

# Earith Parish Council

## **Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting** **Held on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2008**

### **Present:**

Mr Peter Brace - Chairman  
Mr Alan Spackman (Vice-Chairman)  
Mr Keith Hudson  
Mrs Hazel Scofield  
Mrs Julie Seamark  
Mrs Ann Corbin

Mrs Alison Brace – Clerk

CC Mr Steve Criswell, DC Mr Terry Rogers  
1 member of the Public

### **Item 1 Apologies for Absence**

Mr Derek Broughton, Mr Ron Hodge, Mrs Jenny Lloyd, Mr Bob Harradine & Mrs Ann Impey

**Item 2 Police Report** – police not present – but updates on local problems are, the allotments still having items and produce being stolen, it was suggested that letters be sent to all holders advising them not to leave valuables on site. Motor bikes being ridden round the Feoffees playing field and in the children's playground, has churned up the grass. The culprits entered in at the gate in Cooks Drove. The police suggested that the small bumper rail be continued round to the right hand gate of No.1 Vermuyden. Earith Timber were building a new fence and did the small bumper rail at the same time. Hanson's have also been broken into again and plant has been removed. This site is being run down to the expected close in 2009.

**Item 3 County Council and District Council reports.** CC Steve Criswell reported – that a plan between County Council, & Hanson should be looked at, at the Dept. of Development for Minerals and Waste. Le Farge asked for an extension of 5years for digging to include a irrigation lake for a Farmer. 50% of the lorry movements will go north. Mick George wants to move from St Ives to Bluntisham and build a roundabout at the sharp bend going west after the old railway bridge to enable the entrance to go off. The prospect of an Earith by-pass takes a step nearer being talked about at a meeting including Sutton, Haddenham, Willingham & Over. Cllr Shona Johnson talks about infrastructure put in place before building starts. The Chairman reported that the HCV group are much more vocal about lorry movements trying to sort out alternative routes to and from such areas as Block Mepal and Sutton being re-routed. Earith to Bluntisham cycle-way 5<sup>th</sup> on list of added funding from CC including Grants & 106 money, but still needs the link with Needingworth. DC Terry Rogers reported that the full Council meeting confirmed the next years Council Tax will be 4.99% DC's part equates to 48p per month. A House in St Ives is to be purchased and will be renovated to modern standards incorporating carbon reduction etc.. Mayfield Road Development will provide the 106 money for the improvements to the Riverside Park. The Minnaars Development is back on the table with a letter that has been sent out from Andy Moffat attached with letters from Mr Crocker & Mr Dadge. The Chairman will call an extraordinary meeting to discuss the 106 money allocated. One of the points he feels that the money allocated to the County Council is quite excessive pro-rata to the rest of the recipients allocation.

**Item 4 Open Forum** – Gary Lant from Natural High gave a brief outline of the last three Mondays before Christmas for the 'Jam Van' (similar to the 'Buzz Bus' a couple of summers back) which includes sound equipment and computers. It will be parked on the hard standing used as the car park behind no. 5 Bridge End. The request for £350.00 funding (for these 3 Monday nights) to be taken out of the Youth A/C held in trust by the PC was made. Proposed by Mr Alan Spackman and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mrs Anne Corbin that the money be used for this. The long term programme that Gary Lant has in mind is to move the Monday meetings to the Village Hall, they have funds to supply 2 fully trained Youth Workers and have volunteers also. They have booked the hall for Monday nights

from January 12<sup>th</sup> 2009 until December 2009. A long term contract will be raised to cover all aspects of the Hire for a young persons organisation hire. Mrs Anne Corbin proposed & 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ms Hazel Scofield, that it goes ahead. The Village Youth need something to keep them occupied, all in favour for the project to get under way.

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**Item 5**            **Minutes of the last meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> November 2008**  
Proposed by Mr Alan Spackman and seconded by Mr Keith Hudson.

**Item 6**            **Matters arising from the minutes - none**

**Item 7**            **Chairman's Report** – Items have already been discussed

**Item 8**            **Risk Assessment and Health & Safety** – The last points are being finished including (Health and Safety in the Employees work contracts)

**Item 9**            **Village Hall Repairs – Quotes for Ramps & Steps** – 3 Quotes were put forward to the meeting as follows:-

SKG 2 Hereward, Earith	£2000.00 + vat
RG Edwards, Victoria House, Bluntisham	£1895.00 no vat
Asplin Builders, Meadow View, Needingworth	£2707.30 + vat

It was proposed by Mr Alan Spackman and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mrs Anne Corbin that SKG be used for the building work, all agreed.

