

EARDISLEY GROUP PARISH COUNCIL

(Eardisley, Winforton, Whitney-on-Wye)

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting: - 17th May 2010 – Eardisley Village Hall

Councillors present: Mr C Skelton (Chairman); Mr N Baker; Mr C Davies; Mr P Eggerton; Mr A Layton; Mr T Morgan; Mr A Preece; Mr P Whittall; Mr K Goodman; Mrs S Prosser; Mr L Price; Mr A Raymond; Mr A Watkins

In Attendance: Mrs S Brown (Clerk)

1 - Mr Clive Skelton was re-elected as CHAIRMAN and Mr K Goodman was re-elected as VICE CHAIRMAN **ACTION**

Andrew Layton thanked Clive for all his hard work during the last year.

2 - Apologies – NONE

3 - Declarations of Interest – NONE

4 - Minutes of previous meeting 15th March 2010 – these were agreed and signed by the Chairman, as a true record.

The Chairman welcomed Mrs S Brown as the new clerk. The Chairman thanked Mrs M Tree for her work as clerk, a letter of thanks to be sent.

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5 - Councillor Vacancy – there have been no nominations. The Chairman will look to co-opt someone who has expressed an interest in joining the PC.

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6 - Report from John Hope:-

i) - He thanked the PC for their help.

ii) - Offices in Plough Lane have been purchased and will be the main centre for HC/NHS. Looking to reduce personnel by 100

iii) - Amey are saving HC £1,000.000 p.a. They are coping well with the challenge. Pot-holes can be reported on 01432 261800. They are dealing with 17,000 annually instead of 3,000.

iv) - New cattle market – work starts this month. A cinema, department store and small food market will be built on the old market site.

v) - Recycling – tripled in the last 12 months. Service operated during the bad weather.

7 - Public Participation Period:-

Matters discussed included;

i) – Wind turbine transportation – a meeting due to be held shortly as no contact since the trial run

ii) – Whitney – traffic lights since the road slippage, stalled because of the difficult site. Some dispute as to who is responsible for drains and pot-holes – is it HC or Amey?

JH

iii) – Paul Whittall had been sent forms for a Community Project Grant Scheme which could be used for local community improvements. Forms to be passed to interested parties via clerk.

Clerk

iv) – Planning permission for a new medical centre in Kington has been approved. A longer lease was available for Eardisley surgery, the Practice would like to purchase the building. There would be a clause in the sale preventing development of the site. The car park is currently used by the school and the surgery - ownership needs to be clarified. The car park markings and access to the surgery need to be improved to help

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visually impaired patients

v) – **PACT** meeting to be held at 7.00pm, 19th May at LHS

8 – Planning Groups:-formed as follows -

Eardisley – Mr. A Preece; Mr. P Whittall; Mr. N Baker; Mr. C Davies; Mr. Phil Eggerton

Winforton – all Councillors

Whitney – all Councillors

9 – The following **Finance Group** was elected:-

Mr. A Layton; Mrs. S Prosser and Mr. P Whittall

The following **Footpath Wardens** were elected:-

Eardisley – Mr. P Whittall and Mr. N Baker

Winforton – Mrs. Sue Warne (Mrs. Prosser to confirm this with her)

Whitney – Mr. A Watkins

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The **Tree Warden** was elected – Mr. A Layton

The **Eardisley Village Hall Representative** was elected – Mr. A Preece and Mr. C Davies

The **Millennium Green Representative** was elected – Mr. A Layton and Mr. N Baker

10 – Rave in Eardisley – No complaints this year (several received in 2009) The whole thing was well organized and run. No problems reported. An enforcement team + licensing team + Police officers in the village. Cost for this –very high

11 – Kington Medical Centre – already discussed. Site opposite Arrow Plant Hire, Planners had recommended refusal but overturned by Councillors

Eardisley Surgery – repeat prescriptions can be a problem, they can be emailed

12 – Chevrons (bend at S end of Eardisley) – J Hope reported that there are 2 chevrons again

Traffic Calming measures in Eardisley – it was **resolved** to approach English Heritage for money to fund a professional report re. the traffic calming

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13 – Freighter Lorry – it was **resolved not** to order the freighter lorry as the charge had now increased to £380.00

J Hope reported that there will be a new recycling facility in Kington at Arrow Plant by end of 2010

14 – Footpath-Upper Court to Eardisley listed building consent has been sought to reduce the steps at Upper Court to enable footpath

15 – Response to Place Shaping Paper – awaiting response from HC to Chairman's letter. Shape of Herefordshire until 2026

16 – Public Transport Issues in Eardisley – the 446 route Almeley to Hereford service currently goes via Kinnersley. From September 2010 the service will revert back to the old route not via Kinnersley as no-one used it. There is a problem with the times of the Kington bus. Matter to be raised with transport dept.

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17 – Wind Turbine Transportation Trial – these had serious implications for commercial premises in Eardisley. It was **resolved** to hold an open meeting in order to form a small sub-committee/group with some PC members and members of the public. John Hope to liaise to set up regular meetings with HC etc.

18 – Parish Council Emergency Coordinator - it was **resolved** not to appoint an emergency coordinator

19 – Lengthsman Scheme – it was **resolved** to ask the current Lengthsman to continue for 2010/11. Mr. P Eggerton is the PC liaison.

20 – Finance – it was **resolved** to pay

i) - Lengthsman Invoice £784.90

ii) – Insurance Policy £545.46

iii) – HALC subscription £250.21

21 – Correspondence – letter from the residents of Millstream Gardens re. the planting of trees to replace those recently felled. They are paying for the trees and will help to maintain them.

22 – Planning –

Applications supported under PC Policy

DMNW/100508/FH.

Common Cottage, Nicholas Common, Winforton, Herefordshire HR3 6EB

Proposed erection of 2 storey extension

Planning permissions granted by Herefordshire Council

Following Appeal

DCNW2009/0093/F – 16/12/08

Agricultural storage building and kennels at Brilley Wood, Brilley, Herefordshire HR3 6JE

Planning permissions refused by Herefordshire Council

None

23 – Matters raised for next agenda –

Donation of bench by Mr. B Griffiths

Grass cutting schedule

Growth of trees obscuring signage at Whitney

PO box at Crowe

Wind turbine group report

Sandbag provision

Purchase of a second SID

24 - Date of next Meeting – 19th July 2010 – Noted

Meeting closed at 9.10pm

SIGNED

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