

## EARDISLAND PARISH COUNCIL

### **DRAFT Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting for Eardisland** held on Thursday 12 May 2016 at 7.00 pm at Eardisland Village Hall

**Present:** Cllrs Maryan Hanson (Chairman) and Phil Milchard (Vice Chairman)

**In Attendance:** Ward Cllr Roger Phillips, 11 members of the public and Parish Clerk Alison Sutton.

1. **Apologies of absence** – Edward Thomas, David Weir and Sue Wallis.
2. **Minutes of the previous meeting** – 21 May 2015. These were SIGNED.
3. **Public Forum** – Bonfires – the Council has no powers to control bonfires, parishioner advised to contact Environmental Health. Road markings – give way on School Lane has been reported for repainting. Parking within 15m of a road junction – return markings on Church Lane junction sited on advice from Simon Hobbs, Senior Accident Investigator for Herefordshire Council. Parallel white lines on edges of road through village, same distance apart, recognised that the area outside the war memorial would be used for parking. Highway goes from curb to curb and layby near Green Elms classified as part of highway. Still intended to have white gates at village entry to promote village feel and move 30mph limit further out in Pembridge direction. Lengthsmen paid £15 per hr for general work and £34 per hr for pothole filling with 2 men and equipment.
4. **Report from the Chairman of the Parish Council** – The Chairman made the following points about activities of the Council:
  - Neighbourhood Development Plan progressing
  - Recommendations from flood alleviation study – 2 river walks undertaken to identify blockages/trees in river, good support from landowners to address issues; property level protection event allowed householders to see what can be done; threshold levels from the study are not in usable/useful format, being addressed with Herefordshire Council currently.
  - Phil Milchard led huge project to upgrade the play area June-July 2015 and Sascha Kindred formally opened it at a parish picnic tea. Many thanks to Phil.
  - Planning – various applications for tree works, extensions/conversions, agricultural buildings and a development of 5 houses at Orchard Farm that was robustly opposed.
  - Mill Race upgrade improved area but annual silt removal needed. Grateful thanks to David Weir for work to clear silt by River Arrow bridge.
  - Enhanced Lengthsman scheme – quarterly drive-round with Locality Steward, small potholes repaired by Lengthsman, verge cutting, drainage and ditching and public rights of way work.
  - Grateful thanks to Posh Sheds for the 2 new notice boards on the bus shelter.
  - Lawton Cross – pressure continues to improve safety, as major accident blackspot, thanks to Ward Cllr Phillips for supporting Ward Cllr Bowen with this.
  - Tree survey undertaken for insurance – grateful thanks to Edward Thomas and volunteer Tree Warden Diana Palmer for their work implementing the recommendations.
  - Unlikely that sandbags will be supplied by Balfour Beatty this year and parish council cannot fund this – householders will need to obtain their own bags.
  - Many thanks to all who have helped bring the parish together with events for the hall and church.
  - Eardisland in Bloom continue to keep the village looking its best – many thanks to all the group, especially for the recent work outside the village hall.
  - Community defibrillator is in progress and hope to have it in place later in the year.
  - New councillors at the election were Edwin Thompson and Paul Simner. Paul's sudden death in March was a great shock to everyone – once the process has been followed, the Council will be looking to co-opt a member.
5. **Update on the Eardisland Neighbourhood Development Plan** – This project started in summer 2014 and progressed to a community consultation, which resulted in a number of changes. In spring 2015,

modifications to Herefordshire Council’s Core Strategy meant that major rewriting was needed and a meeting with Herefordshire Council staff and our planning consultants led to the decision to draft a criteria-based policy. Following redrafting, a second community consultation was generally supported, shortly followed by the Regulation 14 – first formal – consultation. Further amendments were made and the draft submitted for Regulation 16 consultation by Herefordshire Council. Once this finishes on 18 May, Herefordshire will hopefully decide to progress the Plan to Examination, which could take 3-4 months. Once approved by the Inspector, a referendum will be held within 10 weeks, realistically by Christmas. The referendum result is on a simple majority, either for or against, of those on the electoral register who decide to vote. So please support your community and vote in the referendum when it is held.

**6. Parish Organisations – written reports noted for Parish Organisations**

- 6.1. Church of the Virgin Mary Parochial Church Council
- 6.2. Dovecote Trust
- 6.3. Eardisland Bowling Club
- 6.4. Eardisland Community Shop
- 6.5. Eardisland in Bloom
- 6.6. Eardisland Heritage and History Group
- 6.7. Eardisland Local Link and Share a Care
- 6.8. Eardisland Village Band
- 6.9. Neighbourhood Watch
- 6.10. Parish Magazine
- 5.11 Twinning Association
- 5.12 Village Hall Management Committee
- 5.13 Whittington Exhibition Foundation
- 5.14 Women’s Institute

The Chairman thanked all the volunteers from the parish groups and organisations who keep the community and parish active.

This meeting was declared closed at 7.52 pm.

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(Chairman)

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