

EARDISLAND PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on
Thursday 7 January 2016 at 7.30 pm
in Eardisland Village Hall

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

In Attendance: Parish Clerk Alison Sutton; Ward Cllr Roger Phillips; and 1 member of public

1. **Apologies of absence** – Footpath Officers Jo Watson and Sue Wallis.
2. **Declarations of interest** – Cllrs Weir and Simner DECLARED a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in agenda item 8.1 and Cllr Milchard DECLARED a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in agenda item 5.8.
3. **Minutes of the previous meetings** – 26 November and 3 December 2015. 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: 2% on Council Tax ring-fenced for social care will be shown on separate line on Council Tax bills; arranging meeting in February with operators of anaerobic plants, quarries, Kingspan etc to encourage good practice re road use, PC will be invited; school bus routes changing will contact residents previously in contact with; meeting Chair of NDP to discuss how can support Regulation 14 and beyond; spoken to Ward Cllr Bowen re Lawton Cross and given support; rural grant monies, more details later.
 - 4.3 Local Residents –

Big thanks to all for hard work on New Year’s Eve party.
Moles noted in churchyard – Clerk has contacted PCC.
Lid of bin by Leominster side of bridge damaged and church sign by shop damaged – AGREED Cllr Milchard will investigate repairs.
Chicken droppings in bus shelter – NOTED that unsatisfactory as PC pay for shelter to be cleaned, AGREED Cllr Thomas will speak to owner of chickens.
Fly tipping – 2 incidents recently, Clerk reported incidents to Herefordshire Council.
Vans left in the Village Hall car park – AGREED Cllr Thomas will speak to Hugh Lowe so see if he will approach vehicle owners as owner of car park; if not AGREED Cllr Milchard will speak to vehicle owners; RESOLVED to have new sign made ‘No overnight parking by order of Eardisland Parish Council’, Clerk INSTRUCTED to action.
Drainage outside Swandrift – NOTED that has been reported to Balfour Beatty land drainage team, Clerk INSTRUCTED to contact Locality Steward again.
Comment made re people who buy second homes in village – NOTED that no action is possible to stop this.
5. **Financial Procedures** – The balance of the current account stands at £6,421.29 and the deposit account stands at £5,769.71, as at 2 January 2016. The following payments (excluding VAT) were AGREED and income NOTED. Virements suggested in CIS were ADOPTED and Clerk INSTRUCTED to action:
 - 5.1 Kirkwells Ltd, Planning objection document, £700, C/N 100621 – Paid 3/12/15 under Clerk’s delegated powers
 - 5.2 P Holloway, Mole treatment, £100, C/N 100622
 - 5.3 Groundwork UK, Repayment of NDP grant, £365.04, C/N 100623
 - 5.4 AC Electrics, Village hall heaters, £1,170, C/N 100624
 - 5.5 Hitrees, Lengthsman and Village Hall, £1,104.50, C/N 100625
 - 5.6 C Bivand, Paper for magazine, £5.99, C/N 100626
 - 5.7 Herefordshire Tree Warden Network, Membership, £25, C/N 100627
 - 5.8 P Milchard, Materials to mend board, £21.22, C/N 100628

- 5.9 Alison Sutton, Extra hours and expenses, £988.89, C/N 100629
- 5.10 HMRC, PAYE, £353.80, C/N 100630
- 5.11 Income from Herefordshire Council, Refund of Lengthsman Scheme July-September, £1,992

6. Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) –

- 6.1 Report in CIS NOTED.

7. Parish Reports and Issues –

- 7.1 Lengthsman Scheme – Report in CIS NOTED. NOTED that Balfour Beatty requested to clear gullies throughout village and Clerk waiting for definitive map of ditches owned by Highways.
- 7.2 Footpath Officers – NOTED no report for December.
- 7.3 Eardisland in Bloom – Report in CIS NOTED.
- 7.4 Play area – Report in CIS NOTED.
- 7.5 Eardisland Village Hall Improvement Plan – Reports in CIS NOTED. Update: Gents toilet mended thanks to Edwin Thompson and Bob Aldred. AGREED Village Hall team will complete painting of door frame when weather permits.
- 7.6 Village Groups Events and website – Report in CIS NOTED. Tabled document re updating website NOTED. RESOLVED to accept quote from Ben Woodcock to update website, Clerk INSTRUCTED to action and assist. AGREED to seek sponsorship from businesses to help with cost, offer link to business website, Clerk INSTRUCTED to approach caravan park and Posh Sheds first.
- 7.7 Traffic issues at Lawton Cross – Email to all local Parish Clerks NOTED. Agreed Cllr Milchard will liaise with Barry Freeman on behalf of Eardisland PC.
- 7.8 Community defibrillator – NOTED that agreed between Community Heartbeat, PC, WI and Conservation Officer that site will be in telephone kiosk when decommissioned by BT this year. Community Heartbeat will enable process and hand over ownership to PC 1 year and 1 day after installed.
- 7.9 Arboricultural assessment – Quotes in CIS NOTED. RESOLVED by vote to accept quote from Mark Chester. Clerk INSTRUCTED to confirm no travelling costs and inform that Tree Warden will accompany.
- 7.10 Tree Warden – Report in CIS NOTED. AGREED support training when available, NOTED volunteer willing to help with training costs.
- 7.11 Flag raising – Report in CIS NOTED.

8. Planning Applications –

- 8.1 P153363/FH, Orchard Farm, Eardisland, HR6 9BJ – Proposed erection of a porch, change position of door and window – RESOLVED to support.
- 8.2. NOTED P153676/K, Knapp House, Eardisland, HR6 9BD – Proposed works to various trees – Supported using Clerk's Delegated Powers under Minor Planning Matters Policy.
- 8.3. NOTED P153693/K, Holmlea, Church Road, Eardisland, HR6 9BP – Proposed works to various trees and ivy – Supported using Clerk's Delegated Powers under Minor Planning Matters Policy
- 8.4. NOTED P153694, Earslaen House, Eardisland, HR6 9BD – Proposed works to various trees and ivy – Supported using Clerk's Delegated Powers under Minor Planning Matters Policy
- 8.5. NOTED P152647/N, Shobdon and Hanger Poultry Farm, Shobdon, HR6 9NN – Proposed installation of a BSL 'poultry-manure-to-energy' energy centre – Approved with conditions

9. Part payment for SLCC Clerk's conference fee and change date of February meeting –

RESOLVED to contribute £72.62, based on split of hours undertaken by Clerk. AGREED change of date for next meeting to 18 February.

10. New audit arrangements – RESOLVED to accept automatic inclusion in new Sector-Led Body for audit.

11. Response to transport consultation – Clerk INSTRUCTED to respond that as document highlights activities of accident prevention and safety improvements, Council wishes to see improvements at Lawton Cross as A4110 designated part of strategic road network.

12. Correspondence – Correspondence in CIS NOTED.

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

Clerk’s delegated powers:

- Letter of thanks to owner of Knapp House for prompt response re cutting back tree and hedge.
- Contact commercial companies about property level flood protection material, set up event on a Saturday morning if possible, leaflet all houses in village, aim to recruit network of those willing to help others.
- Contact Matt Kerry again re data on threshold levels and attending river walk on 26 January.

14. Date of next meeting – 18 February 2016 was NOTED.

This meeting was declared closed at 9.30 pm.

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(Chairman)

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