

EARDISLAND PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on
Thursday 27 April 2017 at 7.30 pm
in Eardisland Village Hall

Present: Cllrs Maryan Hanson (Chairman), Richard Kirby, Merry Albright, Phil Milchard, Edwin Thompson and Hugh Lowe.

In Attendance: Ward Cllr Roger Phillips; Parish Clerk Alison Sutton; Footpath Officer Sue Wallis; and 3 members of public.

1. **Apologies of absence** – Cllr David Weir; Footpath Officer Jo Watson.
2. **Declarations of interest** – Cllr Merry Albright DECLARED a Non-Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in item 7.3 and did not participate in consideration of this item.
3. **Minutes of the previous meeting** – 16 March 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. Update: concern re pothole filling, considers all defects in an area should be filled in one visit, spoken to cabinet member and asked Internal Audit to compare service with other counties; advised that parish council and parishioners should continue reporting defects; probable underspend on Herefordshire Council’s accounts for 2016-17 to be added to reserves; extra funds received for social care; agricultural estate now on market, asked Audit for tenders to be opened by independent people.
 - 4.3. Local Residents – Numbers given to trees in planning application, NOTED relate to survey of trees. Motorised vehicles on recreation ground, Clerk INSTRUCTED to action notice. Hedge on Church Lane needs cutting back to improve visibility, Clerk INSTRUCTED to contact landowner.
5. **Financial Procedures** – The balance of the current account stands at £28,898.34, as at 22 April 2017. The following payments (excluding VAT) were AGREED and income NOTED:
 - 5.1. Richard Mills, Lengthsman, £30, C/N 100721 – Paid 16/3/17 under Clerk’s delegated powers
 - 5.2. HALC, 2017-18 subscription, £358.49, C/N 100722 – Paid 16/3/17 under Clerk’s delegated powers
 - 5.3. SLCC, Clerk’s subscription, £40.55, C/N 100723 – Paid 16/3/17 under Clerk’s delegated powers
 - 5.4. Leominster Community Resource Centre, Parish magazine, £159.20, C/N 100724
 - 5.5. HALC, Training, £30, C/N 100725
 - 5.6. Herefordshire Tree Warden Network, Subscription, £25, C/N 100726
 - 5.7. Information Commissioner, Data controller registration, £35, C/N 100727
 - 5.8. Hitrees, Lengthsman and maintenance, £112.50, C/N 100728
 - 5.9. Income from parish magazine advertising, £13
 - 5.10. Income from Herefordshire Council, Precept part payment, £12,704
6. **Parish Reports and Issues** –
 - 6.1. Lengthsman Scheme – Report in CIS NOTED. Clerk INSTRUCTED to: arrange clearing of drain tops and gullies, strimming of back lane (School Lane); report again damage to 30mph signs on Pembridge side village entry and village end of Burton Lane. Contract for 2017-18 Lengthsman and P3 scheme SIGNED, Clerk INSTRUCTED to action.
 - 6.2. Footpath Officers – Report NOTED: new gate for ED7 ready, Clerk INSTRUCTED to contact Cllr Weir re installation; FPO will contact landowner, also ask to repair another stile on ED7; ED2/ED3 stile too high, FPO contact landowner; recent episode of sheep worrying, signs required on stiles, Cllr Hanson give signs to PFO to place, Clerk INSTRUCTED to mention in parish magazine; Locality Steward arranging meeting with neighbouring stewards and PFOs re Memorial Walks scheme.

