

Earith Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Held on Thursday 4th September 2025

Present – Councillors

Mr Steve Edwards (Chair)
Mr Keith Hudson
Mr Alan Spackman
Mr Allan Till

Mr Nev Clements
Mrs Paula Brown
Mr Michael Barbour

DC Mr Jon Neish

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Mandy Pink – Chief Executive

Item 84 Apologies for absence – Miss Ann Brennan (Vice Chair), Ms Hazel Lambert, Mr Jeff Nicholls, Mr Nick Tindall, CC Charlotte Lowe, DC Mr Paul Hodgson Jones

Item 85 Open Forum – No resident comments made.

Item 86 Ecops Report – No Report

Item 87 County Council and District Council Reports

County Council – No Report.

District Council – DC Mr Jon Neish reminded the Council of the CAPALC Conference in Wyboston. There have been no specific costings made yet regarding the Local Government Review. Civil Parking Enforcement has started, and the team have already visited Earith. CIL Funding application round is now open.

(Close open Meeting)

(Open closed section of Meeting)

Item 88 Code of Conduct – Dispensation received, and decisions granted – None.

Item 89 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). – No declarations made.

Item 90 To agree minutes of Parish Council meeting held on – 7th August 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 91 Planning - Application 25/000528/FUL - Fenland Fisheries, Meadow Drove - Erection of cabin for recreational fishing.

Mr Nev Clements proposed, and Mr Keith Hudson seconded that the application is rejected. The development is outside the build envelope of the Village and erecting cabins now could lead to overdevelopment of the site.

Resolved – 3 for and 3 against.

Mr Allan Till proposed, and Mrs Paula Brown seconded that the application is accepted. Cabins for recreational fishing will help the viability of the Business but they should not become residential dwellings in the future.

Resolved – 3 for and 3 against.

The Chairman to make a deciding vote – **Resolved** to accept the application. 4 for and 3 against.

Planning - Application 25/000529/FUL - Fenland Fisheries, Meadow Drove - Erection of cabin for recreational fishing – As above.

Planning - Application 25/000530/FUL - Fenland Fisheries, Meadow Drove - Erection of cabin for recreational fishing - As above.

Planning - Application 25/01492/HHFUL - 8 St Marys - Erection of part single and part two storey rear extension to dwelling.

Mr Alan Spackman proposed, and Mrs Paula Brown seconded that the application is accepted with no objections. **Resolved** – All in favour.

Item 92 Parish Council Representatives Report –

Road Safety – No report

Allotments – See Agenda Item 95.

Rights of Way (RoW's) – No report

Recreation Field and Play Equipment – No report.

Village Pond – No report

Health and Safety – No report.

Brice Aggregates update – Meeting date 17th September.

Skeeles update – No report.

Village Car Parks – No report.

- Item 93** **Trees and hedges to report for action to be taken and updates on visits already made** – 1 Darford and 12 Orchard Crescent have been maintained. No new reports.
- Item 94** **Drains, Roads, and Pavements – including advisory notes re car parking – reports for action to be taken** – No new reports.
- Item 95** **Resident request for update on installation of a water pump at the allotment site** – Further costings were made at the time of the original decision regarding installing a pump and the findings meant that the project was not moved forward. The Parish Council noted that the project was financially unviable as the allotment rents are so low. The Council asked the Chief Executive to arrange for some signs stating that the allotment plots are used at your own risk.
- Item 96** **Local Government Review update fact sheet supplied to all Councillors for information** – Noted by Council.
- Item 97** **Finance** – a) Payments to sign off.
b) Online Salary payments for September to be made as standard.
c) Chair to sign bank statement.

The Chief Executive asked the Council to consider payment of a late invoice for Bat Surveys at the Village Hall.

- a) Mr Keith Hudson proposed, and Mrs Paula Brown seconded that the payments should be signed off including the late invoice noted above.

Resolved – All in favour.

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

Mr Nev Clements proposed, and Mr Michael Barbour 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>Chq</u>	<u>Powers</u>		
Mrs K M Pink	Salaries	1665.00			LGHA1989,s.7		
	Expenses	25.00			LGA 1963, s.5		
	Back dated payrise	204.00					
		total less tax	1657.12	online			
Mrs C Shook	PC Staff Member buildings & maintenance	109.52			LGA 1972,s.133		
	Back dated payrise	13.76					
		total less tax	105.28	online			
Inland Revenue	PAYE August 2025		476.43	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		
Garden Tamer	General H&S Village Maintenance		150.00	online	LGA 1972,s.133		
MC Garden Maintenance	Grass Cutting		900.00	online	OSA 1906, s.10		
Earith Town Estate	Rental of Meeting Room		11.00	online	LGHA 1972,s.133		
Advanced Security	Maintenance Visit Rec		654.00	online	Local Govt & rating Act 1997, S.3		
Amazon	Litter Clearing Equipment		26.99	dcard	Litter Act 1983,ss.5,6		
Amazon	Stationary		10.48	dcard	LGA 1972, s.133		
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		
N Power	Street Lighting Apr 24 - Mar 25		1719.42	online	Parish Councils Act 1957, s.3		
EDF	Electricity General Estate		56.67	DD	PHA 1936, s.260		
SSE	Village Hall Electricity		294.87	DD	LGHA1972,s.133		
	Total spend for August 2025		6,384.76				

Mrs Mandy Pink – Chief Executive 07724 666 703
These minutes are adopted

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

Meeting Dates 2025
2nd October
6th November
4th December

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Date of Notice – 27th Sept 2025