

Earith Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Held on Thursday 2nd October 2025

Present – Councillors

Mr Steve Edwards (Chair)
Mr Nev Clements
Mr Keith Hudson
Mr Michael Barbour

Miss Ann Brennan (Vice Chair),
Mr Jeff Nicholls
Mr Nick Tindall

DC Mr Jon Neish

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Mandy Pink – Chief Executive

Item 98 Apologies for absence – Ms Hazel Lambert, Mrs Paula Brown, Mr Alan Spackman, Mr Allan Till
CC Charlotte Lowe, DC Mr Paul Hodgson Jones

Item 99 Open Forum – No resident comments made.

Item 100 Ecops Report – No Report

Item 101 County Council and District Council Reports

County Council – No Report.

District Council – DC Mr Jon Neish reported that HDC have put forward an option in the Local Government Review for Huntingdonshire to stand as a single unitary authority. The HDC Climate Conference is scheduled for 5th November. Cllr Hudson asked if the Darford Car Park will be maintained as promised and DC Mr Neish will chase this up.

(Close open Meeting)

(Open closed section of Meeting)

Item 102 Code of Conduct – Dispensation received, and decisions granted – None.

Item 103 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 104 To agree minutes of Parish Council meeting held on – 4th September 2025.

Mr Keith Hudson proposed, and Mr Michael Barbour seconded that the minutes are agreed.

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

Item 105 Planning - Application 25/01514/HHFUL - The Barn 6 Chapel Road - Proposed increase to roof pitch at front.

Mr Nev Clements proposed, and Mr Nick Tindall seconded that the application is recommended for acceptance with no objections.

Resolved – All in favour.

Planning - Application 25/01294/LBC - 52-54 High Street - Replacement of two doors.

Mr Jeff Nicholls proposed, and Mr Keith Hudson seconded that the application is recommended for acceptance with no objections.

Resolved – All in favour.

Planning - Application 25/01653/PIP - Land to rear of 5 & 6 Brook Farm, Colne - PIP for construction for 3-4 dwellings.

Mr Nev Clements proposed, and Mr Nick Tindall seconded that the application is recommended for acceptance with no objections.

Resolved – Five for and one abstention.

Planning - Application 25/01763/HHFUL - 18 Cooks Drove - Demolition to existing rear outbuilding and erection of rear outbuilding to be used as ancillary accommodation.

Mr Michael Barbour proposed, and Mr Keith Hudson seconded that the application is recommended for acceptance with no objections.

Resolved – All in favour.

Cllr Nick Tindall noted that planning application 25/01716/HHFUL was not listed on the agenda for discussion and the CEO apologised to Council for the omission. The application was a retrospective application and the work had already been completed. The Council stated that they would not have any objections to the development.

Item 106 Parish Council Representatives Report –

Road Safety – Cllr Nicholls had circulated the minutes to the Council prior to the meeting. He reported that he had made comments about the general state of the A1123 as well as the dip near Bluntisham.

Allotments – The CEO informed the Council that all invoices have now been sent to plot holders and that cash and cheque payments are no longer being taken. All payments are to be made online.

Rights of Way (RoW's) – Cllr Clements reported that the footpath running along the back of Minnaars' wood leading to Bluntisham (FP no.2) is now very overgrown. The CEO is to report this to the County Council for maintenance to be conducted.

Recreation Field and Play Equipment – See Agenda item 109.

Village Pond – Cllr Clements asked the Council if he could provide the ducks with food and shelter in the grassed area to the back of the pond site. He will work out a project to be put before the Council at the next meeting.

Health and Safety – No report.

Brice Aggregates update – The Chair attended the recent meeting and reported that sales are increasing, and the extension of the project has been agreed. The RSPB presentation mentioned that nature is returning to the site and Spoonbill birds have been sighted.

Skeeles update – Cllrs Brennan and Tindall reported that the recent meeting focused on promotion and awareness of the grants available. The application form has been placed in the next two issues of the Echo to make as many residents aware as possible.

Village Car Parks – The CEO informed the Council that the lease to HDC for the car park at the back of the Village Hall will terminate on the 16th October 2025.

