

EARDISLAND PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on
Monday 2 August 2021 at 7.00 pm
in Eardisland Village Hall

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

In Attendance: Parish Clerk Alison Sutton; 6 members of public.

1. **Apologies of absence** – Cllrs Reg Curtis and Elaine Harper; Ward Cllr Roger Phillips.
2. **Declarations of interest** – Cllr Kirby DECLARED interests in item 5.2 and left the meeting for the relevant items.
3. **Public Forum** –
 - 3.1. **Local Residents** –
 - Re 5.1. – Steps and damaged wall on village green to west of bridge are breaching point, offer to help; what depth are bridge foundations and are grants available to restore river banks if weir lowered; no mention of water levels if weir lowered; even if silt removed, will build up again; Environment Agency (EA) said berm does not affect flooding.
 - Re 5.2. – Half of site in Conservation Area; against protected view 1 of NDP; agricultural use; field used as vehicle storage, then building materials, then tons of soil from another site; in flood zone 3, increased risk of flooding elsewhere from material in field.
 - Other matters – Pavements over bridge need cutting back.
4. **Planning Applications** – To comment on applications to be determined by Herefordshire Council
 - 4.1. P212831/K, Toad Hall, HR6 9BE – Group of five Cypress (T1) – carefully fell in sections to as near ground level as possible. Elm (T2) – to carry out light remedial pruning to prevent further encroachment towards property and lightly trim clear of electricity cables, but retaining screening – RESOLVED to support and comment: prefer to see stumps completely ground out and replanting with low growing trees.
5. **Parish Reports and Issues** –
 - 5.1. **Work on river** – Report on site visit and costings from Aquatic Restorations and other requirements NOTED:
 - Bespoke permit required from EA, total cost £968, state takes 2 months to give permit decision, would try to provide earlier as deadline for work is 1 October;
 - Method Statement and Risk Assessment required with application – draft sent to Cllrs also sent to EA to check and advise on;
 - if permit cost split with Arrow Bank owners, clearance of reeds and 0.5m silt by Arrow Bank, cost £10,084 inc. VAT;
 - village green to west of bridge, silt removal, hire of silt curtain + hired-in plant insurance, half permit cost, rock and stakes to put in new edge wall, cost £5,863 +VAT + cost of rock and stakes (awaiting final quote);
 - silt in river to east of bridge, suction dredge, cost £10,000
 - all work areas require tractor with trailer and digger (2 drivers) available while work undertaken to move silt straight away to riverside upstream or side of Southalls Brook north of Tadpole bridge, silt to be left on side of watercourse for 3 days before being moved back from edge.

RESOLVED to: Apply for permit when further information available; delay work until after 14 March 2022, as timescale too tight for work this year. Clerk INSTRUCTED to: obtain quotes for repair of current wall and filling in of steps on west of bridge, add into costs; add £250 day hire

of tractor/trailer and digger + labour into costs, get quotes for labour; ask EA if sluices can be opened to reduce water in river, check how this affects use of amphibious machinery; ask EA and River Lugg Internal Drainage Board if silt can go on side of Southalls Brook for water life to go into brook, before silt moved away from edge; check bespoke permit is for at least 12 months; as PC arranging work, once total cost known ask EA officer who has liaised over report if EA can provide grant for all/some of work.

- 5.2. Field on C1035 by Dump Lane – Report NOTED: new owner has put vehicles, followed by building materials and then tons of soil from another site on field; test holes also appear to have been dug. RESOLVED to: contact Enforcement as soil forming bund on field in flood zone 3 hindering water flow in area; contact EA re waste licence and material stored on flood plain; ask planning officer if article 4 can be applied. Clerk INSTRUCTED to action.

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

Next agenda:

- Footpaths
- Fence between Staick House and village green on east of bridge
- As above.

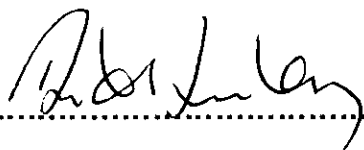
Clerk's Action:

- Pay Cadent Gas invoice when quote received
- Pay Hereford Heating Ltd, Removal of boiler and other works, £611.40 (inc. £101.90 VAT)
- Instruct Lengthsman to strim and cut back hedge on footpath to church and strim from bowling club to end of recreation ground
- Ask Ward Cllr Phillips who is Cabinet Member for flood management and ask to Parish Meeting
- As above.

7. **Date of next meetings** – 9 September 2021 at 7 pm in Eardisland Village Hall; Parish Meeting 16 September at 7 pm in EVH.

This meeting was declared closed at 8.25 pm.

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