**Item 10**          **Funding Opportunities** – It was agreed to follow up the provision of grants i.e. 'Landfill Communities Fund' (formerly The Landfill Tax) and enquire on further opportunities, from CC & DC

**Item 11**          **Causeway Path – update** – after telephone calls to the organiser who says it will be the New Year now, they are very busy.

**Item 12**          **Dog Fowling – Bylaw – additional signage** – There are by-laws but we are unable to enforce them. There is a Dog Warden for this area but evidence is needed and because Foefees playing Field is private land it is out of his restriction. The Chairman has the name of a firm that produces signs, and will be put on the January Agenda

**Item 13**          **Planning** – Letter referring to Minnaars Development site came in to late for Agenda item and because an answer is required by 31<sup>st</sup> December 2008 will arrange extra meeting for next week, then report back to January meeting.

**Item 14**          **Parish Plan – update** – no contact

**Item 15**          **Donation to British Legion** – the cheque was cancelled and it was proposed that a new cheque be raised for £100.00 by Mr Alan Spackman and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr Keith Hudson.

### **Item 16**          **Finance**

- (a) 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Balance Sheet – Proposed by Mrs Julie Seamark and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ms Hazel Scofield that the Balance sheet be accepted, all agreed.
- (b) Finance committee meeting - to be arrange in the new year.
- (c) Increase in Clerks Hours – to be discussed at finance meeting
- (d) Payments – proposed by Mr Alan Spackman and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr Keith Hudson that the cheques be paid all agreed.
- (e) The Precept for 2009/2010 to be considered. This item was added because of the time limit involved. It was discussed that we increase the amount of the precept to £30,000 next year in line

with inflation. Mr Alan Spackman proposed and Mrs Anne Corbin 2<sup>nd</sup> that we increase the precept, all agreed.

*National Association of Local Councils – salary awards for part-time Clerks @ 22p per hour from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2008*

<u>Powers</u>	<u>Payee</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>Chq No.</u>
LGHA1989,s.7	Mrs AS Brace	Clerk Wages 30hrs @ 9.46	283.80	
LGHA1989,s.7		back pay 210hrs @ .22p	46.20	
LGHA1989,s.7	xx	Booking Clerk 5hrs @ 6.93	<u>34.65</u>	
		<u>total less tax</u>	346.42	1969
LGA1972,s.133	Mrs A Smith	Caretaker 17hrs @ 6.93	<u>no tax</u>	1970
LGA1972,s.151	Mr LA Tuckwood	Handyman 10hrs @ 6.39 per hr	63.90	
LGA1953,s.4		Bus Shelters	<u>30.00</u>	
		<u>total less tax</u>	84.51	1971
LGA1972,s.112-119	Inland Revenue	PAYE Oct 08 <b>cheque raised for £24.98 on Agenda</b>	<b>-40.58</b>	6thNov-08
LGA1972,s.112-119	Inland Revenue	PAYE Oct 08 <b>should be</b>	24.98	1962
LGA1972,s.112-119	Inland Revenue	PAYE Nov 08	27.62	1973
LGA1972,s.133	Mr FS Brace	Elec Cooker for Village Hall Kitchen	198.99	1974
LGA1972,s 137	EVA	Layout & Files for - Parish Survey + envelopes	247.55	1975
LGA1972,s 137	Mr Ron Hodge	Pond Maintenance	24.31	1976
		<b>Cancelled</b>		<b>1977</b>
LGA1972,s 137	Royal British Legion	3x poppy wreaths @ £19.00 + donation	100.00	1981
LGA1980,ss.47,116	Marmax Products	foot-plates & bolts for new benches	52.88	1978
LGHA1989,s.7	Mrs AS Brace	Clerks expenses -, stationery, stamps telephone, & shelves for more storage	49.00	1979
LGA1972,s.101	JW Maintenance	Grass Cutting Contract	235.00	1980
LGA1972s 137	Powergen	Electricity for V. Hall - Nov Direct Debit	85.00	DD
		<b>Total spend for Nov - 08</b>	<b>1,510.49</b>	

**Item 17 Correspondence –** M&D Landscaping Services – Grass cutting  
TADS Ltd - signs  
Cambs ACRE – membership application membership form  
East Cambs DC – Core Strategy site allocations & boundary change  
Hunts DC – Holiday times for waste collection Christmas & New Year  
E-mails - from Bluntisham & Needingworth Clerks regarding the proposed Cycle Paths  
Cambs CC – Liaison depts. Have contact Clerks with information on 'Welfare Benefits'

**Item 18 Items to report only - none**

**Date of next meeting – Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2009**

**Mrs Alison Brace - Clerk**

**These minutes are unadopted.**

**Date 19.12.08**