

Earith Parish Council

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

Present – Councillors

Miss Ann Brennan (Vice Chairman)

Mr Jeff Nicholls

Mr Alan Spackman

Mr Nick Tindall

Mr Michael Barbour

Mr Allan Till

Ms Hazel Lambert

Mr Nev Clements

Mr Keith Hudson

Mrs Paula Brown

CC Mr Steve Criswell

DC's Mr Jon Neish, Mr Paul Hodgson Jones

Public 1 plus Rev. Valmor Pimenta

Mandy Pink – Clerk

Item 1 Apologies for absence – Mr Steve Edwards (Chairman)

The Vice Chairman, Miss Ann Brennan, took the Chair for the meeting due to the absence of the Chairman.

Open Meeting

Item 2 Open Forum – Rev. Valmor Pimenta introduced himself to the Council and said that he would like to work closely with the Council and the community to bring harmony to the Parish. He is very pleased to be serving the village of Earith as the new Vicar for St Marys.

Item 3 Ecops Report – None

Item 4 County Council and District Council Reports

County Council – CC Mr Steve Criswell reported that repairs to Shelford's Road are still being considered and he will chase up the broken drain cover at Cooks Drove. The Wheatsheaf Crossroads work is still on hold. The haul road for Mick George has been completed at Colne Fen so their lorries should not come through Earith Village now.

District Council – DC Mr Jon Neish reported that the HDC planning process is slow and there are still issues with the green bin collection system.

DC Mr Paul Hodgson Jones reported that the trees backing onto Edwards Walk have been investigated and he will revert to the resident with an update.

(Close open Meeting)

(Open closed section of Meeting)

Item 5 Code of Conduct – Dispensation received, and decisions granted – None.

Item 6 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 7 To agree minutes of Parish Council meeting held on – 4th April 2024 – Cllr Nicholls noted that the draft Minutes should be changed due to an incorrect address stated at Agenda item 177. 29 Greenfields should be changed to 29 Chapel Road.

Mr Jeff Nicholls proposed, and Ms Hazel Lambert seconded that the minutes are agreed with the changes made as above.

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

Item 8 Planning - Application Reference 24/00488/HHFUL – 3 Chapel Road – Side extension and garage conversion.

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

Mr Alan Spackman proposed, and Mr Nev Clements seconded that this application is accepted.

Resolved – All in favour.

Item 9 Parish Council Representatives Report –

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

Allotments – Cllr Spackman reported that many plots still need to dry out.

Rights of Way – See Agenda item 15.

Recreation Field and Play Equipment – The Clerk reported that the playground inspections have been booked for April 25th.

Village Pond – No report

Health and Safety – No report

Hanson update – No report.

Skeeles update – No report.

Village Car Parks – No report.

- Item 10 Trees and hedges to report for action to be taken and updates on visits already made** – All reported issues have been looked at. One hedge has already been cut back and the other two are in progress. A TPO has been approved for an English Oak tree in the ECA Field to the back of 21 Meadow Way.
- Item 11 Drains, Roads, and Pavements – including advisory notes re car parking – reports for action to be taken** – Cars are parking inconsiderately and blocking the gate to the recreation field at Bridge End. A red Fiat and a cream Citroen C1 have been noted. A no parking sign is to be erected near the gate after the original sign was vandalised last year. There will also be an article in the Earith Echo.
- Item 12 Use of Parish Council email addresses for Councillors and change of domain name to .gov.uk – GDPR** – The Clerk informed the Council that the domain name for the website has been changed to earith-pc.gov.uk following updates to the GDPR procedures. Councillors will also be provided with Parish Council owned email addresses.
- Item 13 Holiday play sessions agreed for Tuesday afternoons during the Summer Holidays (4 sessions) - To be noted** – The Clerk has organised play sessions which will need to be prebooked for Tuesday 30th July, 6th, 13th and 20th August. More details will be included in the Earith Echo.
- Item 14 Continued use of Parish Council owned MVAS signs in the Village to be discussed** – The Council agreed to continue to use the signs to monitor traffic. Downloaded information is to be saved by the Clerk for analysis.
- Item 15 Public Path Creation and Stopping up notice to be noted and discussed if needed** – Cllr Lambert commented that the surface of the bridge was metal, and this could cause problems for horses using the bridleway. Road signage is not present to warn of horses crossing and the Highways department need to consider this for health and safety reasons for horses, riders, and other road users. The Clerk is to email these comments to the definitive map officer.
- Item 16 Finance** –
- Payments to sign off.
 - Online Salary payments for April to be made as standard
 - Chairman to sign bank statements.
- a) Ms Hazel Lambert proposed, and Mr Michael Barbour seconded that the payments should be signed off.
Resolved – All in favour.
- b) Online salary payments for April 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 for February and March signed by the Chairman.

<u>Payee</u>	<u>Description</u>		<u>£</u>	<u>Chq</u>	<u>Powers</u>
Mrs K M Pink	Clerks Wages 75hrs @ £20.90	1567.50			LGHA1989,s.7
March	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 March		100.00	online	LGA 1972,s.133
Inland Revenue	PAYE March 2024		281.61	online	LGA 1972,s.112-119
Garden Tamer	Parish Handyman		150.00	online	LGA1953,s.4
Garden Tamer	Grass Cutting inc Village maintenance		450.00	online	OSA 1906, s.10
Earith Timber Products	Maintenance at High Bridge		25.20	online	OSA 1906, s.10
Earith Timber Products	Maintenance at the Pond		210.00	online	PHA 1936, s.260
Toolchimp	Maintenance at the Pond		31.63	online	PHA 1936, s.260
Impressions Printers	Echo issue 71 - Printing		560.00	online	LGA 1972, s.142
Mrs K M Pink	Echo issue 71 - Editorial		200.00	online	LGA 1972, s.142
Earith Town Estate	Administration Donation		2500.00	online	OSA 1906, 3.10
Earith Town Estate	Rental of Meeting Room		22.00	online	LGHA 1972,s.133
SLCC	Training Conference		36.00	online	LGHA1989,s.7
CAPALC	Membership Renewal		535.92	online	LGA 1972, s.143
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 March 2024		6,979.68		

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

email: clerk@earith-pc.gov.uk
Meeting closed at 8.18pm

Meeting Dates 2024
2nd May, 6th June.