

Earith Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Held on Thursday 3rd October 2024

Present – Councillors

Mr Steve Edwards (Chair)
Mr Nick Tindall
Mr Allan Till
Mr Keith Hudson

Miss Ann Brennan (Vice Chair)
Mr Jeff Nicholls
Mr Alan Spackman

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Mandy Pink – Chief Executive

District Councillors - Mr Jon Neish, Mr Paul Hodgson-Jones

Item 101 Apologies for absence – Ms Hazel Lambert, Mr Nev Clements, Mrs Paula Brown, Mr Michael Barbour
CC Mr Steve Criswell

Open Meeting

Item 102 Open Forum – No Public present

Item 103 Ecops Report – No report

Item 104 County Council and District Council Reports

County Council – Email report noted by Council.

District Council – DC Mr Paul Hodgson-Jones noted that there is to be a District Council meeting on the 16th of October. DC Mr Jon Neish noted that there are currently three consultations concerning the Local Plan Engagement for 2024. This has resulted in a lot of paperwork for the Parish to refer to and make comments on in the brief period of time that the Consultations are open. However, he did urge the Parish Council to make comments if possible. Cllr Hudson asked for an update on the Darford Car Park and DC Cllr Neish said that he had actioned this and maintenance should be dealt with soon.

(Close open Meeting) (Open closed section of Meeting)

Item 105 Code of Conduct – Dispensation received, and decisions granted – None.

Item 106 Councillors declaration of interest – The Chair 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 107 To agree minutes of Parish Council meeting held on – 5th September 2024.

Mr Keith Hudson proposed, and Mr Steve Edwards seconded that the minutes are agreed.

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

Item 108 Planning - Application Reference – 24/01222/LBC - 77 High Street – Replacement window to bathroom.

Mr Alan Spackman proposed, and Mr Jeff Nicholls seconded that the application is agreed with no objections. **Resolved** - All in favour.

Planning - Application Reference – 24/01603/REM – Commercial buildings Meadow Drove - Reserved matters and discharge of conditions.

Mr Nick Tindall proposed, and Mr Keith Hudson seconded that the Parish Council issue no comments.

Resolved - All in favour.

Item 109 Parish Council Representatives Report –

Road Safety – Cllr Nicholls had circulated the recent Road Safety Meeting Minutes via email to the Council. He also noted that the Hunts Post had run a story about the 20mph funding from the County Council and Earith has been chosen for funding although the Chief Executive has not yet been notified about this development.

Allotments – Cllr Spackman noted that the vacant plots have now been maintained and the garden plots are coming along nicely. Overgrown plots are to be notified in writing by the Clerk (no.8 new. All others noted in September have been contacted).

Rights of Way – No report.

Recreation Field and Play Equipment – No report.

Village Pond – No report.

Health and Safety – No report.

Hanson update – The Chair reported that the new operating company are looking to increase the number of loads and have also implemented an instruction to all HGVs to turn left out of the site at Needingworth Junction and not to turn right through the Villages. The RSPB have stated that there are a lot of wildlife now at the site with over sixteen species of wading birds.

Skeeles update – Cllr Brennan reported that there will be a meeting in November to discuss the grants.

Village Car Parks – The Chief Executive informed the Council that she has begun the formal process of breaking the lease with the District Council for the car park behind the old Village Hall.

