

Earith Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Held on Thursday 5th February 2026

Present – Councillors

Mr Steve Edwards (Chair)
Mr Jeff Nicholls
Mr Nick Tindall
Mr Alan Spackman

Mr Nev Clements
Mr Keith Hudson
Mr Alan Till
Mrs Paula Brown

CC None

DC None

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Mandy Pink – Chief Executive

Item 160 Apologies for absence – CC Charlotte Lowe, DC Mr Jon Neish, DC Mr Paul Hodgson-Jones
Miss Ann Brennan (Vice Chair), Ms Hazel Lambert, Mr Michael Barbour

Item 161 Open Forum – No resident comments made.

Item 162 Ecops Report – No report

Item 163 County Council and District Council Reports
County Council – No report.
District Council – Emailed report noted by Council.

(Close open Meeting)

(Open closed section of Meeting)

Item 164 Code of Conduct – Dispensation received, and decisions granted – None.

Item 165 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 Clements declared an interest in Agenda no.174.

Item 166 To agree minutes of Parish Council meeting held on – 8th January 2026.
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 167 Planning - None

Item 168 Parish Council Representatives Report –
Road Safety – Minutes emailed by Cllr Nicholls and noted by Council. Cllr Spackman noted that Envar are providing free soil improver, and he will find out if this is needed at the allotment site and will organise delivery if appropriate.
Allotments – See Agenda item 174.
Rights of Way (RoW's) – No report.
Recreation Field and Play Equipment – No report.
Village Pond – No report.
Health and Safety – No report.
Brice Aggregates update – No report.
Skeeles update – Cllr Tindall reported that five grant applications had been received and they were all supported by the Charity and funds have been provided.
Village Car Parks – No report.

Item 169 Update following MP Roundtable meeting attended by Cllr Nicholls – Cllr Nicholls reported that the meeting was positive and all items on the Agenda were supported. Key issues such as flooding, and drainage and funding pressures were discussed. Mr Obese-Jecty, MP was familiar with all areas within his constituency, and he would be working to help with the issues raised by those who attended the meeting. Approximately twenty representatives from local Parish Councils attended along with County and District representation. Further roundtables will be held during the year. The Chair expressed an interest to attend in the future.

Item 170 Trees and hedges to report for action to be taken and updates on visits already made – The Chair visited 123 High Street to ask for maintenance to be undertaken to the hedges that border the pathway. Some work has been commenced and further work should follow.

Item 171 Drains, Roads, and Pavements – including advisory notes re car parking – reports for action to be taken – Cllr Hudson reported that flooding is still apparent at the shop, but it does not meet the current criteria levels for action to be taken by the County Council Highways Department.

- Item 172 Permanent venue change for meetings from Pavilion to Rectors Hall to be discussed** – The CEO informed the Council that the rate per hour for a regular booking was favourable and would not prove to be onerous on the budgets.
Mr Jeff Nicholls proposed, and Mr Alan Spackman seconded that the Council should permanently change the Council meeting venue to Rectors Hall as of the next meeting on the 5th March. The CEO would organise this change.
Resolved – All in favour.
- Item 173 Storage of PC files following the demolition of the Hall – Site Storage to be agreed** – The CEO informed the Council that storage would be possible at the Earith Town Estate Pavilion in the Office and a cost has been set at £10 per month. The CEO and Handyman would organise the transfer of files.
Mr Keith Hudson proposed, and Mr Nev Clements seconded that the site storage can be organised by the CEO and Handyman.
Resolved – All in favour.
- Item 174 Allotment Review – Tenancy Agreements and Rents** – Cllrs Spackman and Clements attended the Allotment Open Day on Saturday 31st January and reported that two residents attended site and appeared to be interested in taking on a plot. The CEO has been contacted by one resident who attended site and one resident who is interested in a plot but was not able to attend the meeting and they have both asked for further details. The Council discussed changes to the agreements and rents but felt that the rents should remain the same and that the agreements covered the items that related to the site at Earith.
Mr Alan Spackman proposed and Mr Allan Till seconded that the rents and agreements should remain the same.
Resolved – All in favour. *Cllr Clements did not vote as he had earlier declared an interest.*
Cllrs Clements and Spackman are to organise maintenance/clearance work to the large area of wet plots to the back of the site. They will refer any costs to the CEO for approval before organising contractors.

- Item 175 Finance** –
- a) Payments to sign off.
 - b) Online Salary payments for February 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.
Mr Keith Hudson 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 February to be made as standard.
Mr Jeff Nicholls proposed, and Mrs Paula Brown 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	1842.60			LGHA1989,s.7
	Expenses	25.00			LGA 1963, s.5
	total less tax		1638.03	online	
Mrs C Shook	PC Staff Member buildings & maintenance	109.52			LGA 1972,s.133
	total less tax		94.32	online	
Inland Revenue	PAYE January 2026		462.36	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
Mr N Clements	Pond Maintenance		30.00	online	PHA 1936, s.260
Greenbarnes	Village Noticeboard		263.70	online	LGA 1972, s.226
Earith Town Estate	Rental of Meeting Room		11.00	online	LGHA 1972,s.133
SLCC & ALCC	Membership Renewal		303.00	online	LGA 1972, s.143
Parish Council Websites	Website Hosting charge		216.00	online	LGHA1972,s.266
Viking	Stationary		111.27	online	LGA 1972, s.133
Ebay	Noticeboard Magnets		4.99	dcard	LGA 1972, s.226
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		50.70	DD	PHA 1936, s.260
	Total spend for January 2026		3,507.87		

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

email: clerk@earith-pc.gov.uk
Meeting closed at 8.30pm

Meeting Dates 2026
5th March
2nd April