

Earith Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Held on Thursday 8th January 2026

Present – Councillors

Mr Steve Edwards (Chair)
Mr Nev Clements
Mr Keith Hudson
Mr Alan Till
Mr Alan Spackman

Miss Ann Brennan (Vice Chair)
Mr Jeff Nicholls
Mr Nick Tindall
Ms Hazel Lambert

DC Mr Jon Neish

DC Mr Paul Hodgson-Jones

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Mandy Pink – Chief Executive

Item 147 Apologies for absence – CC Charlotte Lowe, Mr Michael Barbour, Mrs Paula Brown

Item 148 Open Forum – No resident comments made.

Item 149 Ecops Report – No Report

Item 150 County Council and District Council Reports

County Council – No report.

District Council – DC's Mr Jon Neish and Mr Paul Hodgson-Jones both reported that the District Council elections in May could be cancelled due to the Local Government Review (LGR) but this will be discussed by Full Council on 14th January 2026. The Parish Council expressed a view that the District Council elections should take place as normal because the LGR decision will not take immediate effect.

(Close open Meeting)

(Open closed section of Meeting)

Item 151 Code of Conduct – Dispensation received, and decisions granted – None.

Item 152 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 153 To agree minutes of Parish Council meeting held on – 4th December 2025.

Mr Nev Clements proposed, and Mr Keith Hudson seconded that the minutes are agreed.

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

Item 154 Planning - None

Item 155 Parish Council Representatives Report –

Road Safety – No Report – meeting next Tuesday.

Allotments – See Agenda item 158.

Rights of Way (RoW's) – Cllr Lambert has posted a comment regarding the fencing along Footpath 69/2 Earith to Bluntisham on the County Council Report it website. Restrictions to Footpath width could cause incursion into the ditch/hedgerow thus making the Footpath difficult to traverse.

Recreation Field and Play Equipment – No report.

Village Pond – Cllr Clements reported that a Village resident had provided knitted/crocheted decorations for the Christmas Tree and that it looked lovely. The Council gave thanks to the Resident.

Health and Safety – No report.

Brice Aggregates update – No report.

Skeeles update – No report.

Village Car Parks – No report.

Item 156 Trees and hedges to report for action to be taken and updates on visits already made – The hedge along Cooks Drove from Darford has been cut by the County Council but they have not disposed of the debris. It has been blown into the garden of 1 Darford. The Council asked the CEO to report this to the Highways Department.

Item 157 Drains, Roads, and Pavements – including advisory notes re car parking – reports for action to be taken – No new reports.

Item 158 Allotment Review – Open Day scheduled for Sat 31st January 10am – 12noon – The CEO had emailed a resident's comments regarding the allotment site to the Councillors so that they could discuss them thoroughly at the meeting. The resident's comments were discussed, and the Council asked the CEO to contact the resident to provide an update. It was agreed that allotment rules have been followed according to the Council reference book The Law of Allotments by Paul Clayden, the notice on the gates is generic,

and public liability insurance is held by the Council. Allotment tenancy agreements and rents will be reviewed following the Open Day.

- Item 159 Finance** – a) Payments to sign off.
 b) Online Salary payments for January to be made as standard.
 c) Chair to sign bank statement.
- a) The Chief Executive asked the Council to consider payment of one late invoice for duck food. Ms Hazel Lambert proposed, and Miss Ann Brennan seconded that the payments should be signed off including the late invoice.
Resolved – All in favour.
- b) Online salary payments for January 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 December 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
Sutton Tree Services	Tree work at Hall		1020.00	online	PHA 1936, s.260
Impressions Printers	Echo issue 78 - Printing		620.00	online	LGA 1972, s.142
Mrs K M Pink	Echo issue 78 - Editorial		200.00	online	LGA 1972, s.142
Earith Town Estate	Rental of Meeting Room		22.00	online	LGHA 1972,s.133
Community Heartbeat	Defib battery replacement		318.00	online	Public Health Act 1936, s.234
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		50.37	DD	PHA 1936, s.260
	Total spend for December 2025		4,543.34		

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

email: clerk@earith-pc.gov.uk
Meeting closed at 8.15pm

Meeting Dates 2026
5th February
5th March

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Date of Notice – 31st January 2026