

Earith Parish Council

Minutes of the Full Parish Council Meeting Held on Thursday 1st February 2024

Present – Councillors

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

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

DC Mr Paul Hodgson Jones
Public 3

Mandy Pink – Clerk

Item 154 Apologies for absence – CC Mr Steve Criswell, DC Mr Jon Neish

Open Meeting

Item 155 Open Forum – All residents present commented on Agenda item 161 – Planning Appeal Gallivan 5G telecoms mast. They reiterated previous comments made and asked the Council to write again to the Planning Inspector to confirm refusal of the application. It was agreed by Council that a letter with additional photographs will be sent. Chairman to take photographs.

Item 156 Ecops Report – None

Item 157 County Council and District Council Reports

County Council – Report received by email noted by Council.

District Council - DC Mr Paul Hodgson Jones reported that the Green Waste Subscription Service scheme early bird discount has now ended. The District Council budgets, and corporate governance strategy is still being decided. The new polling station in the Village will be at Rectors Hall. Cllrs Hudson and Brennan raised concerns about Darford Car Park and Edwards Walk Car Park. These matters will be investigated, and reports made if needed.

(Close open Meeting)

(Open closed section of Meeting)

Item 158 Code of Conduct – Dispensation received, and decisions granted – None.

Item 159 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 Brennan declared a non-pecuniary interest in Agenda item 161.

Item 160 To agree minutes of Parish Council meeting held on – 4th January 2024.

Ms Hazel Lambert proposed, and Mr Michael Barbour seconded that the minutes are agreed.

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

Item 161 Planning - Application Reference 23/02489/HHFUL - 16 Vermuyden - Demolition of existing single-storey side structure/garage. Erection of new single-storey side/rear extension and front porch

The Council discussed this application and agreed that the recommendation should be for approval as there are no objections to be made.

Mr Nick Tindal proposed, and Mr Keith Hudson seconded that this application is accepted.

Resolved – All in favour

Planning - Application Reference 24/00049/S73 - O S 1849 And Part O S 1247 Meadow Drove - Variation of Conditions 3 (Approved Plans Site Boundary and Access), 4 (Masterplan), 7 (Biodiversity), 10 (Tree Protection), 17 (Junction Details), 18 (Visibility Splays) and 21 (WSI) of application 19/02279/OUT.

The Council discussed the S73 variation of conditions application and agreed that the Clerk should make some additional information clear to the Planning Officers regarding prior work on site. Tree clearance has resulted in lack of habitat for wildlife which may have included bats. The clearance work has resulted in the disturbance to a Badger set who have been forced to relocate to an adjoining field. A dead Badger has been spotted on the roadside. So, tree loss, habitat loss and Badger disturbance is to be reported. Mr Steve Edwards proposed, and Mr Nev Clements seconded that the comments are to be made to the Planning Officer following comments made by residents about this development.

Resolved – Ten in favour. (One abstention)

Planning Appeal - APP/EO535/W/23/3331431 - Envar Composting Ltd - CCC/21/088/FUL - To be noted - Hearing Date 20th Feb 2024 – Noted by Council

Planning Appeal - APP/HO520/W/23/3326904 - Gallivan 5G Telecoms - 23/00268/TELDET - To be noted – Noted by Council. Letter to be sent as agreed at Agenda Item 155

Item 162 Parish Council Representatives Report –

Road Safety – Cllr Nicholls attended the meeting in January. Minutes will be circulated when received.

Allotments – Cllr Spackman reported that the shed had been removed and plot 18a had been strimmed.

Rights of Way – Cllr Lambert attended the Ouse Valley Way Trust Workshop regarding the St. Ives to Earith area. Lottery Grant money will be used for maintenance and improvements to access. Many different stakeholders attended the Workshop, and all agreed that this area was outstanding, but access was an issue.

Recreation Field and Play Equipment – No report.

Village Pond – Cllr Brown has attended site with the electrician and quotes are to be obtained prior to work being carried out. A self-set tree at the small end of the Pond is to be removed and replanted with a Christmas Tree. This action was agreed by Council. Cllrs Spackman and Clements will remove the old tree and replant with a Christmas Tree

Health and Safety – No report

Hanson update – No official report from a meeting to note but several Hansons sites are to be sold following an investigation by the Monopolies Commission.

Skeeles update – No report

Village Car Parks – No report

Cllr Spackman informed the Council that a new battery is needed in the MVAS Device. The Clerk will organise a replacement.

Item 163 Trees and hedges to report for action to be taken and updates on visits already made – No new reports.

Item 164 Drains, Roads, and Pavements – including advisory notes re car parking – reports for action to be taken – The Clerk informed the Council that the broken manhole cover on Cooks Drove has been placed on the County Council repair schedule.

Item 165 Allotment request to plant fruit trees to be considered – The Clerk emailed a resident request prior to the meeting. The Council agreed that 2 dwarf apple and pear trees can be planted along with a Christmas Tree that must remain root bound to ensure its height and spread are maintained. The trees are all to be pruned and maintained regularly and are to be removed on vacation of site. If the trees are not removed, then the cost of removal facilitated by the Council will be recharged to the plot holder.

Item 166 20MPH Funding Application to be discussed and agreed. Deadline for application is 15th March.
Cllr Tindall reported that the members of the 20MPH working group had attended a zoom meeting on Thursday 25th January and agreed to request the Council consider an application for central funding be made so that a speed limit change in the Village can be achieved. The central rectangle of roads starting at Bridge End, Cooks Drove, Meadow Lane, Colne Road and back to the High Street should be included because this will encompass all roads in and coming off those roads stated. It was also agreed that the entire length of the High Street A1123 should also be included. The Full Council discussed this recommendation and agreed that an application can be made for central funding. No changes to the precept to be made.
Mr Nick Tindall proposed, and Mr Jeff Nicholls seconded that the application should be made.
Resolved – All in favour

Item 167 Finance –

- a) Payments to sign off.
- b) Online Salary payments for February to be made as standard
- c) Chairman to sign bank statements.

a) Ms Hazel Lambert 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.
Mrs Paula Brown proposed, and Mr Jeff Nicholls seconded that the payments should be made.
Resolved – All in favour.

c) Bank statements signed by the Chairman.

<u>Payee</u>	<u>Description</u>		<u>£</u>	<u>Chg</u>	<u>Powers</u>
Mrs K M Pink	Clerks Wages 75hrs @ £20.90	1567.50			LGHA1989,s.7
January	Clerks Expenses	25.00			LGA 1963, s.5
	Mobile phone monthly rental not taxab	12.00			LGA 1972, s.133
	total less tax		1441.25	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		97.84	online	
Mrs J Law	Caretaker January		100.00	online	LGA 1972,s.133
Inland Revenue	PAYE January 2024		281.61	online	LGA 1972,s.112-119
Garden Tamer	Parish Handyman		150.00	online	LGA1953,s.4
Garden Tamer	Village H&S maintenance hedges		120.00	online	OSA 1906, s.10
Earith Timber Products	Fence repair at Memorial		162.00	online	OSA 1906, s.10
Earith Town Estate	Rental of Meeting Room		11.00	online	LGHA 1972,s.133
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
EDF	Electricity General Estate		308.00	DD	PHA 1936, s.260
	Total spend for January 2024		2,845.93		

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

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Meeting closed at 8.43pm

Meeting Dates 2024
7th March
4th April
2nd May

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Date of Notice – 2nd March 2024