

EARDISLAND PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on
Thursday 11 June 2020 at 7.00 pm
By Zoom

Present: Cllrs Richard Kirby (Chair), Shelley Connop, Reg Curtis, Elaine Harper and Merry Albright.

In Attendance: Ward Cllr Roger Phillips; Parish Clerk Alison Sutton; 9 members of public.

1. **Apologies of absence** – Cllrs Maryan Hanson and David Weir.
2. **Declarations of interest** – Cllrs Albright and Curtis DECLARED an interest in item 7.2. and left the meeting during the item.
3. **Minutes of the previous meeting** – 28 May 2020. These were ADOPTED, will be signed when circumstances permit.
4. **Code of Conduct dated June 2020** – ADOPTED, will be signed when circumstances permit.
5. **Public Forum** –
 - 5.1. West Mercia Police – Police contact details in Clerk’s Information Sheet (CIS) NOTED.
 - 5.2. Ward Councillor – Report in CIS NOTED. Update: declared prejudicial interest in 7.3. – left meeting while considered; Covid19 updates sent to councillors and clerks; information on village greens recently obtained; Lawtons Cross work should be able to be completed within 5 week period, once A49 closure dates ascertained, so no cross-over.
 - 5.3. Local Residents – NOTED Chair’s statement: information received in last 2 days, most importantly today, that issue of riparian ownership and responsibility for area beside bridge is not as thought and may be in parish council ownership, awaiting confirmation from Herefordshire Council when documents can be retrieved; suggestion that put issue of work on silt in river to one side until full details obtained; suggestion that once out of Covid parish council will arrange meeting with Environment Agency, Herefordshire Council and landowners on river about riparian responsibilities, what can be done on river and what cannot be done by private residents, dredging is not in that category though maintenance may be but need to discuss; not on parish council Asset Register, not been able to find out until last few days that land registered as village green but does not establish ownership; apology made that parish council may have got riparian ownership issue wrong but hope parishioners will realise it as honest mistake as correct data not available until now, recognise anger and upset among some parishioners over issue. Issue about noise nuisance from Dauphin style Jet Rangers – NOTED military aircraft, not from Shobdon and not in Shobdon’s control, outside noise abatement zone but very noisy so issue; Ward Cllr REQUESTED to take issue to military via Member of Parliament. Query re recording of meeting, NOTED not available to public, deleted as soon as minutes adopted.
Re 7.3. Green recovery will shape future, concern over expanding size of caravans, increase in pollution and traffic, effect of caravans on river bank on birds, animals and flora, effect of the lake on other ecology, light pollution from buildings in caravan park, denial of parishioners use of footpath which is access during flood events.
Re 7.3. Caravan park won conservation award, lots of birds still fly up and down river, 1200 trees planted, application not to increase numbers but stretch area of caravans, area of application is mown area within feel of the park; hoping to reopen on 4 July, not on radar to move other vans but could look at it.
Will wait till meeting with EA to put points.
Work to remove grass and trees should be done while river low as now, NOTED that cannot undertake work till July anyway due to regulations.

