along with cyclists and pedestrians. The chosen site does not fit in with the Village of Earith and will dominate the entrance to the Village.
Ms Hazel Lambert proposed, and Miss Ann Brennan seconded that the application should be rejected.
Resolved – All in favour

The Clerk asked the Chairman to draw the Councillors attention to the County Council Consultation for **Application CCC/22/075/VAR – Willow Hall Farm S73 variation of conditions 3 and 7** - The Council agreed that no comments are needed as year-round dewatering would be a good idea and result in decreased vehicle movements.

- Item 87 Parish Council Representatives Report –**
Road Safety – Mr Jeff Nicholls had sent the Minutes, but Mr Nick Tindall attended the meeting, so no report was made. Mr Nev Clements reported that cars are parking on pavements in the village and causing problems for disabled residents. Mr Jeff Nicholls said that the resident should note the reg number and report this to the Police. Mr Clements also reported that a car had mounted the path along Colne Road and caused damage to the surface of the path. The Clerk asked for address details and photos so that she could report this on the County Council website.
HCV Group – No report
Rights of Way – No report. Mr Nev Clements noted that the footpath alongside the Crown has been blocked up. The Clerk has reported this to the Highway Officer for action to be taken if needed.
Recreation Field and Play Equipment – No report
Village Pond – Ms Hazel Lambert asked the Council if she could purchase some combination locks for the inner gates within the pond so that volunteers could access the areas needing maintenance at their convenience. Mrs Paula Brown also reported that some oxygenating plants have been placed in the Pond and Mr Keith Hudson will organise for some barley straw to be added. Mr Alan Spackman also asked for some combination locks for the MVAS signs. Ms Hazel Lambert will purchase six locks in total.
Health and Safety – No report
Hanson update – No report
Skeeles update – No report
Village Car Parks – No report
Speedwatch/MVAS – No report
Ouse Valley Way – No report
Saywell Charity – No report
Allotments – Mr Alan Spackman reported that the back hedge needs clearing back, and he will provide the Clerk with risk assessments and method statements so that she can inform the Insurance Company.
- Item 88 Earith Town Estate** – The Clerk informed the Council that the Care and Share shop was not supported by the Village and it has now been cleared down. The sports days are going well and have been attended by many children of various ages and mixed genders.
- Item 89 Trees and hedges to report for action to be taken and updates on visits already made** – Mr Jeff Nicholls reported that the pyracantha hedge at 181 Greenfields needs to be maintained again. There have been several visits to this home and if the maintenance is not carried out then the Clerk will ask the County Council to issue a public clearance notice for action to be taken.
- Item 90 Drains, Roads, and Pavements – including advisory notes re car parking – reports for action to be taken** – No report
- Item 91 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 92 Village Hall update** – Ms Hazel Lambert gave a brief review of the public drop in demonstration held today at the Pavilion from 2-4pm. Attendees were concerned about the loss of the tree and wanted clarification that a Football/Cricket pitch could still fit in the area if the new Hall build does spread onto the Field.
- Item 93 Electrical installation at the Pond – Updated information – Cabinet install to be discussed** - The Clerk informed the Council that the cost of a cabinet and install was not covered by the agreed quotation from UK Power Networks and this will need to be organised by the Council before the new electrical installation can go ahead. The Clerk will organise this. Mrs Paula Brown has found a possible supplier for a pump and will follow this up. Xylem Pump company have been recommended.
- Item 94 External Auditor Report to be discussed** – This item is to be moved to the September meeting as the report has not yet been finalised. The payment of the invoice listed below will not be made until the report is received.
- Item 95 Finance** –
- a) Payments to sign off
 - b) Online Salary payments for August to be made as standard
 - c) Chairman to sign bank statement.
- a) Mrs Paula Brown proposed, and Ms Hazel Lamber seconded that the payments should be signed off. Resolved – All in favour
 - b) Online salary payments for August to be made as standard
Mrs Paula Brown 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>	<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	1323.43	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 July		100.00	online	LGA 1972,s.133
Inland Revenue	PAYE July 2022		234.09	online	LGA 1972,s.112-119
Mrs K M Pink	Extra work ETE		122.85	online	LGHA 1989, s.7
Mr MS Pink	Parish Handyman		150.00	online	LGA1953,s.4
MSP Services	Grass Cutting		450.00	online	OSA 1906, s.10
Earith Town Estate	Rental of play area at Recreation Field		750.00	online	OSA 1906, 3.10
Impressions Printers	Echo issue 64 - Printing		639.00	online	LGA 1972, s.142
Mrs K M Pink	Echo issue 64 - Editorial		200.00	online	LGA 1972, s.142
N Power	Street Lighting Dec 21 - Mar 22		448.56	online	Parish Councils Act 1957, s.3
PKF Littlejohn	External Auditor Charge		480.00	online	LGA 1972, s226
UK Power Networks	Installation of Electricity at the Pond		7860.00	online	PHA 1936, s.260
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		-11.91	DD	LGHA1972,s.133
	Total spend for July 2022		12,861.29		

Item 96 Correspondence – as per file

Item 97 Items for future meetings – Leasing arrangements with ETE, Land Registry Update

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

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Meeting closed at 8.45pm

Meeting Dates 2022
1st September
6th October
3rd November
1st December

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Date of Notice – 12th August 2022