

Earith Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Held on Thursday 6th October 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

County Council – None
District Council - None
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Mandy Pink – Clerk

Item 118 Apologies for absence – Mr Nev Clements, Mrs Louise Reay, CC Mr Steve Criswell, DC Mr Jon Neish, DC Mr Paul Hodgson-Jones

Open Meeting

Item 119 Open Forum – A resident asked the Council if they could prune and shape some overhanging trees located on the recreation ground. The Council will refer this matter to the Earith Town Estate but did not feel that this would be a problem.

Item 120 Ecops Report – No report

Item 121 County Council and District Council Reports – County Council report received by email and noted. No report received from the District Council

(Close open Meeting)

(Open closed section of Meeting)

Item 122 Code of Conduct – Dispensation received, and decisions granted – None.

Item 123 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 124 To agree minutes of Parish Council meeting held on – 1st September 2022.
Mr Jeff Nicholls proposed, and Miss Ann Brennan seconded that the minutes are agreed.
Resolved - All in favour by those that attended the meeting

Item 105 Planning - Application ref 22/01938/TREE – Land west of 28 High Street – Tree Works – No objections raised by Council.
Mr Keith Hudson proposed, and Mr Alan Spackman seconded that the application is accepted.
Resolved - All in favour

Item 106 Parish Council Representatives Report –
Road Safety – Mr Jeff Nicholls reported that the meeting was sparsely attended due to the death of the Monarch, and little discussion was had. The group do not currently have a secretary. It was therefore decided that the Group PC representatives would ask their respective Parish Councils if they still want the Group to be active. Earith Parish Council agreed that they would like the Group to remain active and asked Mr Nicholls to let the Road Safety Group know.
HCV Group – No report given as the next meeting is TBA.
Rights of Way – No report.
Recreation Field and Play Equipment – No report
Village Pond – Ms Hazel Lambert reported that there are a lot of ducks at the pond, and they have eaten a lot of the duck weed so the pond is looking clearer.
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 – The Trustees have applied to the Charity Commission to become a registered charity and there is an eight-week waiting period to see if the application has been successful.
Allotments – Mr Alan Spackman reported that two plots are not being looked after and the Clerk is to write to the tenants. There are currently two vacant wet plots.

Item 107 Earith Town Estate – The Clerk informed the Council that there has been a temporary TPO put on the Horse Chestnut tree on the recreation field and comments can be made prior to the permanent TPO

being determined. There is to be a Trustees meeting later this evening to discuss this matter and the item raised during the open forum.

- Item 128 Trees and hedges to report for action to be taken and updates on visits already made –** No new reports
- Item 129 Drains, Roads, and Pavements – including advisory notes re car parking – reports for action to be taken –** No new reports
- Item 130 Plastic Free Communities –** The group are still working on the initiative but the interest from the Village has slowed down. There will be a new infographic in the next issue of the Earith Echo.
- Item 131 Old Village Hall Closure – Action plan to be discussed –** The Chairman gave a brief report on the problems with the old Hall infrastructure and raised particular concern about fire safety. He has asked the Clerk to organise a fire safety assessment with the fire service. The building is safe to use currently but it is not viable to maintain it in the long term. The Parish Council would like to keep the Hall open, at least until the end of March but the fire assessment may mean an immediate closure if necessary. The Clerk is to advise the Hall user groups of the intention to close the Hall in Spring 2023. The Clerk will discuss this with the Hall employees and suitable alternative arrangements will be agreed for the interim until the new Hall is in use.
- Item 132 Village Hall update –** Ms Hazel Lambert reported that final plans have been agreed with the Architects and all necessary reports are being put together to enable a full planning application to be submitted.
- Item 133 Resident email regarding dangerous driving in Bridge End – County Council suggestions for suitable works –** The Clerk and Chairman informed the resident present at the meeting that the County Council have agreed some new policies and action for possible zoning of HCV movements and for new 20mph speed limits. The Parish Council will need to investigate these new policies and will submit applications when more information is known. This is only work in progress now, but it is hoped that some measures can be taken in due course that may help to alleviate the problems that the homeowner is facing in Bridge End. The Clerk will keep the resident informed of any progress made.
- Item 134 LHI projects to be considered for submission in 2023-24 –** The Clerk informed the Council that new policies have been introduced to help to make the LHI process easier to manage. No immediate projects could be agreed so this is to be an Agenda item in November for further consideration. Ms Hazel Lambert asked the Clerk to put a news item on the website asking for suggestions for potential projects.
- Item 135 CCC Transport Strategies to be discussed including the loss of Bus Route V3 –** The Clerk informed the Council that she is part of an inter village email group that are trying to organise a meeting with Stagecoach and the CPCA so that the loss of bus routes across the County can be discussed. The Chairman would also like to be included in these discussions. The Council asked the Clerk to write to the Mayor of the Cambridge and Peterborough Combined Authority and the local MP.
- Item 136 Finance –**
- a) Payments to sign off
 - b) Online Salary payments for October to be made as standard
 - c) Chairman to sign bank statement
 - d) CIL money allocation – proposal to use £1,339.94 for works at the Pond
- a) Mrs Paula Brown proposed, and Mr Keith Hudson seconded that the payments should be signed off.
Resolved – All in favour
- b) Online salary payments for October 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
- d) Mr Nick Tindall proposed, and Mr Jeff Nicholls seconded that the CIL payment of £1,339.94 should be used at the Pond
Resolved – All in favour

<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 September		100.00	online	LGA 1972,s.133			
Inland Revenue	PAYE September 2022		234.09	online	LGA 1972,s.112-119			
Mr MS Pink	Parish Handyman		150.00	online	LGA1953,s.4			
MSP Services	Grass Cutting		450.00	online	OSA 1906, s.10			
Impressions Printers	Echo issue 65 - Printing		539.00	online	LGA 1972, s.142			
Mrs K M Pink	Echo issue 65 - Editorial		200.00	online	LGA 1972, s.142			
Ligna Consultancy	Tree Survey V Hall		576.00	online	LGA 1972, s.133			
Hunts DC	5 Sports Summer sessions		692.64	online	Local Govt Misc Prov Act 1976, s.19			
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		60.10	DD	LGHA1972,s.133			
	Total spend for September 2022		4,440.53					

Item 137 **Correspondence** – as per file – letters to be noted as requested in previous meeting. Reply to resident's question and Solicitor letter.

Item 138 **Items for future meetings** – Leasing arrangements with ETE, Land Registry update, LHI Projects

Miss Ann Brennan asked the council if they knew who owned some land off the High Street at the end of the bridleway number 69/12 leading to the river as some fallen trees have been noted. The Clerk informed Miss Brennan that if the trees had fallen over the bridleway, then the County Council should be notified.

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Meeting Dates 2022

Meeting closed at 8.50pm

3rd November

1st December

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Date of Notice – 15th October 2022