

EARDISLAND PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on
Thursday 28 April 2022 at 7.00 pm
in Eardisland Village Hall

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

In Attendance: Parish Clerks Alison Sutton and Debbie Cottam. 17 members of public.

1. **Apologies of absence** – Cllrs David Weir and Reg Curtis. Ward Cllr Roger Phillips.
2. **Declarations of interest** – Cllr Kirby DECLARED an interest in item 4.1. and left meeting during 3.1. and this item.
3. **Public Forum** –
 - 3.1. Local Residents – Re item 4.1.
Parish Council objected unanimously before, hope will do so again. New plan has same design number as previous. 3 ‘cottages’ have been turned 90⁰, no other change. NDP is part of planning policy, application against NDP. Environment Agency (EA) states field in FZ3, agent says not in FZ3, some of land not in FZ3. NDP states rural village and most of field in FZ2-3. Nothing changed with amended plan. Is there any objective evidence that weather will be drier?
4. **Planning Applications** – To comment on applications to be determined by Herefordshire Council
 - 4.1. P214073/F, Land adjacent to Arrow Lea, HR6 9BU – 6 no. dwellings with garages – Re-consultation on amended and additional documents – RESOLVED to object and comment: points made in previous response stand and must be taken into account; application site is functional floodplain, serves to soak up water, if houses built lessens value as floodplain; flood risk from proposal; Resilience Team state safe access/egress not addressed, would have to evacuate before any flood event; proposed pump system liable to fail, not recommended as risk of sewage contamination on site and road; according to documents 3 percolation test pits done but results for only 2 and done in July which is not representative; small estate changes nature of village, row of 3 does not enhance but damages protected view 1 in NDP therefore in non-conformity; against settlement pattern, Heritage Officer objects and states would not achieve farmstead plan described in documents; not against development in field as such but non-conformity with NDP as 6 dwellings, not 5 or less as in NDP; 10 permitted dwellings already in parish, this application does not meet need for small houses; environmental issue as heat pump supplemented with wood burning stoves which are no longer recommended; pre-application changes to site including tree removal have reduced biodiversity and already damaged site; development should conserve, restore and enhance biodiversity not damage it; email from agent incorrect – flooding regularly occurs immediately outside site not just further up road and surface/foul water strategies not accepted by Land Drainage team; request Planning Officer clarifies which drawing is live as same number on original and amended plan.
5. **Parish Reports and Issues** –
 - 5.1. Core Strategy Review Policy Options Consultation – Response AGREED.
 - 5.2. Rural Settlements Services and Environmental Survey – Response AGREED.
6. **Matters for next agenda or action under Clerk’s delegated powers (no discussion)**
Clerk’s Action:
 - Village Safety Initiative – put forward ‘7.5 ton weight limit except for access’ sign Leominster side of Lawtons Cross, 20mph zone through village, removal of 60mph sign in middle of village on Broome Lane.
 - Arrange meeting with River Lugg Internal Drainage Board (RLIDB) officer 11.00 on 9 May.
 - Mowing – obtain more quotes – one received for £3,350 felt to be too expensive.

- As above.

7. **Date of next meetings** – Annual Parish Meeting 12 May at 6.30 pm followed by Annual Meeting of PC at 7.00 pm – all meetings in Eardisland Village Hall.

This meeting was declared closed at 8.58 pm.

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Chair