

Earith Parish Council

Minutes of the Full Parish Council Meeting Held on Thursday 4th January 2024

Present – Councillors

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

Miss Ann Brennan (Vice Chairman)
Ms Hazel Lambert
Mr Nev Clements
Mr Nick Tindall
Mr Michael Barbour

DC Mr Jon Neish
Public 0

Mandy Pink – Clerk

Item 142 Apologies for absence – CC Mr Steve Criswell, DC Mr Paul Hodgson Jones, Mrs Paula Brown

Open Meeting

Item 143 Open Forum – No comments made by members of the public present at the meeting.

Item 144 Ecops Report – None

Item 145 County Council and District Council Reports

County Council – Report received by email noted by Council.

District Council - DC Mr Jon Neish reported that the Green Waste Subscription Service early bird discount will end on the 31st Jan. The Combined Authority Consultation regarding Poll Tax is now online. The CIL funding round will end on 22nd Jan.

(Close open Meeting)

(Open closed section of Meeting)

Item 146 Code of Conduct – Dispensation received, and decisions granted – None.

Item 147 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). – Cllr Clements declared a non-pecuniary interest in Agenda item 149.

Item 148 To agree minutes of Parish Council meeting held on – 7th December 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. Minutes signed by the Chairman.

Mr Alan Spackman asked the Clerk to clarify some points regarding Village maintenance and the old Village Hall. The Chairman clarified the position of volunteers within the Village and allocated the maintenance of the Allotments, Dr's Surgery footpath and the Pond to Mr Spackman and Mr Clements. Any other health and safety work or other maintenance that arises prior to a meeting will be OK'd by the Clerk and Chairman as previously. The Council will ask for volunteers, if needed, for specific jobs. All volunteer work will be allocated by the Council and must be completed during the specific time frames stated.

Item 149 Planning - Application Reference – 23/02313/FUL - Land at The Nurseries Earith Road Colne - Proposed erection of 2 dwellings with new access following the demolition of an existing store building and glasshouse - The Council discussed this item in detail as the site has previously been put forward for planning. The Council recommend acceptance of the development as they have no objections.
Mr Jeff Nicholls proposed, and Ms Hazel Lambert seconded that this application is accepted.
Resolved – Nine in favour. (One abstention)

Item 150 Parish Council Representatives Report –

Road Safety – Cllr Nicholls emailed the Minutes of the last meeting. The next meeting will be next week.

Allotments – The Clerk updated the Council regarding vacant plots. The dilapidated shed on plot 12a will be removed.

Rights of Way – No report

Recreation Field and Play Equipment – No report.

Village Pond – Cllr Clements noted that the fence post near the noticeboard is rotten. Cllr Brennan will look for a new post.

Health and Safety – The Clerk informed the Council that the Fire Regulations have recently changed.

Hanson update – No report

Skeeles update – Cllr Brennan informed the Council that the Charity have been looking into the cheque encashment of bursaries and they have found two cheques since 2015 that have not been cashed. The money will be credited back to the Charity account.

Village Car Parks – No report.

- Item 151 Trees and hedges to report for action to be taken and updates on visits already made – No new reports.**
- Item 152 Drains, Roads, and Pavements – including advisory notes re car parking – reports for action to be taken – No new reports.**
- Item 153 Finance –**
- a) Payments to sign off.
 - b) Online Salary payments for January to be made as standard
 - c) Chairman to sign bank statements.
- a) Mr Nev Clements proposed, and Mr Keith Hudson seconded that the payments should be signed off.
Resolved – All in favour.
- b) Online salary payments for January 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 statements signed by the Chairman.

Payee	Description		£	Chq	Powers		
Mrs K M Pink	Clerks Wages 75hrs @ £20.90	1567.50			LGHA1989,s.7		
December	Clerks Expenses	25.00			LGA 1963, s.5		
	Mobile phone monthly rental not taxab	12.00			LGA 1972, s.133		
	total less tax		1430.15	online			
Mrs C Shook	Cleaner 5.5 hrs @ 12.63	69.47			LGA 1972,s.133		
xx	Booking Clerk 2.5hrs @ 12.63	31.58			LGHA1989,s.7		
	total less tax		97.64	online			
Mrs J Law	Caretaker December		100.00	online	LGA 1972,s.133		
Inland Revenue	PAYE December 2023		292.91	online	LGA 1972,s.112-119		
Garden Tamer	Parish Handyman		150.00	online	LGA1953,s.4		
Mr Edwards	Maintenance at the Skatepark		17.93	online	OSA 1906, s.10		
Impressions Printers	Echo issue 70 - Printing		534.00	online	LGA 1972, s.142		
Mrs K M Pink	Echo issue70 - Editorial		200.00	online	LGA 1972, s.142		
Earith Town Estate	Rental of Meeting Room		22.00	online	LGHA 1972,s.133		
Viking	Cleaning Products		83.10	online	LGA 1972, s.133		
Screwfix	Cable ties general estate		16.16	Debit Card	OSA 1906, s.10		
Advanced Security	emergency call out & repair		340.80	online	Local Govt & rating Act 1997, S.3		
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		
EDF	Electricity General Estate		276.49	DD	PHA 1936, s.260		
	Total spend for December 2023		3,591.41				

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

email: earithparishclerk@outlook.com
Meeting closed at 8.15pm

Meeting Dates 2024
1st February
7th March

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Date of Notice – 27th Jan 2024