- Item 107 Trees and hedges to report for action to be taken and updates on visits already made** – No new reports.
- Item 108 Drains, Roads, and Pavements – including advisory notes re car parking – reports for action to be taken** – No new reports.
- Item 109 Village Maintenance – repair to pathway at Recreational Field and the addition of games markings to be agreed** – Further to the annual Playground Inspections the CEO has organised for repairs to the skate park and pathway. Additional graphics to the pathway have been agreed by the Chair. Cllr Hudson reported that the pathway was now becoming unstable, and he was pleased that the CEO and Chair have organised the necessary work to be completed.
- Item 110 Local Government Reorganisation (LGR) – Phase 2 – Cambridgeshire County Council Public Engagement Survey – Earith Parish Council statement to be agreed** – DC Cllr Hodgson Jones had requested that the Council are made aware of Option E – Huntingdonshire to be a single unitary authority. The CEO had forwarded information to the Council about this prior to the meeting. The Chair had requested that the Councillors all responded to the survey as individuals and the CEO asked the Council to provide a statement to be submitted as an official Council agreement concerning the Survey. The Council asked the CEO to comment that they were disappointed with the lack of information, especially financial information. The Parish Council felt that Cambridgeshire County Council showed bias in the survey by only allowing comments to be made on Option A. The Parish Council have not been given any meaningful information to pass onto residents so that they can make an informed decision. The Parish Council have only now been informed of the extra option put forward by Huntingdonshire District Council which was not covered by the Survey.
Mr Nick Tindall proposed, and Mr Jeff Nicholls seconded that the CEO should submit the agreed statement to Cambridgeshire County Council.
Resolved – All in favour.
- Item 111 Village Hall update and Council agreement for the Village Hall Team to continue working on the project** - The CEO informed the Council that the planning application for the demolition of the Village Hall has been agreed by the Planning Authority but there are several conditions that need to be discharged which will require a lot of work and commitment from the team. To enable the project to run smoothly the CEO asked the Council to agree approved suppliers and to allow the Village Hall Working Group to work on behalf of the full council to ensure that timeframes can be adhered to if possible and the project can proceed.
Mr Nick Tindall proposed, and Mr Keith Hudson seconded that the working group could continue the project with approved suppliers specified by the CEO. Budgets and payments will be authorised by the working group and will be reported back to Council as required.
Resolved – All in Favour. Thanks to the CEO and the Working Group for all the effort and dedication shown so far and for the continued work that they will need to do to ensure the project is delivered.
- Item 112 Finance** –
- a) Payments to sign off.
 - b) Online Salary payments for October to be made as standard.
 - c) Chair to sign bank statement.
- a) The Chief Executive asked the Council to consider payment of two late invoices
Mr Nev Clements proposed, and Mr Michael Barbour seconded that the payments should be signed off including the two late invoices.
Resolved – All in favour.
- b) Online salary payments for October 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 signed by Chair.

<u>Payee</u>	<u>Description</u>		<u>£</u>	<u>Chq</u>	<u>Powers</u>			
Mrs K M Pink	Salaries	1690.00			LGHA1989,s.7			
	Expenses	25.00			LGA 1963, s.5			
		total less tax	1510.24	online				
Mrs C Shook	PC Staff Member buildings & maintenance	109.52			LGA 1972,s.133			
		total less tax	94.32	online				
Inland Revenue	PAYE September 2025		385.91	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			
MC Garden Maintenance	Grass Cutting		900.00	online	OSA 1906, s.10			
Impressions Printers	Echo issue 77 - Printing		620.00	online	LGA 1972, s.142			
Mrs K M Pink	Echo issue 77 - Editorial		200.00	online	LGA 1972, s.142			
Earith Town Estate	Rental of Meeting Room		11.00	online	LGHA 1972,s.133			
The Poppy Shop	Remembrance Day Wreaths		49.98	online	LGA 1972, s.137			
HM Land Registry	Land Registration fees		40.00	DD	LGA 1972, s.226			
Post Office Service	Land Registration update letter		4.70	dcard	LGA 1972, s.226			
Skilled Ecology	Bat Survey V Hall		2310.00	online	LGA 1972, s.133			
Hunts DC	Sports Summer sessions		539.00	online	Local Govt Misc Prov Act 1976, s.19			
Amazon	Data shredding equipment		11.99	dcard	Litter Act 1983,ss.5,6			
Amazon	Notices for Allotment		17.26	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			
EDF	Electricity General Estate		59.72	DD	PHA 1936, s.260			
Source for Business	Village Hall Water & Sewerage		101.98	DD	LGHA1972,s.133			
SSE	Village Hall Electricity		0.00	DD	LGHA1972,s.133			
	Total spend for September 2025		7,178.60					

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

email: clerk@earith-pc.gov.uk
Meeting closed at 9.10pm

Meeting Dates 2025
6th November
4th December

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Date of Notice – 1st November 2025