

EARDISLAND PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on
Thursday 10 May 2018 at 7.30 pm
in Eardisland Village Hall

Present: Cllrs Maryan Hanson (Chairman)

In Attendance: Ward Cllr Roger Phillips; Parish Clerk Alison Sutton; and 5 members of public.

1. Apologies of absence – Cllr Shelley Connop.

2. Minutes of the previous meeting – 18 May 2017. These were ADOPTED and signed.

3. Report from the Chairman of the Parish Council – NOTED:

- Large number of planning applications for tree works, extensions and new build considered, including The Brouch and an appeal for Orchard Farm application; the PC asked for neighbouring parish councils to be consulted on applications at Shobdon as more affected
- Draft revisions to the National Planning Policy Framework support NDPs while recognising that due to pressure to build houses, development sites in rural areas (particularly exception sites for affordable housing) may have to be outside settlement boundaries; Council decide not to respond to consultation on revisions as known that development in Eardisland almost certain to be outside settlement due to environmental constraints
- 2 Councillors resigned during year, Shelley Connop co-opted and Councillor for second vacancy now being co-opted
- Various issues addressed including problems on Broome Lane and keeping dogs on lead on recreation ground which was not implemented following representation from parishioners
- Donations of benches sited within village much appreciated
- General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) will lead to a new parish council website and email addresses for Councillors and Clerk
- Eardisland Village Hall – structural survey suggested long-term maintenance could be high, Council applied for grant to undertake Feasibility Study to find out what options possible – see 4. below
- Many thanks to all the volunteers, including those who keep the village looking so beautiful, the magazine running and the hall in use.

4. Information about feasibility study for options for the village hall and community housing – NOTED:

- Grant awarded by Herefordshire Council to undertake feasibility study
- Look at options for village hall – Repair and maintenance only; Extension; Demolish and rebuild on current site; Build on new site
- Feasibility study will not cost PC anything apart from for Clerk's time
- Once study results available – open parish meeting to consider way forward
- May show that new build not possible either on current site or elsewhere
- As grant from Community Housing Fund, have to consider possibility that landowner might offer land for new hall and community housing
- Cost of repair and maintenance over last few years – excluding toilet refurbishment
- Last 3 years averaged £1,300 from PC
- Plus £330 for insurance of building
- Recent structural survey highlighted major work to be done – approx. £10-15,000
- Full quotes awaited, funding options will then be considered
- Funding options could include grants and/or Public Works Loan, cost of loan for various amounts shown in table below.

BAND	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
COUNCIL TAX CHARGE for 2018-19	£73.54	£85.80	£98.05	£110.31	£134.82	£159.33	£183.85	£220.62
COST OF REPAYING £100,000 LOAN OVER 30 YRS	£14.31	£16.69	£19.08	£21.46	£26.23	£31.00	£35.77	£42.92
COST OF REPAYING £300,000	£43.42	£50.66	£57.89	£65.13	£79.60	£94.07	£108.55	£130.26
COST OF REPAYING £400,000	£57.89	£67.54	£77.19	£86.84	£106.14	£125.43	£144.73	£173.68

5. Public Forum –

- Problem of recruiting volunteers for group for feasibility study considered, ask for volunteers on boards, website, social media – even if no-one volunteers
- Mailshot about getting grant and setting up group, Clerk get costs and draft letter for Council meeting
- Thanks to Council, most of community do not know what Council does, need to publicise more, no-one comes to meetings
- No white gates.

6. Parish Organisations – see written reports

- 6.4. Church of the Virgin Mary Parochial Church Council
- 6.5. Dovecote Trust
- 6.6. Eardisland Bowling Club
- 6.7. Eardisland Community Shop
- 6.8. Eardisland in Bloom
- 6.9. Eardisland Heritage and History Group
- 6.10. Eardisland Local Link and Share a Care
- 6.11. Eardisland Village Band
- 6.12. Parish Magazine
- 6.13. Twinning Association
- 6.14. Village Hall Management Committee
- 6.15. Whittington Exhibition Foundation
- 6.16. Women's Institute

NOTED: Next year Clerk ask representatives to give 2 minute summary of report at meeting and submit for write-up after.

This meeting was declared closed at 8.20 pm.

SIGNED.....
(Chairman)

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