

EARDISLAND PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on
Thursday 10 February 2022 at 7.00 pm
in Eardisland Village Hall

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

In Attendance: Ward Cllr Roger Phillips; Parish Clerk Alison Sutton.

- 1. Apologies of absence** – Cllrs Maryan Hanson and David Weir.
- 2. Declarations of interest** – Cllr Albright DECLARED an interest in item 6.1. and left the meeting during the item.
- 3. Minutes of the previous meetings** – 13 January 2022. These were ADOPTED and signed.
- 4. Public Forum** –
 - 4.1. West Mercia Police – Police contact details in Clerk’s Information Sheet (CIS) NOTED.
 - 4.2. Ward Councillor – Report in CIS NOTED. Update NOTED: Go Wild in the Curl project seen 20% drop in phosphates over project period, new wider Arrow catchment project planned. Budget to be considered on 11 February, likely to be 2% increase plus 1% social care charge increase. Spatial Options consultation, suggest dispersed growth in market towns and rural areas to preserve rural economy and resilience.
 - 4.3. Local Residents – None.
- 5. Financial Procedures** – The balance of the current account of £31,562.43 as at 6/2/22 was NOTED. Balance includes: committed reserves of £2,500 for insurance flood excess. RESOLVED to undertake virements of: Maintenance of £400 to Lengthsman, £80 to Room hire and £20 to Website and communications. Actual payments, receipts and variance against budget REVIEWED and AGREED as in appendix attached when minutes adopted:
 - 5.1. Flying Colours Flagmakers Ltd, Jubilee flag, £35.94 (inc. £5.99 VAT) – Paid online 6/2/22 following delegation on 13/1/22 and confirmation from 2 signatories.
 - 5.2. Hitrees Ltd, EVH carpark work, £624 (inc. £104 VAT) – Paid online 11/2/22 following delegation on 10/2/22.
 - 5.3. Eardisland Village Hall, Room hire, £120 – Paid online 11/2/22 following delegation on 10/2/22.
 - 5.4. Herefordshire Association of Local Councils, Subscription, £491.81 (inc. £81.97 VAT) – Paid online 11/2/22 following delegation on 10/2/22.
 - 5.5. PIP Printing, January magazine, £139.57 – Paid online 11/2/22 following delegation on 10/2/22.
 - 5.6. Income from HMRC, Reclaim December VAT, £6,336.65.
 - 5.7. Income from donation for EVH work, £5,500.
 - 5.8. Income from magazine advertising donations, £82.
- 6. Planning Applications** – To comment on applications to be determined by Herefordshire Council
 - 6.1. P220298/FH, Toad Hall, HR6 9BE - Replacement of existing outbuildings with new single storey Border Oak ancillary outbuilding – RESOLVED to support and comment: proposed development is environmentally superior to current buildings and complies with NDP policy E1; request condition that no more trees are removed.
- 7. Parish Reports and Issues** –
 - 7.1. Lengthsman Scheme – Report in CIS NOTED. Clerk INSTRUCTED to inform contractor that very pleased with high standard of work. Drainage grant – Clerk INSTRUCTED to obtain quotes and apply for funds for: ditch clearance along length of Burton Lane, on Lyme Lane from C1035 to Hinton Manor entrance, on C1035 from Swandrift to Kingfisher House; clearance of grips through parish; clearing silt from Millstream by shop.
 - 7.2. Permissive path from Lyme Lane to Broome Lane – No further report.

- 7.3. EVH Development Group and EVH work – Report NOTED: Harpers installed single glazed windows not double glazed as in plans, also need trickle vents; Clerk checked with Building Control that will not be signed of as is now; misuse of toilets by contractors and damage to locked cleaner’s cupboard; increase of 2,000 units of electricity during work, £346 cost. Clerk INSTRUCTED to write to Harpers. RESOLVED: to withhold final payment until windows replaced. Official opening NOTED for Saturday 23 April at 10.00, RESOLVED to fund refreshments. Clerk INSTRUCTED to: ask parishioner to photograph event; advertise opening in parish magazine, Hereford Times and social media. NOTED would like parishioner(s) who attended school in building to open new kitchen, Cllr Albright to make enquiries.
- 7.4. Environment and Sustainability Group – Report in CIS NOTED. Clerk INSTRUCTED to draft climate and biodiversity emergency document for March agenda.
- 7.5. Eardisland Flood Response Group – Update NOTED: Meeting with Fire & Rescue Service, officers like Flood Response Plan and want close ties and to be involved; plan to have exercise in summer to show community their capability for rescue. Clerk INSTRUCTED to advertise Fire and Safety checks again in magazine and social media.
- 7.6. The Queen’s Jubilee – NOTED and agreed offer of site for bonfire on 2 June; consider event for Sunday 5 June lunchtime. Clerk INSTRUCTED to: organise open meeting for interested people and organisations on 31 March at 7.00 to plan events; contact parish groups and ask to attend.
- 7.7. Core Strategy Review Consultation – AGREED response to Spatial Options consultation.
- 7.8. Request to use recreation ground for parking for wedding on 4 June – AGREED but request to ensure cleared by early evening at latest so can be used for Jubilee events.
- 7.9. Share a care – Report in CIS NOTED.

8. **Recruitment** – Job description AGREED; closing date for applications 9 March.

9. **Correspondence** – List in CIS NOTED.

10. Matters for next agenda or action under Clerk’s delegated powers (no discussion)

Next Agenda:

- Code of Conduct consultation
- As above.

Clerk’s Action:

- Litter pick – 19 March
- 220343 – contact Cllrs using Minor Planning Matters Policy
- March magazine appeal for final donations.

11. **Date of next meeting** – 10 March at 7.00pm in Eardisland Village Hall. NOTED Cllrs Albright and Connop may be late/apologies.

This meeting was declared closed at 9.14 pm.

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Chair