

Earith Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Held on Thursday 3rd September 2026

Present – Councillors

Mr Steve Edwards (Chair)
Mrs Paula Brown
Mr Alan Spackman
Mr Allan Till

Mr Nick Tindall (Vice Chair)
Mr Nev Clements
Mr Jeff Nicholls

CC None

DC Mr Jon Neish, Mr Paul Hodgson-Jones

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Mandy Pink – Chief Executive

Item 82 Apologies for absence – CC Charlotte Lowe

Open Meeting

Item 83 Open Forum – None

Item 84 Ecops Report – No Report.

Item 85 County Council and District Council Reports – County Council – No report.

District Council – Cllr Jon Neish reported that a meeting had been held to discuss the car park consultation. A link to the Local Plan had been emailed and forwarded to Council to be noted. The Local Government Reorganisation consultation is still ongoing, and Peterborough City Council have added a new suggestion to be considered. Huntingdonshire District Council have signed the Armed Forces Covenant. Cllr Paul Hodgson-Jones reported that the Corporate Governance Committee at HDC have requested a review of the Capital and Centric Car Park Regeneration Consultation. The Constitution working Group are looking into procurement, monitoring, and reporting.

(Close open Meeting)

(Open closed section of Meeting)

Item 86 Code of Conduct – Dispensation received, and decisions granted – None.

Item 87 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 88 To agree minutes of Parish Council meeting held on – 6th August 2026.

Mr Nick Tindall proposed, and Mr Jeff Nicholls seconded that the minutes are agreed.

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

Item 89 Planning – Application Reference 26/01225/PIP - 6 Brook Farm, Colne - Permission in principle for a single dwelling – The Council discussed this application and agreed to recommend refusal as this development does not sit within the build envelope for the Village of Earith. Concerns were also raised about road infrastructure, lack of facilities in the Village of Colne including school places and flooding and drainage.

Mr Jeff Nicholls proposed, and Mr Nick Tindall seconded that this application is recommended for refusal as above.

Resolved – All in favour.

Planning – Application Reference 26/01459/TREE - 40 High Street - Pruning and shaping of two Horse Chestnuts - reduce by 3-4ms.

Mr Nev Clements proposed, and Mr Nick Tindall seconded that this application is recommended for acceptance with no objections.

Resolved – All in favour.

Item 90 Parish Council Representatives Report –

Road Safety – Cllr Nicholls reported that there is to be a meeting next week.

Allotments – Cllr Spackman reported that plots 23a and 22a are not being looked after and need a letter. The wet plots have been maintained and Cllr Clements will investigate ploughing this area.

Rights of Way (RoW's) – Cllr Clements reported that all ROW in Earith are not accessible for disabled access or those using cycles, prams/pushchairs, or any wheeled conveyance.

Recreation Field and Play Equipment – H&S repairs have been actioned. Issues remain with the skatepark. Extra work is needed at the Pond (wet pour). See Agenda Item 94 regarding pathways.

Village Pond – See Agenda Item 93.

Health and Safety – See above comments re Field.

Brice Aggregates update – No report.

Skeeles update – Cllr Tindall reported that the next meeting is at the end of September.

Village Car Parks – No report.

Item 91 Trees and hedges to report for action to be taken and updates on visits already made – New report noted at 199 Greenfields. All visits have been made to those reported in August, a letter was left at 2A

School Road, no action was taken at Colne Road as no obstructions could be identified and maintenance has been carried out at 102 Greenfields.

Item 92 Drains, Roads, and Pavements – including advisory notes re car parking – reports for action to be taken – No new reports.

Item 93 Pond repairs to be considered - Item to be moved to October to allow quotes to be obtained.

Item 94 Path repairs at Recreation Field to be considered – The CEO had obtained a quotation for works to be considered but this was not actioned as new quotations are being sourced. This will be considered again in October.

Item 95 Independent Internal Auditor official appointment to be considered and noted – The CEO informed the Council that new elements are being introduced to the AGAR reporting at year end and the Internal Audit company used by the Council must be shown to be an independent organisation. The Council agreed that Auditing Solutions are a truly independent Company and that they will remain as the chosen Internal Auditors for Earith Parish Council.

Mr Nick Tindall proposed, and Mr Jeff Nicholls seconded that Auditing Solutions are an independent organisation.
Resolved – All in favour.

Item 96 Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Minerals and Waste Local Plan Review - Scoping Consultation & Call for Sites - deadline 12th October – Noted by Council.

Item 97 Cambridgeshire County Council Rights of Way Improvement Plan - deadline 11th October 2026 – The CEO and Cllr Clements will submit comments on behalf of the Council.
Mr Alan Spackman proposed, and Mrs Paula Brown seconded that comments will be submitted as above.
Resolved – All in favour.

Item 98 NALC Annual Salary Award 2026-2027 to be backdated to 1st April 2026 and implemented immediately – Noted and agreed by Council.

Item 99 Finance – a) Payments to sign off.
b) Online Salary payments for September to be made as standard.
c) Chair to sign bank statement.
a) Mr Nev Clements proposed, and Mrs Paula Brown seconded that the payments should be signed off.
Resolved – All in favour.
b) Online salary payments for September to be made as standard (including back pay as above).
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.

Payee	Description		£	Chg	Powers		
Mrs K M Pink	Salaries	1665.00			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	87.72	online			
Inland Revenue	PAYE Aug 2026		392.51	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		28.80	online	PHA 1936, s.260		
Reids playground repair	Playground Maintenance equipment		6336.00	online	OSA 1906, s.10		
Colne Construction	Asbestos Removal		364.85	online	OSA 1906, s.10		
Colne Construction	Sign post, wall repair and bin store install car park		995.75	online	OSA 1906, s.10		
Screwfix	Barriers at Skatepark H&S		218.97	Debit Card	OSA 1906, s.10		
Start Safety	Sign posts, signs, caps etc car park renovation		651.10	Debit Card	OSA 1906, s.10		
Advanced Security	emergency call out & repair		540.00	online	Local Govt & rating Act 1997, S.3		
K&M Lighting Services	Maintenance street lights car park renovation		192.00	online	Highways Act 1980 s.301		
FDC Civils	Surfacing works car park interim paymt		32310.00	online	LGA 1972, s.133		
Hunts DC	Commercial Waste Collection Rec		22.97	DD	Litter Act 1983,ss.5,6		
Hunts DC	Commercial Waste Collection Car Park		11.48	DD	Litter Act 1983,ss.5,6		
EDF	Electricity General Estate		46.00	DD	PHA 1936, s.260		
	Total spend for Aug 2026		43,998.39				

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 2026
1st Oct
5th Nov
3rd Dec