

# Earith Parish Council

## Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Held on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2026

Present – Councillors

Mr Steve Edwards (Chair)

Mr Jeff Nicholls

Mr Nick Tindall

Mr Alan Spackman

Ms Hazel Lambert

Mr Keith Hudson

Mr Alan Till

Mrs Paula Brown

Mr Michael Barbour

**CC** Charlotte Lowe

**DC** Mr Jon Neish

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Mandy Pink – Chief Executive

**Item 1 Apologies for absence** – DC Mr Paul Hodgson-Jones, Miss Ann Brennan (Vice Chair), Mr Nev Clements

**Item 2 Open Forum** – None

**Item 3 Ecops Report** – No report

**Item 4 County Council and District Council Reports**

County Council – Cllr Lowe reported that St Marys and the High Street have been allocated for Highway maintenance in the 2026/2027 Financial Year. Cllr Lowe asked the Parish Council to help to publicise The Learning Together Charity.

District Council – Cllr Neish reported that the new weekly waste food collection has commenced. The District Council have submitted Option E to Central Government as the proposed new Unitary Authority for Huntingdonshire. Information about the consultation can be found at

<https://consult.communities.gov.uk/local-government-reorganisation/cambridgeshire-and-peterborough/>

**(Close open Meeting)**

**(Open closed section of Meeting)**

**Item 5 Code of Conduct – Dispensation received, and decisions granted** – None.

**Item 6 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 7 To agree minutes of Parish Council meeting held on – 5<sup>th</sup> March 2026.**

Mr Jeff Nicholls proposed, and Mr Keith Hudson seconded that the minutes are agreed.

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

**Item 8 Planning - Application Reference - 26/00534/FUL - 92 High Street - Use of existing "granny" annex for short-term lets**

Mr Alan Spackman proposed, and Mr Allan Till seconded that the application is recommended for acceptance with no objections.

**Resolved** – All in favour.

**Item 9 Parish Council Representatives Report –**

**Road Safety** – Cllr Nicholls has emailed Minutes.

**Allotments** – Cllr Spackman reported that planting has started on plot 6A.

**Rights of Way (RoW's)** – No report.

**Recreation Field and Play Equipment** – No report.

**Village Pond** – No report.

**Health and Safety** – The CEO reported that the pathway and skate park repairs have been carried out and the playground inspections would now be authorised.

**Brice Aggregates update** – No report.

**Skeeles update** – No report.

**Village Car Parks** – No report.

**Item 10 Trees and hedges to report for action to be taken and updates on visits already made** – No report.

**Item 11 Drains, Roads, and Pavements – including advisory notes re car parking – reports for action to be taken** – Cllr Lambert reported that the potholes have been repaired on Cooks Drove and that the potholes on Meadow Lane have been marked for action.

**Item 12 Allotment tenant request to install a shed on Plot 8 to be considered** – The CEO had previously asked the Council to consider this request and permission in principle was granted at the March meeting.

Mr Keith Hudson proposed, and Ms Hazel Lambert seconded that shed could be installed.

**Resolved** – All in favour.

- Item 13 Finance** – a) Payments to sign off.  
 b) Online Salary payments for April to be made as standard.  
 c) Chair to sign bank statement.

The CEO asked the Council to consider including a late invoice into the payments for £125.00.

- a) Mr Jeff Nicholls proposed, and Mrs Paula Brown seconded that the payments should be signed off, including the late invoice as above.

**Resolved** – All in favour.

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

Ms Hazel Lambert proposed, and Mr Alan Till 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	1798.20			LGHA1989,s.7
	Expenses	25.00			LGA 1963, s.5
	total less tax		1606.18	online	
Mrs C Shook	PC Staff Member buildings & maintenance	109.52			LGA 1972,s.133
	total less tax		94.12	online	
Inland Revenue	PAYE March 2026		443.35	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
Amazon	Maintenance at the Skatepark		38.56	online	OSA 1906, s.10
Impressions Printers	Echo issue 79 - Printing		620.00	online	LGA 1972, s.142
Mrs K M Pink	Echo issue 79 - Editorial		200.00	online	LGA 1972, s.142
Rectors Hall	Rental of Meeting Room - APM		26.00	online	LGHA 1972,s.133
Earith Town Estate	Annual storage charge		120.00	online	LGHA 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		49.80	DD	PHA 1936, s.260
	Total spend for March 2026		3,520.51		

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

**email: clerk@earith-pc.gov.uk**  
**Meeting closed at 8.05pm**

**Meeting Dates 2026**  
**7<sup>th</sup> May (Pavilion)**  
**4<sup>th</sup> June**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> July**

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**Date of Notice – 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2026**