

EARDISLAND PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on
Thursday 24 November 2016 at 7.30 pm
in Eardisland Village Hall

Present: Cllrs Maryan Hanson (Chairman), Phil Milchard, David Weir and Hugh Lowe.

In Attendance: Parish Clerk Alison Sutton; Footpath Officers Sue Wallis and Jo Watson; and 8 members of public.

1. **Apologies of absence** – Cllrs Richard Kirby and Edwin Thompson; Ward Cllr Roger Phillips.
2. **Co-option of new councillors** – 2 parishioners stood for co-option. After a secret ballot, Merry Albright was CO-OPTED as a member of the council and SIGNED a Declaration of Acceptance of Office and Notice of Registrable Interests. The unsuccessful parishioner was THANKED for his interest.
3. **Declarations of interest** – Cllr David Weir DECLARED Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in item 8.1 and left the meeting during discussion of this item.
4. **Minutes of the previous meeting** – 27 October 2016. These were ADOPTED and signed, with one amendment to 8.9, changed to 'Cllr Milchard working with Tony Phillips'.
5. **Public Forum** –
 - 5.1. West Mercia Police – Report in the Clerk's Information Sheet (CIS) NOTED.
 - 5.2. Ward Councillor – Report in CIS NOTED.
 - 5.3. Local Residents – NOTED statement from parishioner re recent fire in village at garage workshop and garage owner's response; AGREED council has no powers in this matter. NOTED drains on either side of Orchard Farm entrance are at lowest point due to topography. NOTED thanks to Clerk for information given to parishioner.
6. **Financial Procedures** – The balance of the current account stands at £23,987.50, as at 18 November 2016. The following payments (excluding VAT) were AGREED and income NOTED:
 - 6.1. Balfour Beatty Living Places, SID base installation, £405, C/N 100693 – Paid 27/10/16 under Clerk's delegated powers
 - 6.2. Hitrees, Lengthsman, £90, C/N 100695
 - 6.3. Eardisland Village Hall, Hire for PC, NDP and S137, £190, C/N 100696
 - 6.4. Leominster Community Resource Centre, Magazine Printing, £152.70, C/N 100697
 - 6.5. P Holloway, Mole control, £90, C/N 100698 – Clerk INSTRUCTED to pay and query number of moles caught and cost of travel expenses
 - 6.6. Income from parish magazine advertising, £212
 - 6.7. Income from parish leaflet advertising, £275
7. **Parish Reports and Issues** –
 - 7.1. Lengthsman Scheme – Report in CIS NOTED. Clerk INSTRUCTED to arrange: clean white lines through village; clearance of drain tops and grips through village, at dip on U93010 north of Legions Cross and by Hardwick Rise on U93009; check grips on C1035 from edge of village to parish boundary and report issues; clear round and clean all road signs through village, on C1035 at Legions Cross and to parish boundary at Crown Farm and along Broome Lane to Twyford; check grit bins through parish and report any not refilled. Clerk INSTRUCTED to arrange clearance of drains and storm debris if required before next meeting.
 - 7.2. Footpath Officers – Report in CIS NOTED. Update: ED1B stile on A44 needs more scalplings and barbed wire dangerous – Cllrs Weir and Hanson will action re wire; report on all footpaths undertaken by parishioner tabled, Clerk INSTRUCTED to add to next agenda for discussion. Complaint re ED9 at disused railway NOTED, PFOs will investigate. AGREED Cllr Milchard will support PFOs speaking to landowners if required.
 - 7.3. Eardisland in Bloom – Report in CIS NOTED.

- 7.4. Play area – Report in CIS NOTED.
- 7.5. Eardisland Village Hall Improvement Plan – Report NOTED: Chair has had to stand down, Secretary acting as Temporary Chair. Working with Clerk to write consultation questionnaire to obtain user views to support Severn Waste grant application by end of December. NOTED further quotes being obtained for internal work, issue with flat roof identified. Disabled toilet repaired, now on service schedule. NOTED full waste bin by recreation ground already reported by Clerk.
- 7.6. Village drainage, flooding relief – No report.
- 7.7. Parish website – Report in CIS NOTED.
- 7.8. Neighbour issues – See 5.3.
- 7.9. Parish notice board – AGREED to ask Barry Freeman to monitor items and remove as required in line with Terms of Use. Clerk INSTRUCTED to put Terms of Use notice on board and in next magazine copy: 1. No business cards, these will be removed. 2. Eardisland events take priority and external event notices will be removed in favour of parish events. 3. Maximum size of posters is A4, larger items will be removed. Please keep to A5 as routine.
- 7.10. Printing problems with parish magazine – Report from editor NOTED. AGREED to reconsider after next edition.
- 7.11. Dog mess – Further complaints from various parishioners. Clerk INSTRUCTED to draft letter and send when agreed, include that referral to police and dog warden will be undertaken if further incidents reported by parishioners.
- 7.12. Speed Indicator Device (SID) – Report in CIS NOTED. Clerk INSTRUCTED to: add to February agenda for consideration of 2017-18 deployment; write copy for next magazine, ask for feedback; ask Safer Roads Partnership if Speedwatch possible, if so ask for volunteers in magazine.

8. Planning Applications –

- 8.1. APP/W1850/W/16/3157677 – Appeal against refusal of planning permission for P152779/F, Land adjoining Orchard Farm, Eardisland – Proposed construction of 5 no dwellings with garages. Formation of new access and private drive and close existing. Demolition of outbuilding, steel framed barn, wind tunnel and greenhouse – Amendments to draft response AGREED, Clerk INSTRUCTED to finalise and submit when checked. NOTED thanks to Caroline Marsden for help drafting.
- 8.2. NOTED P162741/F, Home Farm, Eardisland, HR6 9DN – Steel framed monopitch building to cover an existing sheep handling unit – Approved with conditions
- 8.3. NOTED P162840/K, The Manor House, Eardisland, HR6 9BN – Pollard Horse Chestnut tree – Approved

9. Budget and precept following consultation with parishioners – 4 responses received, 2 supporting, 2 querying issues, particularly reserves and contingency level. NOTED information obtained by Clerk on recommendations for these. RESOLVED to take forward budget of £26,863 for 2017-18, with precept requirement of £25,408 as current year. Clerk INSTRUCTED to submit.

10. Response to Herefordshire Council's draft Flood Risk Management Strategy – Draft document NOTED. Clerk INSTRUCTED to respond that considered useful document.

11. Response to parish council allowances consultation – Clerk INSTRUCTED to send response that not necessary.

12. Change of date for September 2017 meeting – NOTED change of date to 7 September (from 14 September).

13. Correspondence – Correspondence in CIS NOTED.

14. Matters for the next agenda or action under Clerk's delegated powers –

Next agenda:

- Footpath report
- SIDs – February agenda

Clerk's action:

- Offer of bench – ask parishioner to contact Cllr Milchard
- Arrange printing of parish leaflet when copy finalised by Cllr Milchard
- Instruct Lengthsman as required before next meeting – 7.1
- Actions as minute items.

15. Date of next meeting – Thursday 5 January 2017 at 7.30 pm.

This meeting was declared closed at 9.40 pm.

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(Maryan Hanson, Chairman)

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