

**EARDISLAND PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on  
Thursday 21 October 2021 at 7.00 pm  
in Eardisland Village Hall

**Present:** Cllrs Richard Kirby (Chair), Maryan Hanson (Vice Chair), Reg Curtis, Elaine Harper, Shelley Connop (part) and Merry Albright.

**In Attendance:** Ward Cllr Roger Phillips; Parish Clerk Alison Sutton; 1 member of public.

1. **Apologies of absence** – Cllr David Weir.

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

3. **Public Forum** –

3.1. **Local Residents** – Harpers cannot charge for lost time – delay agreed by PC as unable to continue building programme without remedial work.

4. **Remedial work on village hall roof rafters** –

Report NOTED as follows:

- Insurance claim not possible
- Grant application made to Herefordshire Community Foundation (HCF) for £10k, previous application withdrawn
- Clerk had meeting with Dave Tristram – advised 4 charities that EVHMC can apply to, could raise £10-18k, agreed with Chair of EVHMC to help prepare applications; advised more local fundraising
- Business in parish offered interest-free loan over 5 years if shortfall
- Reroofing – started June 2000; contractor given 1 month to carry out rectification June 2001; remedial work not satisfactory and agreed retention should not be paid, Sept-Oct. 2001; final work done by local contractor March 2002
- All payments from PC as Harpers contract with PC – EVHMC invoiced via PC for work it is responsible for
- When remedial costs agreed, require increase in EVH expenditure budget line to include EVHMC payments and new income budget line for donations from EVHMC to include VAT; no reclaim of VAT on elements paid for by EVHMC
- Current situation – ballpark figure from Harpers today £17-18k; if HCF grant awarded still £5k shortfall on ballpark figure.

RESOLVED: unable to accept cost at this level; need review of costs by another party and negotiation if reviewed cost lower; need extra meeting in 1 week. Clerk INSTRUCTED to: obtain itemised cost quote from Harpers; ask structural surveyor who provided remedial plan to review cost quote if willing, if not investigate alternative for review of costs; assist EVHMC to apply for grants; investigate further PC grant applications.

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

Next agenda:

- As above.

Clerk's Action:

- Pay invoice – J Harper & Sons (Leominster) Ltd, Valuation 1 for works completed, £22,521.86 (inc. £5,586.98 – Paid online 23/10/21 following delegation at meeting on 21/10/21
- Arrange extra meeting for 28/10/21
- As above.

6. **Date of next meetings** – Extra Meeting 28 October 2021 at 7.30 pm; next usual meeting 11 November at 7 pm in Eardisland Village Hall.

This meeting was declared closed at 8.05 pm.

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Chair

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