

Earith Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Held on Thursday 2nd March 2023

Present – Councillors

Mr Steve Edwards (Chairman)
Mr Allan Till
Mr Jeff Nicholls
Mr Alan Spackman

Miss Ann Brennan (Vice Chairman)
Mr Keith Hudson
Mr Nick Tindall

District Council – Mr Jon Neish
Public 3

Mandy Pink – Clerk

Item 211 Apologies for absence – CC Mr S Criswell, DC Mr P Hodgson-Jones, Cllrs Ms H Lambert, Mrs L Reay, Mrs P Brown, Mr Nev Clements

Open Meeting

Item 212 Open Forum – Two members of the Public made comments objecting to planning application 23/00268/TELET noted at Agenda item 218. Councillors asked questions during the forum and provided some further information.

Item 213 Ecops Report – No report

Item 214 County Council and District Council Reports – CC report noted by Council. DC Mr J Neish reported that there will soon be lots of documents on the District Council website regarding the new Local Plan. HDC have given a six-week deadline for responses. The HDC budget has been set with a 3.31% increase.

(Close open Meeting)

(Open closed section of Meeting)

Item 215 Code of Conduct – Dispensation received, and decisions granted – None.

Item 216 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).

Item 217 To agree minutes of Parish Council meeting held on – 2nd February 2023.

Mr Keith Hudson proposed, and Mr Jeff Nicholls seconded that the minutes are agreed.

Resolved - All in favour by those that attended the meeting.

Item 218 Planning - Application ref – 23/00268/TELDET - High Street - Proposed 5G telecons Installation H3G 15m street pole & cabinets - Further to the questions raised during the Open Forum and the comments made by residents the Council agreed to recommend refusal of the application. The application is miss leading as it states that the height of the mast has been reduced but the information provided in the current application is the same as the earlier application which was also refused by the Parish Council. The photographs shown are from a close angle and appear to show the mast in open countryside when it is in fact halfway down a residential garden and opposite two new ECO homes in the Village. If the vista of the photographs is expanded you will clearly be able to see the proximity of the houses nearby. The mast and cabinets also encroach onto the footpath/cycleway which is a health and safety hazard for users and the Highways Department need to be informed of the chosen site. Lack of lighting is also an issue. All original comments made also stand for this new application. Mr Steve Edwards proposed, and Mr Nick Tindall seconded that the application is recommended for refusal. **Resolved** – All in favour

Planning - Application ref - 23/00198/LBC - 60 High Street - Application of insulating render to external walls

Mr Alan Spackman proposed, and Mr Jeff Nicholls seconded that the application is recommended for acceptance with no objections from the Parish Council. **Resolved** – All in favour.

Planning - CCC/22/091/FUL - Land at Bridge Farm, Holme Fen Drove - Extension of irrigation reservoirs (part retrospective) and construction of a third reservoir

Cllr Hudson raised concerns regarding lorry movements. The application states that vehicle movements will be made via the new Mick George Haul Road in Somersham but other applications have stated that this road will be used for vehicle movements and this has not been the case. The infrastructure of the Village of Earith is not adequate enough to support another 80 lorry movements. The residential amenity of the Village will also be compromised due to noise, vibration, speed of vehicles and air pollution.

Mr Steve Edwards proposed, and Mr Keith Hudson seconded that the application is recommended for refusal. **Resolved** – All in favour.

Item 219 Consultation on the proposed 2023 revision of the Local Validation List to be noted. The Clerk had emailed a message regarding the Consultation to the Councillors prior to the meeting. – Consultation noted by Council

Item 220 Policy review procedure – Safeguarding, Equality and Diversity, Bullying and Harassment

The Chairman had discussed the Parish Council Policy review with the Clerk and decided that all policies are to be noted at the Annual meeting in May and will be amended when needed periodically due to legal or technical changes. The Clerk is to amend the wording in all Policies to reflect this change in procedure. **Resolved** - The Parish Council agreed that the Policy Review procedure can be changed as stated.

Item 221 Parish Council Representatives Report –

Road Safety – Cllr Nicholls had forwarded the Minutes to the Council. The next meeting will be on Tuesday.

HCV Group – Cllr Tindall reported that there is still no meeting scheduled.

Rights of Way – No report

Recreation Field and Play Equipment – The Clerk will arrange for the annual inspection of the play equipment and will organise any outstanding work to be completed.

Village Pond – No report

Health and Safety – As above re Recreation Field

Hanson update – No report

Skeeles update – Cllr Brennan reported that the Skeeles Charity are looking to update the payment of bursaries in the future

Village Car Parks – No report

Speedwatch/MVAS – No report

Ouse Valley Way – No report

Saywell Charity – No report

Allotments – Cllr Spackman reported that the allotment site has not suffered any flooding issues. Thanks to Mr Walsh and Mr Sloman for their help with maintaining the hedges.

Item 222 Earith Town Estate – No report

Item 223 Trees and hedges to report for action to be taken and updates on visits already made – No new reports. Work has been completed at 68 Greenfields and this will be monitored going forwards.

Item 224 Drains, Roads, and Pavements – including advisory notes re car parking – reports for action to be taken – No new reports.

Item 225 Finance – a) Payments to sign off.

b) Online Salary payments for March to be made as standard

c) Chairman to sign bank statement

a) Mr Keith Hudson proposed, and Miss Ann Brennan seconded that the payments should be signed off.

Resolved – All in favour.

b) Online salary payments for March to be made as standard.

Mr Jeff Nicholls proposed, and Miss Ann Brennan 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
	Mobile phone monthly rental not taxab	12.00			LGA 1972, s.133
		total less tax	1379.36	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
		total less tax	91.44	online	
Mrs J Law	Caretaker February		100.00	online	LGA 1972,s.133
Inland Revenue	PAYE February 2023		256.55	online	LGA 1972,s.112-119
Mr MS Pink	Parish Handyman		150.00	online	LGA1953,s.4
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		73.84	DD	LGHA1972,s.133
	Total spend for February 2023		2,081.42		

Item 226 Correspondence – None

Item 227 Items for future meetings – Land Registry update, Local Plan call for sites

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

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Meeting closed at 8.20pm

Meeting Dates 2023
6th April
4th May