

Eardisland Parish Council

Meeting of the Neighbourhood Development Plan Steering Group on
Thursday 6 November 2014 at 19.30 in Eardisland Village Hall

Notes of meeting

Present: Richard Kirby (Chair), Maryan Hanson, George Alderson, Elaine Smith, Caroline Marsden, Barry Freeman, Brian Pollard, Hugh Vernon, John Edwards

In attendance: Alison Sutton, Parish Clerk; 1 member of the public

1. Apologies – Graham Madeley, Jo South, Ruth Brinton-Bivand

2. Review consultation process and way forward –

Following response from Gemma Webster and subsequent questions from Graham Madeley, Clerk read out response from Samantha Banks at Herefordshire Council. Discussion about advice re Call for Sites. Clerk noted document given to Chair by Hugh Lowe at early meeting with outline of 2 sites he wished to put forward for development. Discussed in relation to latest Environment Agency flood map for planning that is now in draft plan. Steering Group voted 7 in favour with 2 abstentions that would not undertake Call for Sites process.

Agreed Caroline will formulate a document with references to Core Strategy and other documents to support the decision not to Call for Sites and why Eardisland will not be able to fulfil the indicative target of 20 houses within the Settlement Boundary.

Clerk asked to set up meeting for Steering Group with Samantha Banks, Gemma Webster if she is still at work and Claire Parker from Kirkwells.

Agreed to continue with consultation process.

3. Finalise consultation events–

Clerk unable to bring print of Consultation document as printer not working, will deliver to Barry by 08.00 tomorrow (Friday 7 November).

Clerk will bring Velcro hooks for displays etc.

Clerk asked to find out timetable for Broadband roll-out to Eardisland.

4. Copy for Parish Magazine –

Barry tabled flyer, amended to remove date for formal consultation. Agreed to delay formal 6-week regulation 14 consultation until after Christmas to give time for final sections of draft to be agreed by Steering Group and full final draft to be adopted by Parish Council at meeting on 8 January 2015.

5. Latest draft –

Still needs last few appendices, Clerk will put these in and then send draft round.

6. Open forum –

More information on website – draft will be on website for informal consultation, watermarked as draft. Worry that process will put different parts of the village against each other. People not disinterested but feel not going to be listened to. Need verbal tree to get the message across.

7. Date and Venue for next meeting – Thursday 20 November at 19.30 in the Village Hall

Alison Sutton – Parish Clerk.

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