

EARDISLAND PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on
Thursday 18 February 2016 at 7.30 pm
in Eardisland Village Hall

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

In Attendance: Parish Clerk Alison Sutton; Ward Cllr Roger Phillips; Footpath Officer Jo Watson; and 2 members of public

1. **Apologies of absence** – Cllr Edward Thomas; Footpath Officer Sue Wallis.
2. **Declarations of interest** – Cllr Hanson DECLARED a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in agenda item 8.1 and Cllrs Weir and Simner DECLARED a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in agenda item 8.2.
3. **Minutes of the previous meeting** – 7 January 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: 1.9% increase in council tax confirmed, plus 2% increase for social care; also 1.9% increase for fire and police; £87mill taken out of county budget since 2010. U93010 Upper Hardwick in resurfacing programme for surface dressing. Hope to be on board of River Lugg Internal Drainage Board shortly. Police at Pembridge village hall on Saturday 20 February at 10.30 with Smart Water to mark items. Leintwardine planning appeal outcome not yet known, if lost will have serious consequences.
 - 4.3 Local Residents –
 - Old sandbags leaning against village hall chimney breast – AGREED Cllrs and E-team will meet at 9.30 on 27 February to move sandbags.
 - Pothole on C1035, 50 yds past Posh sheds – Clerk INSTRUCTED to report defect.
 - 7,000% increase in local resident’s insurance quote NOTED.
5. **Financial Procedures** – The balance of the current account stands at £2,054.21 and the savings account stands at £5,769.71, as at 12 February 2016. The following payments (excluding VAT) were AGREED and income NOTED. RESOLVED to close savings account and transfer funds to current account with immediate effect and Clerk INSTRUCTED to action:
 - 5.1 Leominster Community Resource Centre, Magazine printing, £165.40, C/N 100631
 - 5.2 C Wilson SignRite signs for car park, £70, C/N 100632
 - 5.3 K Stevens, Hedge trimming, £80, C/N 100633
 - 5.4 Herefordshire Association of Local Councils, Training, £150, C/N 100634
 - 5.5 SLCC, Clerk’s conference fee, £72.60, C/N 100635
 - 5.6 NFU Mutual, Dovecote insurance S137, £1,692.06, C/N 100636
 - 5.7 SignIt, Sliders for notice boards, £40, C/N 100637
 - 5.8 Income from magazine advertising, £70
 - 5.9 Income from Herefordshire Council, Refund of Lengthsman Scheme October-December 2015, £946.50.
6. **Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP)** –
 - 6.1 Report NOTED. Had meetings to consider representations to Regulation 14 and response. Meeting next week with Kirkwells attending to finalise submission document. Once Strategic Environmental Assessment and Habitat Regulations Assessment updated and definitive maps done by Herefordshire will be ready for adoption for submission at March Parish Council meeting.

