

EARDISLAND PARISH COUNCIL

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

Present: Cllrs Maryan Hanson (Chairman), Richard Kirby, Merry Albright, David Weir and Hugh Lowe.

In Attendance: Parish Clerk Alison Sutton; Footpath Officer Jo Watson; and 2 members of public.

1. **Apologies of absence** – Cllrs Phil Milchard and Edwin Thompson; Ward Cllr Roger Phillips; Footpath Officer Sue Wallis.
2. **Declarations of interest** – Cllr Richard Kirby DECLARED a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in item 7.1 and left the meeting during consideration of this item.
3. **Minutes of the previous meeting** – 16 February 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 – No report.
 - 4.3. Local Residents – NOTED waste bin on riverbank opposite Staick House broken.
5. **Financial Procedures** – The balance of the current account stands at £20,816.24, as at 10 March 2017. The following payments (excluding VAT) were AGREED and income NOTED:
 - 5.1. Richard Mills, Lengthsman, £293.75, C/N 100713
 - 5.2. Orphans Press Ltd, £597, C/N 100714
 - 5.3. Hitrees, Lengthsman, £420, C/N 100715
 - 5.4. J Knight, Bus stop cleaning, £30, C/N 100716
 - 5.5. Alison Sutton, Extra hours and expenses, £247.84, C/N 100717
 - 5.6. HMRC, PAYE on behalf of Clerk, £197.20, C/N 100718
 - 5.7. Herefordshire Council, Repayment of overpaid Lengthsman Q3, £1,342.75, C/N 100719
 - 5.8. Balfour Beatty Living Places, SID deployment, £150, C/N 100720
 - 5.9. Income from parish magazine advertising, £104
 - 5.10. Income from Herefordshire Council, Lengthsman Q3 refund, £1,342.75 – Paid twice
6. **Parish Reports and Issues** –
 - 6.1. Lengthsman Scheme – Report in CIS NOTED. Clerk INSTRUCTED to: arrange clearing of drain tops and gullies, clearing of Lyme Lane ditch; report damage to 30mph signs on Pembridge side village entry and village end of Burton Lane, report potholes by Burton Court wall; report issue of management of Balfour Beatty unit to Ward Cllr Phillips.
 - 6.2. Footpath Officers – Report in CIS NOTED.
 - 6.3. Eardisland Memorial Walks Project – Report NOTED: waiting for funding decision; Clerk INSTRUCTED to send email received from Hereford & Worcester journalist to project leader. NOTED that landowner’s decision re metal or wooden kissing gates installed.
 - 6.4. Play area – Report in CIS NOTED. Clerk INSTRUCTED to arrange laminated notice ‘No unauthorised motorised vehicles on the recreation ground’. NOTED Cllr Weir will arrange mowing of public areas to start before Easter.
 - 6.5. Eardisland in Bloom – Report in CIS NOTED.
 - 6.6. Memorial benches – Report in CIS NOTED.
 - 6.7. Eardisland Village Hall Improvement Plan – Report in CIS NOTED. Update NOTED: Quotes for work on toilets now £22,000+, advice from Herefordshire Council Funding Officer to apply for £8,000 from Severn waste, £5,000 from Rowlands Trust, remainder from lottery.
 - 6.8. Parish website – Report in CIS NOTED.
 - 6.9. Tree Warden – Report in CIS NOTED. RESOLVED not to put notice board by tree T31. Cllr Lowe will undertake pruning required, working with Tree Warden.

6.10. Speed Indicator Device (SID) and traffic management – Report in CIS NOTED.

7. Planning Applications –

7.1. P170597/FH, Arrow Lea, Eardisland, HR6 9BU – Proposed garage with loft for craft workshop or home office ancillary to dwelling house and associated driveway – RESOLVED to support the application for a garage in principle, although a number of reservations about the submitted application. Although in conformity with Eardisland Neighbourhood Development Plan (ENDP) policy E1(i) as it is sited adjacent to the settlement boundary, the site is within the area denoted as flood zone 3 (ENDP para 6.12). The application appears to conflict with ENDP E1(n) and the parish council would like to see a building more in keeping with Herefordshire barns with a lower ridge. The proposed application looks more like a domestic dwelling in scale, size and height, with domestic design features and detailing that might suggest that the building is not intended for garaging. For example, the size of the garage door openings appear to be too small for a car to enter. Inaccuracies on the site plan for the existing house are noted and no reference is made in the application to the ENDP. Conditions to prevent conversion to a house would be anticipated if this application is granted, as a residential dwelling would need a more robust application, particularly due to the location in flood zone 3. The parish council would be more likely to be supportive of a more sympathetically designed outbuilding/garage, better reflecting the local character and smaller in footprint, height and massing which would not have such a dominant visual impact for this sensitive context within a protected view (ENDP policy E2(g)).

8. Donation in memory of Gill Richards – RESOLVED to put memorial plaque on Eardisland Village Hall if acceptable to the family, Cllr Albright will contact family.

9. Early payment of 2017-18 HALC subscription – RESOLVED to pay before end of current financial year to obtain 2 free evening training places.

10. Pro-rata payment of Clerk’s SLCC subscription and national pay rise from April 2017 – RESOLVED to pay £40.55 for SLCC subscription and national pay rise of £0.093 per hour, £8.50 increase per quarterly salary.

11. Correspondence – Correspondence in CIS NOTED.

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

Next agenda:

- Light pollution from caravan park

Clerk’s action:

- Actions as above
- Pay invoices for Richard Mills, HALC, SLCC and others before end of financial year
- NOTED letter re photo project
- NOTED notice re Pembridge School governor.

13. Date of next meeting – Thursday 27 April 2017 at 7.30 pm.

This meeting was declared closed at 9.52 pm.

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

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