

## EARDISLAND PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on  
Thursday 28 April 2016 at 7.30 pm  
in Eardisland Village Hall

**Present:** Cllrs Maryan Hanson (Chairman), Phil Milchard, Edwin Thompson, David Weir, Edward Thomas and Richard Kirby.

**In Attendance:** Ward Cllr Roger Phillips; Footpath Officers Sue Wallis and Jo Watson; Tree Warden Diana Palmer; Parish Clerk Alison Sutton; and 2 members of public.

1. **Apologies of absence** – None.
2. **Declarations of interest** – Cllr Hanson DECLARED a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in agenda item 7.2. Cllr Milchard DECLARED a Non-Disclosable Interest in agenda item 8.1.
3. **Minutes of the previous meetings** – 24 March 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: Visit to Kingsland Fire Station arranged for Monday 13 June at 7.00 pm – Cllrs and partners and other members of the community contact Ward Cllr if wish to attend; Lawton Cross, simple measures have been put in place on C1035 but not on A4110 where actually required.
  - 4.3. Local Residents – Speed Indicator Device (SID) – Clerk updated Cllrs on current position, Balfour Beatty due to replace all SIDs by end of May and restart deployment, child’s pet killed on road recently by SID pad, residents encouraged to contact Alasdair MacDonald, the new contract director for Balfour Beatty, with concerns.  
Pothole on edge of track to Bowling Club – landowner will repair.  
Minutes of meetings on the website – Clerk INSTRUCTED to send draft minutes for website and place in shop folder, clearly marked as ‘draft’ and replace with adopted minutes as relevant.
5. **Financial Procedures** – The balance of the current account stands at £14,475.59, as at 19 April 2016. The following payments (excluding VAT), except 5.6 (see below) were AGREED and income NOTED:
  - 5.1. Leominster Community Resource Centre, Magazine printing, £159.05, C/N 100651 – Paid 24/3/16 under Clerk’s delegated powers
  - 5.2. St Michael’s Hospice, Donation in memory of Cllr Paul Simner, £30, C/N 100652 – Paid 24/3/16 under Clerk’s delegated powers
  - 5.3. Hereford and Worcester Animal Rescue Centre, Donation in memory of Cllr Paul Simner, £20, C/N 100653 – Paid 24/3/16 under Clerk’s delegated powers
  - 5.4. HALC, Affiliation and subscription, £346.57, C/N 100655
  - 5.5. Community Heartbeat Trust, Cabinet for community defibrillator, £645, C/N 100656
  - 5.6. Balfour Beatty Living Places, Installation of SID base, £405 – not paid, cheque destroyed. Clerk INSTRUCTED to inform Balfour Beatty that payment deferred until deployment restarted
  - 5.7. Information Commissioner, Data protection registration, £35, C/N 100658
  - 5.8. Donations from Community Shop and Women’s Institute for defibrillator, £650
  - 5.9. Income from Herefordshire Council, Precept part payment, £12,704
6. **Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP)** –
  - 6.1. NOTED Draft NDP in Regulation 16 Consultation, finishes 18 May. Cllr Kirby prepare update for Annual Parish meeting, Clerk INSTRUCTED to prepare presentation on process.
7. **Parish Reports and Issues** –
  - 7.1. Lengthsman Scheme – Defects from drive-round NOTED and following actions AGREED: Village Hall Management Committee will contact user groups re appropriate speed on

approaches to hall, defer notice re 'Children playing, slow down'; Clerk INSTRUCTED to write to owner of The Cross; Burton Lane ditch, landowner will clear; Clerk INSTRUCTED to write to landowner re broken drain on Dump Lane; Mill Race, Cllr Weir will clear silt. AGREED work for Lengthsman: Hitrees – verges on School Lane by end of May, P3 work (see 7.2); Richard Mills – pot holes as identified. RESOLVED to sign contract for Annual Maintenance Plan. Clerk INSTRUCTED to send letter of thanks to Balfour Beatty for prompt white lining of returns on Church Lane junction. Clerk INSTRUCTED to contact Stan Blatchford re railings.

