

Earith Parish Council

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

Present – Councillors

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

Miss Ann Brennan (Vice Chairman)
Mr Allan Till
Mr Jeff Nicholls
Mr Nick Tindall
Mrs Louise Reay

County Council – Mr Steve Criswell

District Council – Mr Jon Neish, Mr Paul Hodgson-Jones
Public 3

Mandy Pink – Clerk

Item 196 Apologies for absence – Mr Nev Clements

Open Meeting

Item 197 Open Forum – Two members of the Public made comments in support of planning application 23/00049/FUL noted at Agenda item 202. Councillors asked questions during the forum regarding Sunday opening and security measures for evening trading for this application.

Item 198 Ecops Report – No report from the Clerk but the Chairman reported that intruders had been spotted in back gardens at the Western End of the Village. The Police attended site and the incident was recorded as serious. Several homes were affected in this area. Cllr Till also reported that intruders had been noted at the Eastern end of the Village and CCTV images had been provided to the Police. Cllr Lambert also reported an incident involving a vehicle being driven down Whybrows Lane, closely followed by the Police. The driver left the vehicle and ran across the fields but was not apprehended by the Police. They did remove the vehicle which had identifying papers inside.

Item 199 County Council and District Council Reports – County Councillor Mr Steve Criswell reported that the Envar planning application (CCC/21/088/FUL) will be discussed by the Planning Committee on the 22nd of March. The new 20mph policy procedures have been agreed and will be provided to Parish Councils for applications to be made in March. The County Council budget will be set next Tuesday but it is likely to involve a 4.99% tax rise and some controversial cuts to services. Weed spraying will be stopped unless the weeds become a safety concern. The complete programme of repairs to the B1050 have also been halted and only emergency repairs will be carried out when they meet the road safety criteria for maintenance. Several Councillors queried the cuts. Questions were raised concerning what constitutes an emergency repair? Has weed spraying been stopped because of the use of chemicals? And why was there a need to increase the budget when so many cuts are being made. Cllr Criswell replied to state that repairs will be judged on Highway Maintenance Criteria for intervention, the use of chemicals and the need for budget cuts have probably both been sited for the need for this service to be removed and the increase is purely to cover the cost of living rises that have been noted in all areas. Cllr Criswell also reported that a rise in tax has been put forward by the Combined Authority of approximately £12 per Band D. District Councillor Mr Jon Neish reported that the District Council have received a windfall due to the New Homes Bonus and other items and HDC have also instigated an average rise of approximately £5 based on the Band D equivalent for Council Tax. District Councillor Mr Paul Hodgson-Jones reported he had nothing further to add.

(Close open Meeting)

(Open closed section of Meeting)

Item 200 Code of Conduct – Dispensation received, and decisions granted – None.

Item 201 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). – The Chairman declared a non-pecuniary interest in planning application reference 22/02530/HHF

Item 202 To agree minutes of Parish Council meeting held on – 5th January 2023.
Ms Hazel Lambert proposed, and Mr Keith Hudson seconded that the minutes are agreed.
Resolved - All in favour by those that attended the meeting.

Item 203 Planning - Application ref – 23/00049/FUL – 32-33 Earith Business Park - Part retrospective change of use from light industrial (Class E(g)) to café and bar with expanded food provision (sui generis)
Further to the questions raised during the Open Forum regarding Sunday trading and site security the Parish Council agreed that they would offer support to a local business who are looking to improve facilities for the Village. Therefore, they agreed to recommend acceptance of the application if the

reference to Sunday trading is clarified and either an amended application is made, or a condition added to permission regarding this matter.

Mrs Louise Reay proposed, and Mr Jeff Nicholls seconded that the application is recommended for approval. **Resolved** – Nine for and one against

Planning - Application ref - 22/02530HHF – 117 High Street - Two storey side extension, single storey front and rear extension and external alterations

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

Item 204 Parish Council Representatives Report –

Road Safety – Cllr Nicholls reported that he had attended a meeting but the Minutes have not yet been distributed. He will forward them when he is able.

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

Rights of Way – No report

Recreation Field and Play Equipment – No report

Village Pond – Cllr Spackman reported that the back hedge had been cut but some pollarding work would be needed for the Willow trees. Cllr Lambert stated that this work would need to be scheduled for August.

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 – Cllr Spackman reported that the front hedge still needs to be maintained and the Chairman asked him to provide dates for the work so that the Clerk can notify the Insurers.

Item 205 Earith Town Estate – The Clerk reported that an amount of £128 has been raised following the sale of clothes that had been donated to the Charity when it was hoped that a Care and Share shop could be opened. This project was shelved due to lack of support from the Village as no one attended the open day last year. Cllr Brown has been working on the sale of the items on behalf of the Charity and will continue to see if she can raise any further funds going forward. Thanks were given to Cllr Brown for her help with this project.

Item 206 Trees and hedges to report for action to be taken and updates on visits already made – Cllr Nicholls reported that the hedge at 68 Greenfields has begun to hang over the pathway and a visit will be made to the property to ask the homeowner if they can carry out maintenance to the hedge.

Item 207 Drains, Roads, and Pavements – including advisory notes re car parking – reports for action to be taken – No new reports.

Item 208 Finance – a) Payments to sign off.

b) Online Salary payments for February 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 February 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.

<u>Payee</u>	<u>Description</u>		<u>£</u>	<u>Chq</u>	<u>Powers</u>
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 January		100.00	online	LGA 1972,s.133
Inland Revenue	PAYE January 2023		256.55	online	LGA 1972,s.112-119
Mr MS Pink	Parish Handyman		150.00	online	LGA1953,s.4
SLCC & ALCC	Membership Renewal		237.00	online	LGA 1972, s.143
Parish Council Website	Website Hosting charge		144.00	online	LGHA1972,s.266
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		477.20	DD	LGHA1972,s.133
	Total spend for January 2023		2,865.78		

Item 209 **Correspondence – None**

Item 210 **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 8.15pm

Meeting Dates 2023
2nd March
6th April
4th May
1st June

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Date of Notice – 11th February 2023