7. Parish Reports and Issues –

- 7.1 Lengthsman Scheme – Report in CIS NOTED. AGREED work for Lengthsman: clean off road by war memorial, clean gully tops and white lines through village, clean traffic signs through village, cleaning out recreation ground ditch as required and litter pick on Broome Lane from Hay Bridge towards Pembridge. Situation regarding future reduction in Lengthsman and P3 funding NOTED. Annual Maintenance Plan 2016-17 AGREED with minor amendments, Clerk INSTRUCTED to action. Map of public litter bins amended for Balfour Beatty.
- 7.2 Footpath Officers – Report in CIS NOTED. Now confirmed what work can be undertaken under P3. Clerk INSTRUCTED to arrange a meeting between Keith Johnson, Locality Steward, Footpath Officers, Clerk and Cllr re stile on ED7.
- 7.3 Eardisland in Bloom – Report in CIS NOTED. Update: Litter pick on Thursday 10 March.
- 7.4 Play area – Report in CIS NOTED.
- 7.5 Eardisland Village Hall Improvement Plan – Report in CIS NOTED. AGREED Management Committee will consider provision of internet access.
- 7.6 Village Groups Events and website – Report in CIS NOTED.
- 7.7 Traffic issues at Lawton Cross – No report.
- 7.8 Community defibrillator – Report in CIS NOTED. AGREED to pay for installation and on-going cost of emergency telephone. Clerk INSTRUCTED: to get more information on cost of training; to add First Aid training for parish to future agenda. AGREED that Cllr Weir should ask Gillian Vaughn if willing to undertake required weekly checks.
- 7.9 Arboricultural assessment and tree warden – Report in CIS NOTED. Update: Assessment document just received. Clerk INSTRUCTED to forward to Cllrs and add to next agenda.
- 7.10 Drainage outside Swandrift – Emails in CIS NOTED. Ward Cllr Phillips requested to follow-up issue with Balfour Beatty and Herefordshire.
- 7.11 River walk and drainage issues – Report in CIS NOTED. Clerk INSTRUCTED: to write letter of thanks to Connops for work done; follow-up response from Matt Kerry re Wisteria Cottage for next agenda; bring list of threshold levels to event on 5 March. AGREED flyer for event with minor amendments. Cllr Thompson will put around village. Clerk INSTRUCTED to print 130 copies of document and take to Barry Freeman for distribution to all houses in village and within Flood Zone 2/3; Cllrs Milchard, Kirby and Thompson, Caroline Marsden and Jo Watson offered to help distribute.
- 7.12 Bonfire for HM The Queen birthday celebrations and Clean for the Queen litter pick – NOTED litter pick as in 7.1 and 7.3 above. Cllr Hanson will consider siting bonfire at Home Farm.

8. Planning Applications –

- 8.1 Representation at appeal for P150994/F, Home Farm, Eardisland, HR6 9DN – Propose raising roof of existing portal framed agricultural building, including 2 no. additional bays – RESOLVED that no further representation will be made.
- 8.2 Further response to applicant's response to Parish Council objection to P152779/F, Land adjoining Orchard Farm, Eardisland – Proposed construction of 5 no dwellings with garages. Formation of new access and private drive and close existing. Demolition of outbuilding, steel framed barn, wind tunnel and greenhouse – RESOLVED to make further response, Clerk INSTRUCTED to make minor amendments to draft response and action.
- 8.3 NOTED P160394/AM, Tividale, Church Road, Eardisland, HR6 9BP – Non-material amendment to permission 140801/FH (Extension to existing dwelling and detached garage/store) – enlargement of extension footprint – Applied for, no comments being taken.
- 8.4 NOTED P153363/FH, Orchard Farm, Eardisland, HR6 9BJ – Proposed erection of a porch, change position of door and window – Approved.
- 8.5 NOTED P153676/K, Knapp House, Eardisland, HR6 9BD – Proposed works to various trees – Approved.
- 8.6 NOTED P153693/K, Holmlea, Church Road, Eardisland, HR6 9BP – Proposed works to various trees and ivy – Approved.
- 8.7 NOTED P153694, Earslaen House, Eardisland, HR6 9BD – Proposed works to various trees and ivy – Approved.

9. Removal of council tax grant and implications – Implications NOTED.

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

11. Correspondence – Correspondence in CIS NOTED.

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

Next agenda:

- Apologies from Ward Cllr NOTED.

Clerk’s delegated powers:

- Arrange for NDP map from Hoople, cost £46.
- Pay invoice for tree report.
- Arrange separate Annual Parish Meeting date 12 May at 7.00 pm – agenda, NDP referendum, aim to mobilise vote.
- Change date of July PC meeting to 21 July.
- Change date of September meeting to 8 September.
- New schedule of dates to Cllrs, magazine, website and notice boards.

13. Date of next meeting – 24 March 2016 was NOTED.

This meeting was declared closed at 9.35 pm.

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(Chairman)

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