

Earith Parish Council

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

Present – Councillors

Mr Steve Edwards (Chair)
Mr Keith Hudson
Mr Michael Barbour
Mrs Paula Brown

Mr Nev Clements
Mr Nick Tindall
Ms Hazel Lambert

CC Charlotte Lowe

DC Mr Jon Neish

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Mandy Pink – Chief Executive

Item 130 Apologies for absence –DC Mr Paul Hodgson-Jones, Miss Ann Brennan (Vice Chair), Mr Jeff Nicholls, Mr Alan Till, Mr Alan Spackman

Item 131 Open Forum – No resident comments made.

Item 132 Ecops Report – The CEO reminded those present to take care and that safety and security is key in wintertime and over the festive break.

Item 133 County Council and District Council Reports

County Council – Cllr Lowe reported that the Christmas Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme is now open. Please report any Highways issues so that a list can be made for possible repair in the New Year. The Local Government Review submissions have now been made.

District Council – DC Mr Jon Neish reported that the civil parking enforcement scheme is moving forward, and more information can be found on the website.

(Close open Meeting)

(Open closed section of Meeting)

Item 134 Code of Conduct – Dispensation received, and decisions granted – None.

Item 135 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 136 To agree minutes of Parish Council meeting held on – 6th November 2025.
Ms Hazel Lambert proposed, and Mr Michael Barbour seconded that the minutes are agreed.
Resolved - All in favour by those that attended the meeting.

Item 137 Planning - None

Item 138 Parish Council Representatives Report –

Road Safety – Cllr Nicholls had emailed the Minutes from the latest meeting.

Allotments – Cllr Clements reported that maintenance work is progressing nicely.

Rights of Way (RoW's) – No report.

Recreation Field and Play Equipment – The CEO reported that the path and repairs to the skatepark will be carried out in the New Year due to weather constraints.

Village Pond – Cllr Brown reported that the Christmas tree is up. The Council thanked Cllrs Brown and Clements and the team of volunteers for all of their hard work during the year.

Health and Safety – No report.

Brice Aggregates update – No report.

Skeeles update – No report

Village Car Parks – No report

Item 139 Trees and hedges to report for action to be taken and updates on visits already made – The CEO asked Cllr Clements to assess the branches hindering traffic on the allotment corner at Meadow Lane.

Item 140 Drains, Roads, and Pavements – including advisory notes re car parking – reports for action to be taken – No new reports.

Item 141 Local Plan to 2046 - Preferred Options draft to be discussed - deadline for comments 17th December 2025 – The CEO asked the Cllrs to read and comment on the draft as needed.

Local Plan to 2046 - Sustainability Appraisal of Preferred Options to be discussed - deadline as above – The CEO asked the Cllrs to read and comment on the draft as needed.

Item 142 Residents comments regarding Allotment Open Day in January - Councillor to be nominated for attendance – A resident had emailed the CEO to ask if the Council could nominate a day in January 2026 for an open day at the allotment site.

The Council discussed the email request and agreed that Cllrs Spackman and Clements would attend a meeting on Saturday 31st January 2026 between 10-12.

- Item 143 Budget and Precept 2026 – 2027 setting to be agreed –** The Council thanked the CEO for her hard work during the year and agreed that the budget and precept proposals that were tabled should be agreed.
Budget £135,876 Agreed by Council. Mr Keith Hudson proposed, and Ms Hazel Lambert seconded that the Budget is agreed. **Resolved** - All in favour
Precept £75.000 Agreed by Council. Mr Nick Tindall proposed, and Ms Hazel Lambert seconded that the Precept is agreed. **Resolved** - All in favour
- Item 144 CIL (Community Infrastructure Levy) monies received (notification from HDC) re planning application 23/02313/FUL, The Nurseries, Colne Rd - Project allocation to be discussed –** The Council discussed the current projects and agreed that the CIL monies £2,051.55 should be allocated to the Village Hall demolition project to include new seating and planters.
 Mr Nev Clements proposed, and Mrs Paula Brown seconded as above.
Resolved - All in favour
- Item 145 Donation Request from Earith Town Estate to be agreed. –** The CEO has received a request from Earith Town Estate for the annual donation amount of £2,500 to be agreed.
 Ms Hazel Lambert proposed, and Mr Keith Hudson seconded that the donation request is agreed.
Resolved - All in favour
- Item 146 Finance –**
- a) Payments to sign off.
 - b) Online Salary payments for December 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 tree work.
 Mr Nick Tindall proposed, and Mrs Paula Brown seconded that the payments should be signed off including the late invoice.
Resolved – All in favour.
- b) Online salary payments for December to be made as standard.
 Mr Keith Hudson proposed, and Mr Michael Barbour seconded that the payments should be made.
Resolved – All in favour.
- c) Bank statement signed by Chair.

Payee	Description		£	Chq	Powers
Mrs K M Pink	Salaries	1690.00			LGHA1989,s.7
	Expenses	25.00			LGA 1963, s.5
		total less tax	1510.44	online	
Mrs C Shook	PC Staff Member buildings & maintenance	109.52			LGA 1972,s.133
		total less tax	94.12	online	
Inland Revenue	PAYE November 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
Garden Tamer	General H&S Village Maintenance		40.00	online	LGA 1972,s.133
Earith Town Estate	Administration Donation		2500.00	online	OSA 1906, 3.10
Earith Town Estate	Rental of Meeting Room		11.00	online	LGHA 1972,s.133
Burleys	Provision of Christmas Lights		2592.00	online	LGA 1972, S.137
SLCC	Training Conference/Webinar		36.00	online	LGHA1989,s.7
SLCC	Training Manual & Reference book		149.40	online	LGHA1989,s.7
Amazon	Stationary		32.74	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		48.35	DD	PHA 1936, s.260
	Total spend for November 2025		7,722.46		

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

email: clerk@earith-pc.gov.uk
 Meeting closed at 8.50pm

Meeting Dates 2026
 8th January
 5th February
 5th March