

EARDISLAND PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on
Monday 24 February 2020 at 7.30 pm
in Eardisland Village Hall

Present: Cllrs Maryan Hanson (Chair), Richard Kirby, Shelley Connop, David Weir, Reg Curtis and Merry Albright.

In Attendance: Ward Cllr Roger Phillips; Parish Clerk Alison Sutton; 45 members of public.

1. **Apologies of absence** – Cllr Elaine Harper.

2. **Declarations of interest** – None declared.

3. **Public Forum** –

3.1. Local Residents – Catalytic converter stolen from car on drive.

Diesel spill through village last week, needs road sweeper and drains jetted, Clerk INSTRUCTED to report online.

Re item 4: explanation of work in hall NOTED – refurbishment, rewiring, insulation; new heating being undertaken now; demolishing of kitchen extension as moving away from main building; many cracks, damage to external mortar and hole in kitchen wall – all contributing to water ingress; costs as much to repair kitchen extension as to demolish and rebuild kitchen with flood resilience.

Flood protection measures should be installed at hall as part of refurbishment, NOTED already planned, cannot stop future flooding events but hope to reduce water ingress.

PC should accept that cost may be needed to address flooding events in hall in future for clean up etc. NOTED cost of 2 events (October and February) £2,500 in total for dehumidifiers, specialist cleaning, Clerk's salary and mileage, each event costs under flood excess of £2,000 so no claim made, but therefore ring-fenced funding for flood excess offset much of recent costs. Reduce height of road past Stephen's Cottage and height of entrance to field, farmer reinstate ditches so water drains away from School Lane and village hall.

Possibility of central government funding for ditches and drainage to address flooding.

Re item 5: tractor going through village sight-seeing caused more damage and actually flooded some properties – completely unacceptable, Clerk INSTRUCTED to put item in magazine.

Stopping vehicles entering flooded area required, signage and barriers, NOTED conflicting advice about whether possible, REQUESTED Ward Cllr Phillips to clarify if parish volunteers can put out notices and barriers.

NOTED many thanks to E-Team volunteers for work helping affected parishioners clear up.

Need bigger team of people to respond and need to know who needs help. Contact details for plumbers, electricians etc for work post flooding. Need protective clothing and maybe a dinghy.

Advice required on making property resilient, not just installing flood doors.

EVH car park needs attention – NOTED and will be actioned.

Ditches on Burton Lane need work – Clerk INSTRUCTED to report online.

Information received re possible grants from Herefordshire volunteers – NOTED information on PC website last week and alerts sent, parishioners advised to register on website for alerts.

4. **Consider recent flooding events with EVH Management Committee (EVHMC) and agree final plan for work on village hall, planning application and tenders** – RESOLVED to continue with heating installation this week (delayed from last week by flood clean up) and continue with development plan as previously resolved.

5. **Other actions following the flooding** – RESOLVED to: form a Flood Resilience Group, Cllrs Kirby and Connop and volunteers; write Flood Action Plan with designated Flood Wardens and volunteers; consider flood diary facility on PC website to collect photos and information if GDPR issues can be addressed. Clerk INSTRUCTED to: take names of volunteers at meeting, add item to parish magazine

for volunteers; contact Clerks of Bodenham and Hampton Bishop parishes re Flood Groups; contact Herefordshire re funding for ditch clearance; report drain outside Orchard Farm/Ruscote for camera and jetting/clearance; contact Housing Association re contaminated water from sewerage plant on road; add Flood Resilience Group to next agenda.

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

Next agenda:

- As above.

Clerk's action:

- Quote from Hitrees of £420 labour to replace posts of gate on recreation ground, extra post needed as posts swept away by force of flood – action
- Send River Lugg Internal Drainage Board information on houses affected by flooding as requested
- 2 Prior Approval planning applications, one due before next meeting – AGREED reschedule March meeting to 2 March
- Pay Gleanclean, £1,321.92 (inc. £220.32 VAT)
- As above.

7. Date of next meeting – Thursday 2 March 2020 at 7.30 pm (rescheduled from 12 March).

This meeting was declared closed at 9.00 pm.

SIGNED.....*J. Jefferson*.....
(Chair)

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