

**EARDISLAND PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on  
Thursday 16 February 2017 at 7.30 pm  
in Eardisland Village Hall

**Present:** Cllrs Phil Milchard (Vice Chairman), Richard Kirby, Edwin Thompson, David Weir and Hugh Lowe.

**In Attendance:** Parish Clerk Alison Sutton; Footpath Officers Sue Wallis and Jo Watson; and 6 members of public.

1. **Apologies of absence** – Cllrs Maryan Hanson and Merry Albright; Ward Cllr Roger Phillips.
2. **Declarations of interest** – Cllr David Weir DECLARED a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in item 7.1 and left the meeting during consideration of this item.
3. **Minutes of the previous meeting** – 5 January 2017. These were ADOPTED and signed.
4. **Public Forum** –
  - 4.1. West Mercia Police – Report in the Clerk’s Information Sheet (CIS) NOTED.
  - 4.2. Ward Councillor – Report in CIS NOTED.
  - 4.3. Local Residents – NOTED thanks from resident for new drainage outside Swandrift; view that SID will not stop people going too fast.
5. **Financial Procedures** – The balance of the current account stands at £20,116.72, as at 3 February 2017. The following payments (excluding VAT) were AGREED and income NOTED:
  - 5.1. Richard Mills, Village Hall roadway repairs, £126.50, C/N 100711
  - 5.2. Income from parish magazine advertising, £53
  - 5.3. Income from parish leaflet advertising, £25
  - 5.4. Income from Herefordshire Council, Lengthsman Q2 refund, £584.50
6. **Parish Reports and Issues** –
  - 6.1. Lengthsman Scheme – Report in CIS NOTED. RESOLVED to accept quotes for 2017-18 Lengthsman and P3 work (Hitrees for routine and P3 work, Richard Mills for pothole work) and Annual Maintenance Plan. Clerk INSTRUCTED to: arrange clearing of drain tops and gullies, cleaning of white lines; send Annual Maintenance Plan; inform Hitrees and Richard Mills. List of defects identified on drive-round NOTED in CIS: Cllr Weir will action no.12 (if not undertaken already) and 13. No.8 – post has been found, awaiting developments.No.9 – had permission.
  - 6.2. Footpath Officers – Report in CIS NOTED. Update: Stile 9 on ED7, identified as site for kissing gate donated by community shop, with landowner Keith Johnson’s permission. Clerk INSTRUCTED to contact Balfour Beatty re shop buying gate direct and cost.
  - 6.3. Eardisland Memorial Walks Project – Report NOTED: team of 8 meeting regularly; most landowners co-operating with project; agreement for project AGREED; Clerk INSTRUCTED to send landowner list and agreement to project leader.
  - 6.4. Play area – Report in CIS NOTED. Clerk INSTRUCTED to arrange annual inspection.
  - 6.5. Eardisland in Bloom – Report in CIS NOTED.
  - 6.6. Eardisland Village Hall Improvement Plan – Report in CIS NOTED. Date for public meeting AGREED, Saturday 17 June 11.00-13.00. Display about options for parishioners to consider 11-12.00, following by open discussion 12-13.00. Clerk INSTRUCTED to book hall and work with hall committee to prepare display. NOTED discussion with owner of car park needed.
  - 6.7. Village drainage, flood relief – Report in CIS NOTED.
  - 6.8. Parish website – Report in CIS NOTED.
  - 6.9. Speed Indicator Device (SID) and traffic management – Report in CIS NOTED. RESOLVED to have 2 deployments in first 6 months of 2017-18, review if more funding available if Speedwatch not started. RESOLVED to set up Speedwatch group when equipment available, 7 parishioners

willing to volunteer for project. Clerk INSTRUCTED to confirm with Safer Roads Partnership co-ordinator.

- 6.10. Dog fouling – NOTED that difficult to manage. Latch on gate onto Recreation Ground from Church Lane not self-closing but as no gate on entrance by hall, dogs can get onto ground there without owner. AGREED to encourage parishioners to give details of offending dog owners to Councillors or Clerk, but must be willing to give evidence if required. Clerk INSTRUCTED to write appeal for details of offenders in parish magazine and put notices up.
- 6.11. Flag raising – Report in CIS NOTED..

**7. Planning Applications –**

- 7.1. P164134/F, Land adjoining Orchard Farm, Eardisland, HR6 9BJ – Proposed pair of semi-detached cottages with parking. Demolition of outbuilding. New access road – RESOLVED to submit response once final amendments made.
- 7.2. P170070/F, Land at The Brouch, Burton Court Lane, Eardisland – Erection of four detached self-build dwellings with detached garages and associated infrastructure – RESOLVED to submit response once final amendments made.
- 7.3. P170408/K, Stephens Cottage, Church Road, Eardisland, HR6 9BP – Fell Yew tree in front garden – RESOLVED to support.
- 7.4. New procedure for Discharge of Planning Conditions – Report in CIS NOTED, RESOLVED such applications should not be put on agenda.

**8. Correspondence –** Correspondence in CIS NOTED.

**9. Matters for the next agenda or action under Clerk’s delegated powers –**

Next agenda:

- Early payment of 2017-18 HALC subscription

Clerk’s action:

- Letter of thanks to Tony Phillips for work on new flyer
- Book session for Clerk on Audit Answers
- Actions as in items above.

**10. Date of next meeting –** Thursday 16 March 2017 at 7.30 pm – apologies NOTED from Cllr Milchard.

This meeting was declared closed at 9.08 pm.

**SIGNED**.....  
(Maryan Hanson, Chairman)

**DATE**.....