

Earith Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Held on Thursday 7th August 2025

Present – Councillors

Mr Steve Edwards (Chair)
Mr Jeff Nicholls
Mr Keith Hudson
Mr Alan Spackman
Ms Hazel Lambert

Miss Ann Brennan (Vice Chair)
Mr Nev Clements
Mrs Paula Brown
Mr Michael Barbour

CC Charlotte Lowe
DC Mr Paul Hodgson Jones

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Mandy Pink – Chief Executive

Item 70 Apologies for absence – Mr Nick Tindall, Mr Allan Till, DC Mr Jon Neish.

Item 71 Open Forum – No Residents present.

Item 72 Ecops Report – Cybercrime awareness notification received.

Item 73 County Council and District Council Reports

County Council – CC Charlotte Lowe reported that a full council meeting had been held and civil parking enforcement is now in operation by HDC.

District Council – DC Mr Paul Hodgson Jones reported that the civil enforcement parking signs have now been erected and the initial operation will be focused on the Market Towns followed by the Villages. A full council meeting has been held and HDC are supporting licenced premises to join the “Ask for Angela” Scheme. There has been some further information released regarding the local government review and the decision will rest with the HDC executive officers rather than full council.

(Close open Meeting)

(Open closed section of Meeting)

Item 74 Code of Conduct – Dispensation received, and decisions granted – None.

Item 75 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). – Cllr Brown declared an interest in Agenda Item 77 – Planning Application CCC/25/082/VAR.

Item 76 To agree minutes of Parish Council meeting held on – 3rd July 2025.

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

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

Item 77 Planning - Application **CCC/25/082/VAR** - Needingworth Quarry - S73 variation duration date - extend to Dec 2038.

Ms Hazel Lambert proposed, and Mr Jeff Nicholls seconded that the application is accepted. No comments to be made. **Resolved** – All in favour.

Planning - Application **25/01184/PIP** - Land rear of 5&6 Brook Farm, Colne - PIP for one self-build dwelling.

Mr Alan Spackman proposed, and Mr Nev Clements seconded that the application is accepted. No comments to be made. **Resolved** – All in favour.

Planning - Application **25/01314/HHFUL** - New Barn House, 16 Chapel Road - Over cladding of existing painted smooth render finishes with 'Cedral' cementitious C18 Slate Grey boarding.

Mrs Paula Brown proposed, and Mr Keith Hudson seconded that the application is accepted. No comments to be made. **Resolved** – All in favour.

Planning - Application **25/01078/CLED** - 53 High Street - Certificate of existing lawful use as residential dwelling and for conversion of space above and at the back of the garage/cart lodge into a loft.

Mr Nev Clements proposed, and Miss Ann Brennan seconded that the application is refused. The building on site was once the Village Bakery and it is believed that the ovens are still in place. The shop front is still visible. It is unclear if the building has been used as a dwelling. Adding the conversion will not sit well within the current street scene and the existing lawful use of the building has not been known as a dwelling. **Resolved** – All in favour.

Planning - Application **25/01311/FUL** - Fenland Fisheries, Meadow Drove - Demolition of three existing buildings and erection of a replacement self-build dwelling.

Mr Jeff Nicholls proposed, and Mr Michael Barbour seconded that the application is refused. The site does not fall within the current Village build lines and as such is not in keeping with the current street scene as there are no residential dwellings in the vicinity. The Council believes that this area is regarded as countryside rural land and that no residential builds should be allowed in this area.

The area heading towards the Village is predominately industrial and not residential. The road infrastructure does not support residential dwellings and there are no pathways or pavements or street lighting.

Resolved – All in favour.

Item 78 Parish Council Representatives Report –

Road Safety – Cllr Nicholls reported that the Minutes from the last meeting have been distributed and he has asked for an amendment to his comments as they have been miss quoted.

Allotments – Cllr Spackman reported that the garden plots have been laid out and there are four plots 8m x 4m and one plot 8m x 6m.

Rights of Way (RoW's) – The Chief Executive reported that the working group analysis of the Village RoW's was extensive, and the comments have been made.

Recreation Field and Play Equipment – No report.

Village Pond – Cllr Brown reported that a root ball Christmas Tree and a new water feature have been added to the Pond site.

Health and Safety – No report.

Brice Aggregates update – No report. Next meeting in September.

Skeeles update – No report. Next meeting in September.

Village Car Parks – No report.

Item 79 Trees and hedges to report for action to be taken and updates on visits already made – 70 Greenfields has been maintained and 12 Orchard Crescent is still to be visited.

Item 80 Drains, Roads, and Pavements – including advisory notes re car parking – reports for action to be taken – No new reports.

Item 81 External Auditor Report to be noted – No action needed – The Parish Council thanked The Chief Executive for completing another successful Audit for 2025.

Item 82 National Pay Rise 2025 including backpay to April 2025 to be noted – Noted by Council.

Item 83 Finance – a) Payments to sign off.
b) Online Salary payments for August to be made as standard.
c) Chair to sign bank statement.

a) Mr Keith Hudson proposed, and Mrs Paula Brown seconded that the payments should be signed off.

Resolved – All in favour.

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

Mr Jeff Nicholls 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>Chq</u>	<u>Powers</u>
Mrs K M Pink	Salaries	1614.00			LGHA1989,s.7
	Expenses	25.00			LGA 1963, s.5
		total less tax	1473.72	online	
Mrs C Shook	PC Staff Member buildings & maintenance	106.08			LGA 1972,s.133
		total less tax	91.48	online	
Inland Revenue	PAYE July 2025		363.18	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
James Waters	Grass Cutting		60.00	online	OSA 1906, s.10
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
Viking	Stationary		110.34	online	LGA 1972, s.133
Information Commissio	Renewal of data protection registration		47.00	online	LGA 1972, s.288
K&M Lighting Services	Maintenance street light PC5 side V Hall		96.00	online	Highways Act 1980 s.30
Collier Turf	Village Maintenance		70.97	dcard	OSA 1906, s.10
Paramount Plants	Root Ball Christmas Tree 1.5 - 1.75m		360.40	dcard	OSA 1906, 3.10
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
Microsoft	Office 365 annual cost		84.99	DD	LGHA 1972, s.266
	Total spend for July 2025		3,480.58		

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

email: clerk@earith-pc.gov.uk
Meeting closed at 8.25pm

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