

Earith Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Held on Thursday 6th March 2025

Present – Councillors

Mr Steve Edwards (Chair)
 Ms Hazel Lambert
 Mr Nev Clements
 Mr Jeff Nicholls
 Mr Michael Barbour

Miss Ann Brennan (Vice Chair)
 Mr Alan Spackman
 Mr Nick Tindall
 Mr Allan Till

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County Councillor – Mr Steve Criswell

Mandy Pink – Chief Executive

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

Item 184 Apologies for absence – Mrs Paula Brown, Mr Keith Hudson

Open Meeting

Item 185 Open Forum – Revd. Valmor thanked the Parish Council for their support. St Marys Church service times are unchanged and Church Warden, Mr Brace reminded the Council that the services are being held in the Church Hall at present due to problems with the heating in the Church.
 Mr Brace asked the Parish Council to raise concerns with the County Council Highways Department regarding the poor state of repair to the A1123 from Earith to Bluntisham. County Councillor Criswell noted the issue, and the Chief Executive will contact the Highways Officer, Mr Simon Dixon to make an official report via the online reporting tool.

Item 186 Ecops Report – No report from Ecops. Cllr Brennan stated that there had been a burglary on the Industrial Estate at 2.30pm on 26th February 2025.

Item 187 County Council and District Council Reports

County Council – Cllr Criswell reported that the County Council are considering an options appraisal regarding the Earith Causeway.

There will be a 50mph speed limit implemented at the Wheatsheaf crossroad.

District Council – Cllr Neish reported that the District Council have now officially set their budget and he will chase up the Darford Car Park maintenance.

Cllr Hodgson-Jones reported that the local government review meeting is scheduled for later this month.

The Chair made comments regarding the lack of facilities and amenities in St Ives and the surrounding Town Centres. He was disappointed that the District Council are not promoting growth within the area.

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

Item 188 Code of Conduct – Dispensation received, and decisions granted – None.

Item 189 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 190 To agree minutes of Parish Council meeting held on – 6th February 2025.

Mr Michael Barbour proposed, and Mr Nev Clements seconded that the minutes are agreed.

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

Item 191 Planning - Application Reference – None.

Item 192 Parish Council Representatives Report –

Road Safety – Cllr Nicholls reported that there will be a meeting next Tuesday.

Allotments – Cllr Clements has replaced the sign on the entrance gate.

Rights of Way – No report.

Recreation Field and Play Equipment – The Chief Executive reported that the play inspections for this year have been completed and the Inspector commented that the Parish Council provide very good facilities for all ages within the Village. It is hoped that four pieces of adult exercise equipment can be placed near to the Cooks Drove entrance to the Recreation Field opposite the seating area. This equipment is being provided free of charge to the Village and the only costs incurred will be for re-siting.

Village Pond – Cllrs Lambert and Clements have re-seeded the grassed area as required.

Health and Safety – No report.

Brice Aggregates update – No report.

Skeeles update – Cllr Brennan reported that there will be a meeting on the 17th March.

Village Car Parks – No report.

Item 193 Trees and hedges to report for action to be taken and updates on visits already made – No new reports for action.

Item 194 Drains, Roads, and Pavements – including advisory notes re car parking – reports for action to be taken – Cllr Nicholls stated that there were several areas within the Village that had standing water on the roads for some time following a period of heavy rainfall and he asked the Chief Executive to report the drainage issue to the Highways Officer. White Lining at the Junction of Cooks Drove/Meadow Drove will be reinstated later this year.

Item 195 Earith Village 20mph proposed scheme for consideration – Cllr Tindall expressed his disappointment that Meadow Lane and Meadow Drove could not be included within the scheme. He was pleased that the suggested amendments put to the County Council by the Chief Executive had been accepted and included within the proposal.

Mr Nick Tindall proposed, and Mr Jeff Nicholls seconded that the scheme is approved.

Resolved – All in favour.

Item 196 Finance – a) Payments to sign off.
b) Online Salary payments for March to be made as standard.
c) Chair to sign bank statement.

The Chief Executive has received a late invoice for the Playground Inspections and requested that the Council include the payment along with those scheduled below. The invoice will be added to the payments list in March.

a) Ms Hazel Lambert proposed, and Mr Jeff Nicholls seconded that the payments should be signed off. Including the noted invoice for the Playground Inspections.

Resolved – All in favour.

b) Online salary payments for March to be made as standard.

Mr Steve Edwards proposed, and Mr Nev Clements seconded that the payments should be made.

Resolved – All in favour.

c) Bank statement signed by Chair.

<u>Payee</u>	<u>Description</u>		<u>£</u>	<u>Chg</u>	<u>Powers</u>
Mrs K M Pink	Salaries	1614.00			LGHA1989,s.7
	Expenses	25.00			LGA 1963, s.5
	total less tax		1473.52	online	
Mrs C Shook	PC Staff Member buildings & maintenance	106.08			LGA 1972,s.133
	total less tax		101.88	online	
Inland Revenue	PAYE February 2025		291.26	online	LGA 1972,s.112-119
Giff Gaff	PC mobile monthly sim		10.00	dcard	LGA 1972, s.133
Garden Tamer	Parish Handyman		280.00	online	LGA1953,s.4
Earith Town Estate	Rental of Meeting Room		22.00	online	LGHA 1972,s.133
Post Office Service	Postage costs re drainage at Recreation Field		8.35	dcard	LGA 1972, s.226
Parish Council Website	Website Hosting charge		216.00	online	LGHA1972,s.266
OVW Trust	Renewal fee		40.00	online	OSA 1906, s.10
McLaughlin Assoc	Structural Engineer Fee V Hall		780.00	online	LGA 1972, s.133
Ligna Consultancy	Tree Survey & Protection Scheme		162.00	online	LGA 1972, s.133
RNE Architecture	Architect fees		900.00	online	LGA 1972, s.133
SLCC	Training Manual & Reference book		55.96	online	LGHA1989,s.7
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
SSE	Village Hall Electricity		231.20	DD	LGHA1972,s.133
	Total spend for February 2025		4,604.67		

Mrs Mandy Pink – Chief Executive 07724 666703
These minutes are adopted

email: clerk@earith-pc.gov.uk
Meeting closed at 8.10pm

Meeting Dates 2025
3rd April
1st May
5th June

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Date of Notice – 29th March 2025