

EARDISLAND PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on
Thursday 5 January 2017 at 7.30 pm
in Eardisland Village Hall

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

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

1. **Apologies of absence** – Cllr David Weir.
2. **Declarations of interest** – Cllrs Maryan Hanson and Hugh Lowe DECLARED a Non-Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in item 6.2. Vice Chairman Phil Milchard chaired item 6.2.
3. **Minutes of the previous meetings** – 16 and 24 November 2016. 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: None of identified roads in parish are in capital asset programme for resurfacing; waiting on decision about Amey refund; budget settlement 2% extra for social care each year for 3 years, government grant to Herefordshire down from £27 mill. 2016-17 to £19 mill. 2017-18; government considering change to business rates in 2019, no top-up but keep what collect, will not be good for Herefordshire; waiting for new planning officer for area. NOTED that Ward Cllr advised new homes bonus taken back by government and used for adult care; need to be aware continuing care funding available.
 - 4.3. Local Residents – NOTED issue of serious incident re fire at garage workshop in village and that council has no powers in this matter; Ward Cllr will follow-up. NOTED The Sytches properties will pay council tax to Eardisland from April, no increase in funding to parish, small decrease in cost of parish precept per household, as more houses to share cost. NOTED Bowling Club pays lease for club not car park, but can use the car park under clause 4 of the car park lease agreement with the parish council as a function associated with Eardisland village. NOTED flooding at Swandrift being addressed.
5. **Financial Procedures** – The balance of the current account stands at £23,562.70, as at 13 December 2016. The following payments (excluding VAT) were AGREED and income NOTED:
 - 5.1. Hitrees, Lengthsman and P3, £435, C/N 100699
 - 5.2. Richard Mills, Lengthsman, £80, C/N 100700
 - 5.3. Richard Preece, Mowing, £1,000, C/N 100701
 - 5.4. C Bivand, Parish magazine, £5.45, C/N 100702
 - 5.5. Kew Landscape Gardening Services, Churchyard mowing, £270, C/N 100703
 - 5.6. AC Electrics, Village hall heater, £635, C/N 100704
 - 5.7. J Knight, Bus shelter cleaning, £30, C/N 100705
 - 5.8. Alison Sutton, Clerk’s extra hours and expenses, £386.75, C/N100706
 - 5.9. HMRC, PAYE/NIC on behalf of Clerk, £194.40, C/N 100707
 - 5.10. Income from parish leaflet advertising, £300
6. **Parish Reports and Issues** –
 - 6.1. Lengthsman Scheme – Report in CIS NOTED. Clerk INSTRUCTED to get quotes for work for 2017-18 from current Lengthsmen and third quote if available.
 - 6.2. Footpath Officers – Report in CIS NOTED. Report on all footpaths NOTED; NOTED that Cllr Milchard informed by ED5 landowner that considering re-opening gate onto Broome Lane but with lock and limited access.
Heritage Footpath Project: presentation from Hugh Vernon for Eardisland WW1 Memorial Walks – to maintain consciousness of sacrifice made by local men in WW1 by naming public rights of

way (PROW) in memorial; group of volunteers led by Hugh Vernon willing to develop information leaflets about each walk (with directions, information about the fallen, the history and the village etc) and undertake work on paths putting up specific waymarkers; external funding from Heritage Lottery First World War then and now fund, application being prepared; parish council requested to make bid for funds as responsible for NDP delivery and project would support NDP objectives by encouraging enhanced use of PROW network to improve health and enhance businesses and tourism in parish, council represents parishioners and could lead inter-parish liaison. RESOLVED to support project by submitting application in name of council. RESOLVED Cllrs Kirby, Thompson, Lowe and the Clerk work with volunteers to submit application. AGREED landowners need to be contacted early in process to gain support for project. Clerk INSTRUCTED to check with Will Steel, Manager of PROW Network to ensure no issues with project.

- 6.3. Eardisland in Bloom – No report.
- 6.4. Play area – Report in CIS NOTED.
- 6.5. Eardisland Village Hall Improvement Plan – Report NOTED: Acting Chair of Eardisland Village Hall Management Committee (EVHMC) and Clerk considered results of questionnaire, unsure if enough support for application re surfacing of roadway; last Severn Waste application end of March, scheme then closes; advice from funding officer at Herefordshire Council received, more likely to get funding for internal refurbishment than external work, given results of questionnaire, can apply to Awards For All lottery fund for refurbishment of toilets even if later apply to Community Buildings lottery fund for bigger amount, if agreed that major work required; hall reached point where maintenance needed now to continue use. Clerk INSTRUCTED to check with insurer exact position re resurfacing or keeping repairs at adequate level. RESOLVED to hold joint meeting of council and EVHMC to agree applications to submit and work up options for way forward to put to community at open parish meeting in March/April.
- 6.6. Parish website – Report in CIS NOTED.
- 6.7. Parish leaflet – Report NOTED: waiting for last advert to be agreed, to printers as soon as possible.
- 6.8. Replacement benches – Report NOTED: one bench agreed, E Team will do base work, RESOLVED to pay cost of materials.
- 6.9. Dog fouling – Clerk INSTRUCTED to add to next agenda.
- 6.10. Parking outside village shop – NOTED that such parking is way of life and slows traffic through village, police enforcement matter and police not going to act, therefore RESOLVED no action.

7. Planning Applications – None received.

8. Response to Marches Freight Strategy consultation – No time to consider. Clerk INSTRUCTED to email councillors re response.

9. Correspondence – Correspondence in CIS NOTED.

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

Next agenda:

- As in 6.9.

Clerk’s action:

- Respond to email from Steve Hodges re new threshold level work
- Actions as in items above.

11. Date of next meeting – Thursday 16 February 2017 at 7.30 pm.

This meeting was declared closed at 9.54 pm.

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(Maryan Hanson, Chairman)

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