- Item 110 Trees and hedges to report for action to be taken and updates on visits already made –** No new reports.
- Item 111 Drains, Roads, and Pavements – including advisory notes re car parking – reports for action to be taken –** No new reports. Cars are still parking inconsiderately at Vermuyden.
- Item 112 LHI Bid 25/26 – Expression of wish form to be lodged with CCC by 11th October 2024 –** The Council asked the Chief Executive to lodge an expression of wish form for an LHI bid to be made regarding Bridge End. Installation of a disabled bay and possible changes to double yellow lines. Mr Steve Edwards proposed, and Mr Jeff Nicholls seconded that the form should be lodged.
Resolved – All in favour.
- Item 113 HDC Local Plan Engagement 2024 – Land Availability Appraisal to be noted –** Noted by Council. To be discussed in November.
- Item 114 HDC Local Plan Engagement 2024 – Sustainability Appraisal to be noted –** Noted by Council. To be discussed in November.
- Item 115 HDC Local Plan Engagement 2024 – Further Issues and Options Paper to be noted –** Noted by Council. To be discussed in November.
- Item 116 Village Hall Update –** Cllr Nicholls reported that there had been a meeting with the Architect who has now provided the Chief Executive with costs to move the application forward for demolition of the Hall. The Chief Executive is investigating some alternative approaches to gather the information needed. Cllr Nicholls asked the Council to approve the costs needed and to instruct the Chief Executive to liaise with the Architects moving forward. Mr Keith Hudson proposed, and Mr Allan Till seconded that the application should move forward as stated above.
Resolved – All in favour.
- Item 117 Finance –**
- a) Payments to sign off.
 - b) Online Salary payments for October to be made as standard.
 - c) Chair to sign bank statement.
- a) Mr Jeff Nicholls proposed, and Mr Keith Hudson seconded that the payments should be signed off.
Resolved – All in favour.
- b) Online salary payments for October to be made as standard.
Mr Nick Tindall proposed, and Miss Ann Brennan seconded that the payments should be made.
Resolved – All in favour.
- c) Bank statement signed by Chair.

Payee	Description		£	Chq	Powers		
Mrs K M Pink	Salaries	1567.50			LGHA1989,s.7		
September	Expenses	25.00			LGA 1963, s.5		
	total less tax		1440.14	online			
Mrs C Shook	PC Staff Member buildings & maintenance	101.05			LGA 1972,s.133		
	total less tax		97.84	online			
Inland Revenue	PAYE September 2024		270.72	online	LGA 1972,s.112-119		
Giff Gaff	PC mobile monthly sim		10.00	dcard	LGA 1972, s.133		
Garden Tamer	Parish Handyman		150.00	online	LGA1953,s.4		
Garden Tamer	Grass Cutting		510.00	online	OSA 1906, s.10		
Garden Tamer	General H&S Village Maintenance		355.00	online	LGA 1972,s.133		
Earith Town Estate	Rental of Meeting Room		22.00	online	LGHA 1972,s.133		
PKF Littlejohn	External Auditor Charge		378.00	online	LGA 1972, s226		
EDC Poppy Appeal	Remembrance Day Wreaths		50.00	online	LGA 1972, s.137		
EBC RBL	Donation to Local British Legion		75.00	online	LGA 1972, s.137		
Cambridge Acre	Membership Renewal		65.00	online	LGA 1972, s.143		
Pond Keeper	Pond Maintenance bulbs		24.98	dcard	PHA 1936, s.260		
Ebay	Aquacadabra water feature pump		22.99	dcard	PHA 1936, s.260		
Swell UK Ltd	Blanket Weed Chemical x 3 x 2.5kg		131.97	dcard	PHA 1936, s.260		
Hunts DC	Commercial Waste Collection Rec		21.67	DD	Litter Act 1983,ss.5,6		
Hunts DC	Commercial Waste Collection V Hall		10.83	DD	Litter Act 1983,ss.5,6		
EDF	Electricity General Estate		96.57	DD	PHA 1936, s.260		
Source for Business	Village Hall Water & Sewerage		64.55	DD	LGHA1972,s.133		
SSE	Village Hall Electricity		76.11	DD	LGHA1972,s.133		
	Total spend for September 2024		3,873.37				

Mrs Mandy Pink – Clerk 07724 666703
These minutes are adopted

email: clerk@earith-pc.gov.uk
Meeting closed at 8.45pm

Meeting Dates 2024
7th November
5th December