- 6. Financial Procedures** – The balance of the current account of £37,943.44 as at 7/6/2020 was NOTED. Balance includes: committed reserves of £2,000 for insurance flood excess and £5,000 for EVH development work. NOTED items 6.1. to 6.6. paid under Clerk's delegated powers online, as full online banking access now available, letter to close Barclays account will now be sent, compensation from both banks from problems with transfer process:
- 6.1. Herefordshire Association of Local Councils, Subscription for 2020-21, £472.82 (inc. £78.80 VAT) – Paid by BACS on 10/6/20 under delegation from 28/5/20 meeting.
 - 6.2. B Woodcock, Community website hosting and domain registration, £48.70 – Paid by BACS on 10/6/20 under delegation from 28/5/20 meeting.
 - 6.3. Herefordshire Council, Election fee from 2019-20, £88.87 – Paid by BACS on 10/6/20 under delegation from 28/5/20 meeting.
 - 6.4. Arthur J Gallagher (Came and Company), Insurance, £934.18 – Paid by BACS on 10/6/20 under delegation from 28/5/20 meeting.
 - 6.5. eUKhost Ltd, Website security software, £82.48 (inc. £13.73 VAT) – Paid by BACS on 10/6/20 under delegation from Financial regulations and agreement of 2 signatories
 - 6.6. Eardisland PCC, Grant for church mowing, £1,000 – Paid by BACS on 10/6/20 under delegation from 9/1/20 meeting and agreement of 2 signatories, after noting NALC advice on unsure legal position.
 - 6.7. Hitrees Ltd, Lengthsman/P3 work, £336 (inc. £56 VAT) – Paid by BACS on 15/6/20.
 - 6.8. J Knight, Cleaning bus shelter April-June, £30 – Paid by BACS on 15/6/20.
 - 6.9. Alison Sutton, Salary, repayment of items purchased for PC (£527.95) and expenses, £1,713.64 – Paid by BACS on 15/6/20.
 - 6.10. HM Revenue and Customs, PAYE paid on behalf of Clerk, £282.20 – Paid by BACS on 15/6/20.
 - 6.11. Income, Compensation from Barclays, £100.
 - 6.12. Income, Compensation from NatWest, £200.
- 7. Planning Applications** – To comment on applications to be determined by Herefordshire Council
- 7.1. NOTED 01042/FH, Bramlyn, Eardisland, HR6 9AR – Proposed modifications to existing house and extensions to house. New garage – SUPPORTED under Minor Planning Matters Policy: conforms to NDP policies E1 and E2.
 - 7.2. P201529/FH, The Granary, Lynch Court, Eardisland, HR6 9AR – Proposed new oak framed garage – RESOLVED to support, conforms to NDP policy E1.
 - 7.3. P201651/F, Arrowbank Caravan Park, Eardisland, HR6 9BG – Proposed variation of condition 1 of planning permission DCNW2005/3093/F (Removal of Condition 9 attached to appeal decision planning ref: 94/0672/C and 95/0053/C. Siting of caravans) to facilitate a better site layout – RESOLVED to comment as follows: concern about further lights that challenge NDP policy E6 on Dark Skies, already issue with current lights on caravan park not conforming to policy; concern that lifting condition will open up a developable area if ownership changed; if condition lifted, would like area to be used to reduce density on rest of site and release land by river to re-instate lost footpath, to improve relations with parish; note increased size of modern vans leading to greater impact and would like condition of compensatory ecological improvements to reduce impact; would like no change in occupancy conditions from other vans; would like condition that as application will bring site to permitted number of 105, no further increase in numbers of caravans or use of peripheral lands be permitted.
- 8. Parish Reports and Issues** –
- 8.1. Lengthsman Scheme – Report in CIS NOTED. Clerk INSTRUCTED to: ask Lengthsman to install white gates as soon as possible and provide quotes as previously requested for next meeting; straighten speed limit sign Pembridge end.
 - 8.2. Dredging of Mill Stream and main river – RESOLVED to leave discussion of main river silting until ownership position clarified. Quotes not available for work on Mill Stream – defer to next meeting.
 - 8.3. Play area – Report in CIS NOTED. RESOLVED to commission annual inspection from previous provider once repair completed on aerial runway.
 - 8.4. Village hall carpark – Quote for repair work not available – defer to next meeting.

- 8.5. War memorial carpark – Report NOTED. Herefordshire reviewing Community Asset Transfer process, will be able to apply when review complete, will have to pay legal fees.
- 8.6. Hand sanitiser for Coronavirus Volunteer Group – Report in CIS NOTED. RESOLVED to purchase as required by Volunteer Group.
- 8.7. Eardisland Flooding Response Plan – RESOLVED: once lockdown lifted, have meeting of Cllrs Kirby and Connop, Clerk and interested parishioners to turn draft into full plan; need to link to Environment Agency and Herefordshire’s flood warning alert systems and approach fire service for training. Clerk INSTRUCTED to send draft plan to parishioners on request.

9. Correspondence – Correspondence in CIS NOTED: invitation to Community First event previously circulated; one complaint about repeated bonfires by one person, parishioner advised needs to be reported to Environmental Health at time of incident.

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

Next agenda:

- Ownership of land and riparian responsibilities – if information available
- Accounts for 2019-20
- As above.

Clerk’s action:

- NOTED thanks from EVHMC to Cllr Albright for letter to MP re flood grant, obtained grant of £362 in respect of lost revenue during flooding
- Cllr Connop to send quotes to Clerk before next meeting
- As above.

11. Date of next meeting – Thursday 9 July 2020 at 7.00 pm by Zoom.

This meeting was declared closed at 8.35 pm.

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Chair