- 7.2. Footpath Officers – Report NOTED. E1B footpath – RESOLVED to use P3 funds to undertake betterment through replacing broken stile with metal gate; RESOLVED to instruct Lengthsman to repair 2 stiles and recharge work to landowners, as agreed with landowners.
- 7.3. Eardisland in Bloom – Report in CIS NOTED.
- 7.4. Play area – Report in CIS NOTED. RESOLVED that Cllr Edwards will remove broken bench, commemorative plaque from bench to be placed in hall.
- 7.5. Eardisland Village Hall Improvement Plan – Report NOTED. Committee monitoring movement since drain repair, redecoration on hold until assessed; £1,000 in fund for toilet upgrade; suitable project to be identified to use bequest from estate of late Peter Glenn.
- 7.6. Village drainage and flooding relief – Report in CIS NOTED. Clerk INSTRUCTED to contact Steve Hodges re threshold levels provided for report not usable by residents. NOTED Flood Re insurance scheme now in place.
- 7.7. Shelter for sandbags – Sandbags no longer supplied by Balfour Beatty, Clerk INSTRUCTED to report in parish magazine that as Council do not have funds to pay, householders will have to buy own sandbags.
- 7.8. Flooding outside Swandrift – Report in CIS NOTED. Clerk INSTRUCTED to write to relevant householders with latest response and advise that need to contact Balfour Beatty direct as individuals or a group.
- 7.9. Parish website – Report in CIS NOTED.
- 7.10. Meeting with Ward Cllr and Monkland PC re A44 – Report in CIS NOTED. Ward Cllr will email with possible dates.
- 7.11. Sign near recreation ground re children playing – Report in CIS NOTED. See 7.1 above.
- 7.12. Emptying of dog mess bin – Report in CIS NOTED. Clerk INSTRUCTED to report all bins not being emptied. RESOLVED to remove dog mess bin, Cllr Thomas will action. Clerk INSTRUCTED to provide sign to be sited when bin removed and note in parish magazine.
- 7.13. Defibrillator – Report in CIS NOTED. Update: Clerk advised that free defibrillator unit being offered by West Midlands Ambulance Service not suitable for unqualified community users; Clerk INSTRUCTED to contact Women's Institute; AGREED that fundraising should be undertaken for suitable unit.
- 7.14. Tree assessment – Report in CIS NOTED. AGREED following actions: T2 – Cllrs will visit site and consider action next agenda; T9, T19, T20, T28, T30 – No safety issues, not to be felled; T22, T27 – Cllr Thomas and Tree Warden will review later in year; T29 – Cllrs Thomas and Weir will review re undertaking work; Clerk INSTRUCTED to arrange quote from Dan Wenczek for assessment of T2, T23, T24.

## 8. Planning Applications –

- 8.1 P160973/FH, 3 St Mary's Walk, Eardisland HR6 9BB – Proposed single storey side extension – RESOLVED to support.
- 8.2. NOTED P160538/F, Tividale, Church Road, Eardisland, HR6 9BP – Proposed extension and detached garage/store – Approved with conditions.

## 9. Date for Financial Advisory Working Group – AGREED Thursday 5 May at 3.00 pm. Clerk INSTRUCTED to arrange venue.

## 10. Correspondence – Correspondence in CIS NOTED.

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

Next agenda:

- Eardisland sign at Legions Cross
- Hay Bridge tree T2.

Clerk's action:

- Contact Herefordshire Council again re casual vacancy.

**12. Date of next meeting** – 26 May 2016 at 7.30 pm for Annual Meeting of the Parish Council NOTED.  
Annual Parish Meeting on 12 May at 7.00 pm NOTED – Cllr Weir's apologies given.

This meeting was declared closed at 9.35 pm.

**SIGNED**.....  
(Chairman)

**DATE**.....