

Earith Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Held on Thursday 3rd November 2022

Present – Councillors

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

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

County Council – None

District Council – Mr Jon Neish

Public 15

Mandy Pink – Clerk

Item 139 Apologies for absence – Mrs Louise Reay, CC Mr Steve Criswell, DC Mr Paul Hodgson-Jones

Open Meeting

Item 140 Open Forum – Residents asked the Clerk if all comments made would be minuted. The Clerk and the Chairman informed them that Parish Council meeting Minutes are not a verbatim record of the meeting but are only needed to record any decisions that the Council make. The Clerk would try, however, to record the salient issues raised. The residents were also advised that it might not be possible to answer all their questions at the meeting because relevant information may not be available to the Council, but an answer would be provided when possible.

Prior to the meeting it had been agreed that a resident who wanted to ask several questions of the Chairman could do so.

These ranged from: -

How much the new Hall would cost?

Was a new Hall wanted by the Village?

Are the majority of the Village happy with the design of the new Hall?

Are the majority of the Village happy with the location?

When would the plans be submitted to the District Council planning department?

The Chairman tried to answer these questions, but other Village residents chose to talk over the resident who was speaking first and to heckle any other residents who tried to voice an opinion. Because of this rude, aggressive, unruly behaviour by some residents present at the meeting it did not allow the Parish Council to fully address the questions raised.

The open forum resulted in much chaos and confusion and ended with Councillor Lambert addressing the residents present to give them documented information regarding communication with the village since the project was initiated in 2019. These included the many meetings, drop-in sessions and forums, newsletter articles, face book posts, items on the Parish Council website, the Annual Parish Meetings one of which included displays and a presentation by the Architects and emailed correspondence with residents via the newsletter subscriber email list (Note: this can be accessed via the form on the Parish Council website).

The outcome of the many numerous diverse types of communication that the Parish Council employed to engage with the Village was that the favoured site would be the site aligned to the Recreation Field.

Further it had been agreed that the building would be Eco friendly and designed in sympathy with the surroundings and to incorporate many design features suggested by residents to make it blend in, such as a low profile and a grass wildflower roof.

As displayed at previous open forums, the building was shown clad in green and white, this was liked by some residents but following comments from other residents who disliked this colourway, it was decided to change this to treated wood cladding, a drawing of which was shown at the meeting.

Not all members of the public present spoke against the new Hall project and positive points were also raised. Formal plans will be submitted soon. The open forum was declared closed at 9pm so other Agenda items will have to be moved to the next meeting.

Item 141 Ecops Report – No report

Item 142 County Council and District Council Reports – County Council report received by email and noted. District Councillor Mr Jon Neish reported that the main topics of discussion at HDC are Climate Change and the Cost-of-Living issues and that they are in the process of setting up Warm Hubs to offer support to those that need it. All HDC meetings are now being streamed live.

(Close open Meeting)

(Open closed section of Meeting)

Item 143 Code of Conduct – Dispensation received, and decisions granted – None.

Item 144 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). – Cllr Hudson declared an interest in Agenda item 105 Application ref 22/02113/HFUL as this development backs onto his property. No pecuniary benefits will be made.

Item 145 To agree minutes of Parish Council meeting held on – 6th October 2022.

Mr Keith Hudson proposed, and Miss Ann Brennan seconded that the minutes are agreed.
Resolved - All in favour by those that attended the meeting

Item 146 Planning - Application ref - 22/01924/PIP - The Nurseries, Earith Road - Permission in Principle for residential development of up to five dwellings – The Council discussed this application and agreed that it was outside of the Village of Earith's current build line and as such was in the open countryside. It was

outside of the current build envelope for the Village of Earith. Access and egress would be a problem for Highway safety and the number of dwellings proposed, along with the current dwelling and the permission already given for a new dwelling, would result in more traffic in this area.

Resolved: Mr Jeff Nicholls proposed, and Miss Ann Brennan seconded that the application is recommended for refusal. The Parish Council asked the Clerk to request that District Councillor Mr Paul Hodgson-Jones call this application in to the District Council Planning Committee so that a group decision can be made rather than an individual officer making the decision.

Resolved - All in favour

Planning - Application ref - 22/02113/HFUL - 24 Greenfields - Proposed garden/family room extension with internal alterations

Resolved: Miss Ann Brennan proposed, and Mr Nick Tindall seconded that the application is accepted with no objections.

Resolved - All in favour

Item 147 Parish Council Representatives Report –

Road Safety – Mr Jeff Nicholls reported that a meeting is scheduled for next week

HCV Group – No meeting scheduled

Rights of Way – No report.

