

Eardisland Parish Council

Meeting of the Neighbourhood Development Plan Steering Group on
Thursday 20 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, Graham Madeley, Jo South

In attendance: Alison Sutton, Parish Clerk; Parish Councillors Albert Sheffield, Phil Milchard, Edward Thomas, David Weir and 2 members of the public

1. Apologies – Ruth Brinton-Bivand

2. Consider responses and comments from consultation process –

As the data from the responses was unavailable until this meeting and is not yet complete as the consultation runs until 21 November, it was decided to leave analysis to a further date. A small group from the Steering Group and Parish Council was agreed to consider the data when it is complete. Members are Richard, Caroline, Maryan, Graham, Barry, Albert and Phil. Clerk to provide spreadsheets and comments when final responses included in spreadsheets. **Update – meeting on Thursday 27 November at 14.00 in small room at Village Hall.**

Caroline thanked everyone who made comments whether positive or negative – all the feedback is very useful.

Issue of litigation risk raised. Clerk asked to check with HALC and insurers if individual members of the Steering Group are covered to give information, otherwise Graham felt they could be at risk. Clerk to report back at next meeting.

3. Next steps –

Richard asked for Claire to attend at the same meeting as Herefordshire Council officer(s). HC staff unable to come on 26 November or before January, as currently dealing with parishes who will lose their funding if they do not complete by 31 December.

Discussion about Call for Sites. Noted that don't have to produce 20 houses immediately. Steering Group want technical advice on whether Call for Sites is right for Eardisland or if there is some other method of dealing with issue and definitive answer from HC if have to do a Call for Sites or how to deal things otherwise.

4. Agree next actions –

Clerk asked to find out if small group of SG and PC can go to HC offices for meeting before January. If not ask HC to attend at first meeting.

Agreed to look through responses and amend the draft.

Redo the bulletin boards – lavender this time.

5. Open forum –

Dates for next year – 15 and 29 January, 5 and 19 February agreed. Cancel 18 December.

Article on BBC News noted, it was thought this was about change in NDP law and so better not to do Call for Sites.

Discussion that if keep settlement boundary need to identify where 20 (or less) houses can go, within or adjacent to SB. Land has to be offered for development. If get rid of SB, then can have policies with strict criteria to be met for development.

6. Date and Venue for next meeting – Thursday 4 December at 19.30 in the Village Hall. Small group meeting Thursday 27 November at 14.00 in Village Hall small room.

Alison Sutton – Parish Clerk.

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