

Earith Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Held on Thursday 6th July 2023

Present – Councillors

Miss Ann Brennan (Vice Chairman)
Mrs Paula Brown
Mr Keith Hudson
Ms Hazel Lambert

Mr Nev Clements
Mr Nick Tindall
Mr Jeff Nicholls
Mr Alan Spackman

DC Mr Paul Hodgson Jones
Public 0

Mandy Pink – Clerk

Item 58 Apologies for absence – CC Mr Steve Criswell, DC Mr Jon Neish, Mr Steve Edwards (Chairman), Mr Allan Till, Mrs Louise Reay

In the absence of the Chairman the Vice Chairman took the Chair. Miss Ann Brennan opened the Open Meeting

Open Meeting

Item 59 Open Forum – No comments made.

Item 60 Ecops Report – No report

Item 61 County Council and District Council Reports

County Council – No Report. DC Mr Jon Neish had emailed a report that was noted by the Council. DC Mr Paul Hodgson Jones reported that the District Council will be implementing a charge for collection and disposal of Green Waste within the Village. This will be a subscription service and the annual charge would be £57.50 for the first Green Bin and £37.00 if you also have a second Green Bin. If you do not subscribe, then your Green Waste will not be collected and disposed of. It is hoped by the District Council that home composting will become more widespread, and households will deal with their own Green Waste disposal. The Clerk will add a notice about this in the Echo. The Parish Council agreed that the Clerk should write to the District Council to lodge a complaint about this service and to state that Earith Parish Council do not support this Scheme. The call for sites Local Plan consultation is now live and Councillor Nicholls stated that approximately 3579 homes in the ward area, plus fishing lodges and a lorry park in Needingworth have been proposed. This is the first step in a long process, and it doesn't mean that all the proposed sites will result in planning applications.

Cllr Spackman raised a concern about the lack of maintenance to trees on District Council land. The need for maintenance work to be carried out can be reported on the District Council website.

(Close open Meeting)

(Open closed section of Meeting)

Item 62 Code of Conduct – Dispensation received, and decisions granted – None.

Item 63 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 64 To agree minutes of Parish Council meeting held on – 1st June 2023.

Mr Nick Tindall proposed, and Mr Keith Hudson seconded that the minutes are agreed.
Resolved - All in favour by those that attended the meeting. Minutes signed by the Vice Chairman.

Item 65 Planning - Application Reference - 23/00808/FUL - O S 1849 And Part O S 1247 Meadow Drove - Erection of 15 Industrial Units. (Class E(g), B2 and B8) in 3 Buildings, Construction of Access and Associated Works. The application was discussed, and all comments raised by the Council regarding the Outline Planning application still stand. This area has no street lighting or pathway and the increase in traffic movements will greatly impact the poor road infrastructure. The occupancy of the units was also questioned.

Mr Nev Clements proposed, and Mr Jeff Nicholls seconded that the application is recommended for refusal with the original comments still to stand and the lack of lighting and a pathway to be restated along with the problems with increased traffic movements.

Resolved – All in favour.

Item 66 Parish Council Representatives Report –

Road Safety – The Minutes were emailed to the Council and noted. Cllr Nicholls also stated that he raised concerns about the use of motorised scooters on the roads and pathways in the area.

HCV Group – Cllr Tindall reported that no meetings are currently scheduled. He is trying to ascertain if this group are still active.

Rights of Way – The Clerk reported that she had finally made contact with the rights of way department concerning two blocked pathways on the High Street. These areas will be looked into. They will also be pointed out to the Highways Officer when the Village walkabout takes place.

Recreation Field and Play Equipment – No report.

Village Pond – Cllr Lambert reported that the electrical installation at the Pond should be actioned soon. It was held up by traffic management concerns in June. She has taken advice regarding what type of pump is needed at the Pond and she has been given some recommendations. An air pump that oxygenates the water is the preferred option.

Health and Safety – No report

Hanson update – No report

Skeeles update – No report

Village Car Parks – No report

Ouse Valley Way – No report

Allotments – The Clerk updated the Council on maintenance at the site. Those plot holders that have been contacted and that have replied to the Clerk have all agreed to maintain and work their plots. One eviction notice has been served. Cllr Spackman is looking after four vacant plots.

- Item 67 Earith Town Estate** – The Clerk has now obtained some quotations for outside fencing for the Cooks Drove end of the recreation field and a Trustees Meeting will be held at 7.15pm on Thursday 3rd August 2023 to agree a contractor. The Parish Council meeting will then follow on at 7.30pm.
- Item 68 Trees and hedges to report for action to be taken and updates on visits already made** – No new reports.
- Item 69 Drains, Roads, and Pavements – including advisory notes re car parking – reports for action to be taken** – No new reports.
- Item 70 Village Hall Update** – The Clerk has heard back from the planning officer who has almost finished her report. Her recommendations will then be passed to her manager for finalisation before the final planning decision is made. This could take 3-4 weeks.
- Item 71 Local Plan correspondence received from Colne PC to be considered** – The Council discussed the need for Secondary School provision in the area and they agreed to support the comments made by Colne PC. The Clerk is to write to the District Council Local Plan team to show support for the comments made by Colne PC.
- Item 72 Resident request for a winch system to be installed at the allotment site for drawing water from the well to be considered** – The Clerk has received a request for help with drawing water from the main well at the Allotment Site. The Council will investigate what can be installed and Cllr Brennan will provide a report for consideration in August. A manual hand pump was favoured.
- Item 73 Finance** –
- a) Payments to sign off.
 - b) Online Salary payments for July to be made as standard
 - c) Chairman to sign bank statement.
- a) Ms Hazel Lambert proposed, and Mr Nev Clements seconded that the payments should be signed off.
Resolved – All in favour
- b) Online salary payments for July 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 the Vice 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 June		100.00	online	LGA 1972,s.133		
Inland Revenue	PAYE June 2023		256.55	online	LGA 1972,s.112-119		
Mr MS Pink	Parish Handyman		150.00	online	LGA1953,s.4		
MSP Services	Grass Cutting		720.00	online	OSA 1906, s.10		
Earith Town Estate	Rental of Meeting Room		22.00	online	LGHA 1972,s.133		
HP Inc	Clerk Computer emergency re fatal error	OK'd by Chair prior to purchase	1031.99	online	LGA 1972, s.133		
Advanced Security	Maintenance Visit Rec		226.80	online	Local Govt & rating Act 1997, S.3		
Advanced Security	Maintenance Visit Hall		234.00	online	Local Govt & rating Act 1997, S.3		
Information Commissio	Renewal of data protection registration		40.00	online	LGA 1972, s.288		
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		12.72	DD	LGHA1972,s.133		
	Total spend for June 2023		4,295.09				

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

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Meeting closed at 8.55pm

Meeting Dates 2023
3rd August
7th September
5th October
2nd November
7th December

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Date of Notice – 29th July 2023