

Earith Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Held on Thursday 1st December 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 Nev Clements
Mr Jeff Nicholls
Mr Nick Tindall

County Council – None

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

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Mandy Pink – Clerk

Item 159 Apologies for absence – Mr Alan Spackman, Mrs Louise Reay, CC Mr Steve Criswell

Open Meeting

Item 160 Open Forum – No public present

Item 161 Ecops Report – No report

Item 162 County Council and District Council Reports – County Council – no report.

District Councillor Mr Jon Neish reported that the District Council are looking at the new Budgets and the Warm Spaces project is progressing well.

District Councillor Mr Paul Hodgson-Jones reported that the Corporate Governance Committee are looking at the accounts and the new administration will be setting the new budgets soon. They have introduced a survey to ask the public what they would like to see happening in the Villages and they will base their budget proposals on the outcomes of this survey. The Code of Conduct is important as this will highlight how complaints about Councillors can be determined. Any complaints made centrally will be investigated by the Corporate Governance Committee. The Chair pointed out that Earith PC have adopted the model code of conduct and they will also be looking at supporting the Civility and Respect proposals at the upcoming January meeting in the New Year.

(Close open Meeting)

(Open closed section of Meeting)

Item 163 Code of Conduct – Dispensation received, and decisions granted – None.

Item 164 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 165 To agree minutes of Parish Council meeting held on – 3rd November 2022.

Mr Keith Hudson proposed, and Mr Nick Tindall seconded that the minutes are agreed.

Resolved - All in favour by those that attended the meeting

Item 166 Planning - Application ref – 22/02283/TREE – Earith Camping Park, High Street – Tree Works – The Council discussed this application and agreed that tree work was needed in this area.

Miss Ann Brennan proposed, and Ms Hazel Lambert seconded that the application is recommended for acceptance. **Resolved** - All in favour

Item 167 Parish Council Representatives Report –

Road Safety – Mr Jeff Nicholls reported that there was a meeting on the 8th of November, and this was the Annual meeting – Mrs Margaret Lumb was re-elected as Chair. The Wheatsheaf crossroads progress was highlighted, and a schedule of works has been forwarded from the County Council. Final completion works will be carried out by September 2024-25. The S106 agreed roundabout at Compass Point was also discussed by the Group as this has not yet been scheduled for completion and the time given for this work is running out.

HCV Group – Mr Nick Tindall stated that there is nothing new to report. No meeting scheduled.

Rights of Way – Ms Hazel Lambert reported that the County Council have given an update regarding the proposed bridleway at Colne quarry. It has been difficult to obtain land agreements for the work to commence and this has caused the delay. There is no specific timetable for the works to be started but progress is underway. The update was appreciated by the Parish Council as it has taken a considerable amount of time to reach this stage and the bridleway is needed in this area.

Recreation Field and Play Equipment – No report

Village Pond – Ms Hazel Lambert reported that the new electrical cabinet has been installed and the volunteer group have cleared the area. Thanks were given by the Council to Mrs Paula Brown and her team.

Health and Safety – The Clerk reported that the Fire Service have attended site and have given an assessment regarding the safety aspects in the Hall. They have highlighted a vast number of deficiencies that will take a large amount of money to rectify. The Hall users have been notified by the Clerk that the Hall will close at the end of March 2023 and the staff have also been notified that they will be given alternative duties during the downtime between the closure of the old Hall and the new build that is currently being submitted for planning.

Hanson update – No report

Skeeles update – Miss Ann Brennan reported that ten grants have been approved this year.

Village Car Parks – No report

Speedwatch/MVAS – No report

Ouse Valley Way – No report

Saywell Charity – The Vicar has now left the area and the Charity will be un-quorate and not able to meet until a new Vicar has been appointed.

Allotments – The Clerk reported to the Council that an allotment tenant had requested permission to install a greenhouse on plot 20A. The Council agreed that the greenhouse can be placed on the plot. Mr Nev Clements confirmed that there is still some maintenance work left to do at the allotment site.