Recreation Field and Play Equipment – No report

Village Pond – Ms Hazel Lambert reported that new locks have been deployed and any codes and keys have been given to the Clerk.

Health and Safety – The Clerk reported that she has arranged a meeting with the Fire Service to visit the old village hall on Tuesday 15th November at 10.30am. The Chairman will also attend.

Hanson update – No report

Skeeles update – Miss Ann Brennan reported that the next meeting will be on the 22nd November and eight applications for funding have been received.

Village Car Parks – No report

Speedwatch/MVAS – The Clerk has received a report from speedwatch and it is noted below.

Speedwatch sessions were carried out between 30/6/2022 - 2/9/2022. Ten sessions all around the village have been noted. Total amount of vehicles recorded speeding between those dates is 116. Top speeds recorded per area are 47mph on Meadow Lane, 45mph on High St location, 46mph on High St, near 115, 43mph on Colne Road. Special attention has been highlighted at Bridge End - 333 vehicles coming into the village have been recorded but only six have been speeding. Speedwatch also, informed the Police of a vehicle with no MOT.

Ouse Valley Way – No report

Saywell Charity – No report

Allotments – Mr Alan Spackman reported that one of the unmaintained plots has been cleared and the Clerk informed the Council that this plot had been relet. There are currently two half plots free, but these have been noted as wet plots so will need special attention or the building of raised beds.

Item 148 Earith Town Estate – No update to be noted

Item 149 Trees and hedges to report for action to be taken and updates on visits already made – New report of overgrown buddleia at 12 Orchard Crescent. Cllr Clements will talk to the homeowner.

Item 150 Drains, Roads, and Pavements – including advisory notes re car parking – reports for action to be taken – No new reports

Item 151 Plastic Free Communities – No update at present.

Item 152 Village Hall update – The Council reflected on the comments made in the open forum and noted that the Village Hall Group should meet again to consider the points made. The Group will report back at the December meeting.

Item 153 LHI projects to be considered for submission in 2023-24 – The Clerk has received a lot of responses from the Village and this item will need to be moved to the December meeting so that each suggestion can be discussed.

Item 154 Annual Donation of £60.00 to the Royal British Legion Local Branch to be noted as standard (agreed agenda item 148 11.11.21) - Noted by Council

Item 155 Draft Budget and Precept to be tabled for decision in December - The Clerk tabled the draft budget for discussion in December.

- Item 156 Finance** –
- a) Payments to sign off
 - b) Online Salary payments for November to be made as standard
 - c) Chairman to sign bank statement
 - d) CIL money allocation – proposal to use £4,019.83 for works at the Pond
- a) Miss Ann Brennan proposed, and Mr Keith Hudson seconded that the payments should be signed off.
Resolved – All in favour
- b) Online salary payments for November to be made as standard
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
- d) Mr Jeff Nicholls, and Mr Nev Clements seconded that the CIL payment of £4,019.83 should be used at the Pond.
Resolved – All in favour

The Clerk also informed the Council that a resident had given a donation of £15.00 for the Christmas Lights.

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	12.00			LGA 1972, s.133			
	total less t		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 t		85.04	online				
Mrs J Law	Caretaker October		100.00	online	LGA 1972,s.133			
Inland Revenue	PAYE October 2022		234.09	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			
Emitter Ltd	GRP Electric Enclosure for Pond Area		316.80	online	PHA 1936, s.260			
EDC Poppy Appeal	Remembrance Day Wreaths		40.00	online	LGA 1972, s.137			
Earith, Bluntisham & Royal British Legion	Donation to Local British Legion		60.00	online	LGA 1972, s.137			
Cambridge Acre	Membership Renewal		57.00	online	LGA 1972, s.143			
Sisco Architect	Stage 3 fee V Hall		3726.00	online	LGA 1972, s.133			
Source for Buisness	Village Hall water and sewerage cost		59.20	DD	LGHA1972,s.133			
Skilled Ecology	Ecology Survey V Hall		954.00	online	LGA 1972, s.133			
MTC	Flood risk, drainage survey		2400.00	online	LGA 1972, s.133			
Community Heartbe	Annual Support Year 6		151.20	online	Public Health Act 1936, s.234			
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		58.20	DD	LGHA1972,s.133			
	Total spend for October 2022		10,255.19					

Item 157 Correspondence – as per file

Item 158 Items for future meetings – Land Registry update, LHI Projects

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Meeting closed at 10.10pm

Meeting Dates 2022
1st December

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Date of Notice – 26th November 2022