- 6.3. Eardisland Memorial Walks Project – Report NOTED: grant confirmed; met local BBC journalist; follow-up letter sent to landowners; public meeting on 3 June at 11.00 am in village hall for parishioners and landowners, AGREED Cllr Milchard will chair on behalf of parish council, Clerk INSTRUCTED to take notes. NOTED thanks to Hugh and Hannah Vernon for outstanding work accessing funding.
- 6.4. Play area – Report in CIS NOTED.
- 6.5. Eardisland in Bloom – Report in CIS NOTED. Update: Plant Sale 13 May; NOTED thanks from parish council for great display within village. Clerk INSTRUCTED to arrange mowing 2-weekly and grass cuttings to be removed so no risk of going in river.
- 6.6. Memorial benches – Report CIS NOTED: 2 benches now installed/in process plus 4 others agreed. AGREED to fund materials for laying patio slabs for benches to sit on; Clerk INSTRUCTED to make orders to Jewsons, who will invoice as required.
- 6.7. Eardisland Village Hall Improvement Plan – Report in CIS NOTED. Update NOTED: electrical compliance issues highlighted, trustees checking if regulations retrospective, will need decision on action by July; new trustee looking at grants and processes; parish meeting in June, committee setting up display; mortar loose in crack in wall by kitchen. Clerk INSTRUCTED to action Lengthsman to clear vegetation and soil from top of septic tank and report on state of render.
- 6.8. Tree Warden – Report in CIS NOTED. Update: ivy removed from trees at Hay Bridge, one tree split, may need felling; NOTED thanks to Cllr Lowe and Lawson Thomas for excellent work.
- 6.9. Dog fouling – Report in CIS NOTED. Quote for signage considered, Clerk INSTRUCTED to get quote for A5 signs from SignRite and Cllr Lowe.
- 6.10. Light pollution from caravan park – Report NOTED: planners aware of issue and investigating. Clerk INSTRUCTED to follow-up for next agenda.
- 6.11. Flood issues and insurance – Report in CIS NOTED. Clerk INSTRUCTED to ask for map of datum points but without flow routes as considered inaccurate and previously challenged for the study report. When map received Cllr Kirby and Clerk to send information to householders. NOTED continuing issue with insurance, Clerk INSTRUCTED to contact Steve Hodges and member of parliament after election re FloodRe.
- 6.12. Eardisland Twinning Weekend – Report in CIS NOTED. RESOLVED to permit use of recreation ground for events and parking as required.

7. Planning Applications –

- 7.1. P170956/FH, Homeleigh, Eardisland, HR6 9BN – Proposed alterations and extensions – RESOLVED to support.
- 7.2. P171090/FH and P171092/L, Arrow Lawn, Broome Lane, Eardisland, HR6 9BS – Proposed erection of a garden shed – RESOLVED to support and comment the council was impressed with the quality of the information provided, in line with the Eardisland NDP.
- 7.3. P171267/L, Knapp House, Eardisland, HR6 9BD – Proposed removal of circa mid 20th century windows and replacement with traditional design casements to match existing circa 17th century design. Also reinstatement of stone to chimney stack in lieu of concrete – RESOLVED to support.
- 7.4. P171193/K, White Swan, Eardisland, HR6 9BD – Propose to demolish/cut down trees numbered 1322, 1323 and 1097 – RESOLVED to support and comment the council will await information about replacement trees in line with Conservation Area policy.
- 7.5. NOTED P170408/K, Stephens Cottage, Church Road, Eardisland, HR6 9BP – Fell Yew tree in front garden – Approved.
- 7.6. NOTED 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 – Appeal dismissed.

8. Date for Financial Advisory Working Group meeting – AGREED Monday 8 May at 09.00.

- 9. Correspondence – Correspondence in CIS NOTED. Clerk INSTRUCTED to respond to parishioner re letter on planning.

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

Next agenda:

- Light pollution from caravan park

Clerk’s action:

- Write to daughters of Gill Richards to ask what commemoration they would like
- Pay Mayglothing invoice.

11. Date of next meeting – Annual Meeting of the Parish Council Thursday 18 May 2017 following Annual Parish Meeting at 7.00 pm.

12. Excluding the public from the following item – RESOLVED to exclude the public.

13. Employment matter – Confidential minute.

This meeting was declared closed at 9.35 pm.

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(Chairman)

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