- Item 168 Earith Town Estate** – The Clerk reported that Earith Town Estate have submitted a tree application for works to three trees behind a property on Bridge End. They are waiting for confirmation from the District Council for permission to carry out the works needed.
- Item 169 Trees and hedges to report for action to be taken and updates on visits already made** – No new reports. Hedge work will need to be carried out around a lamppost to allow the installation of a Christmas decoration next year. The Christmas tree installers were unable to use the post this year so the decorations at the Eastern end of the Village are not as concentrated as previous years. The proposed lamppost for the tree opposite the old Village Hall can no longer be used as a decoration point as Stagecoach have installed a bus stop sign on the post which cannot be removed.
- Item 170 Drains, Roads, and Pavements – including advisory notes re car parking – reports for action to be taken** – No new reports
- Item 171 Plastic Free Communities** – The Clerk reported that the Plastic Free Community steering group have agreed to halt work on the campaign due to lack of support from the Village. They will continue to post articles in the Earith Echo, but events and demonstrations will be stopped. The Council thanked the Group for their efforts.
- Item 172 LHI projects to be considered for submission in 2023-24** – The Chairman summarised the suggestions that could be considered but after careful thought from the Council it was agreed that no major project could be taken forward this year due to either lack of resources or technical constraints in the areas being targeted. One small area that is to be investigated for submission is to extend the double yellow lines from Cooks Drove to the parking bays outside Edwards Walk. Cars regularly park in the small area that does not have yellow lines and protrude into the passage of vehicles thus contributing to a possible accident in this area. The bus routes run by this area and when a moving vehicle comes into the range of the bus and the protruding car the vehicle needs to stop on the side of the road with the protruding car as they cannot pass without damage. The white lines also need to be reinstated so that the disabled spaces are more clearly defined. The Council asked the Clerk to see if the Highways Officer can walk around the Village and suggest any road improvements that can be investigated for future submissions so that reserves can be built up to enable road improvements to be conducted in the Village.
- Item 173 Unreasonable Vexatious Complainant Policy to be adopted** - Noted by Council – adopted 1st December 2022.
Mr Jeff Nicholls proposed, and Mr Keith Hudson seconded that the policy should be adopted.
Resolved: All in favour
- Item 174 Draft Budget and Precept to be agreed** - The Council discussed the proposed budget and agreed that the precept should be set at £66,000.
Mr Nick Tindall proposed, and Mr Nev Clements seconded that the precept is set at £66,000 for the financial year 2023-24. **Resolved:** All in favour
- Item 175 Clerks Training – Practitioners Conference 1st – 2nd February 2023** – The Clerk asked the Council if she can attend the Conference in 2023.
Ms Hazel Lambert proposed, and Mr Jeff Nicholls seconded that the Clerk could attend this training event. **Resolved:** All in favour
- Item 176 National Pay rise to be noted – To be backdated to April 2022** – Noted by Council

- Item 177 Finance** – a) Payments to sign off
 b) Online Salary payments for December to be made as standard
 c) Chairman to sign bank statement
- 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 December to be made as standard
 Ms Hazel Lambert 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 @ £19.90	1492.50			LGHA1989,s.7
	Clerks Expenses	25.00			LGA 1963, s.5
	Back dated payrise	525.00			
	Mobile phone monthly rental not taxab	12.00			LGA 1972, s.133
		total less tax	1736.36	online	
Mrs C Shook	Cleaner 5.5 hrs @ 11.63	63.97			LGA 1972,s.133
xx	Booking Clerk 2.5hrs @ 11.63	29.08			LGHA1989,s.7
	Back dated payrise	56.00			
		total less tax	136.24	online	
Mrs J Law	Caretaker November		100.00	online	LGA 1972,s.133
Inland Revenue	PAYE November 2022		508.20	online	LGA 1972,s.112-119
Mr MS Pink	Parish Handyman		150.00	online	LGA1953,s.4
MSP Services	Grass Cutting		390.00	online	OSA 1906, s.10
MSP Services	Cabinet Installation at Pond		205.00	online	PHA 1936, s.260
Ms H Lambert	Pond Maintenance		96.71	online	PHA 1936, s.260
Viking	Stationery		71.69	online	LGA 1972, s.226
EDC Poppy Appeal	Remembrance Day Wreaths - extra cost		10.00	online	LGA 1972, s.137
Morelock Signs	Bracket for Speed Sign		87.60	online	Highways Act 1980, s274A
UK Boiler Care	Boiler service		84.00	online	LGHA1972,s.133
Plantscape	Provision of Christmas Lights		2670.00	online	LGA 1972, s.137
Postage	Signed for letter to tree officer		6.85	dcard	LGA 1972, s.226
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
SSE	Village Hall Electricity		64.32	DD	LGHA1972,s.133
	Total spend for November 2022		6,347.20		

- Item 178 Correspondence** – Resident email re location of the Village Hall to be noted – Ms Hazel Lambert reported that the Village Hall group had met as agreed in the November meeting and had replied to all the questions raised by the resident in the email communication to be noted. It was also to be noted that the resident had carried out a face book poll although no additional residents have contacted the Parish Council as a result of this poll other than the noted resident.

- Item 179 Items for future meetings** – Land Registry update

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

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 Meeting closed at 9.20pm

Meeting Dates 2023
 5th January
 2nd February
 2nd March

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Date of Notice – 16th December 2022