

# **EARDISLEY GROUP PARISH COUNCIL**

*(Eardisley, Winforton, Whitney-on-Wye)*

## **MINUTES – Monday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2015 in Eardisley Village Hall**

### **PRESENT**

Mr A Watkins (Chair); Mr P Whittall; Mr T Morgan; Mr C Davies; Mr T Raymond; Mr A Layton; Mr S Whittall; Mr J Forrest; Mr K Goodman; Mr P Eggerton; Mr R Taylor; Mr C Skelton; Mr A Preece

### **IN ATTENDANCE**

Clerk to the Parish Council – Mrs S Brown

14 members of the public

**1 APOLOGIES:** -- Mrs S Prosser; Mr L Price; Mr J Wyatt

**2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** - None

**3 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:** - The Minutes were agreed and signed by the Chairman, as a true record.

**4 Report from Cllr Clive Skelton:** - Settling in now as a Ward Councillor. Stop notice has been served on the business currently operating at vacated JDC garage premises

**5 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PERIOD:-**

Items discussed included-

Vacated JDC garage premises – current use

Cheque for £2000 from Tarmac towards cost of village gateways

Defibrillator – local.

**6. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN:** - Report from Ms N James

The Neighbourhood Planning Team at Herefordshire Council has taken on the responsibility for the next stages of the Plan.

- Sam Banks and Andrew Ashcroft have signed off the Plan to go for Independent Examination.
- Gemma Webster, our former Team adviser is coming back from maternity leave and will see the Plan through the examination. Good news.
- Sam has asked NPIERS to recommend examiners with experience of rural and flooding issues. She has received 3 CVs, one of which is much more appropriate than the others. Sam recommends strongly that the PC goes with this recommendation and wants to move fast because other parishes will be trying to get this examiner too.
- It is expected that the Core Strategy will go to Council in October or November.
- Sam Banks recommends that she and Gemma meet the Environment Agency to provide further evidence of our compliance with EA requirements – to address their objection to the Plan at Reg 16. Bill Blossome (planner) has submitted a document to Sam proposing small changes in Plan policy wordings to assure the EA the Plan really is compliant. He will go to the meeting too.
- Any evidence, proposed changes to words, or other agreements coming out of the meeting with the EA will go directly to the examiner. We cannot make any more changes in the Plan.

In the meantime, the RBS has made a planning application for the Old Sawmills site. There is pressure on RBS to get rid of property fast in preparation for the sale of the Bank announced by Mr Osborne.

The application could have been for anything..... But they stuck to what they have been saying recently, that they would try to work with the Plan.

This application complies very well with the conditions laid down in Plan policy MD1 for the development of that site – some things aren't quite right but there's nothing that cannot be sorted out.

What happens next is very important. If the application does not succeed, RBS will have to dump the site. It shouldn't be hard for the committee to pass a mixed use proposal for a brown field site.

**BUT**

The EA has objected to the application. What is needed is strong support, based on the terms in the NP –

- the planning officer's report
- our ward member's statement at committee (plus encouraging other members)
- representations, especially from the PC

From now on, it's the Plan that has material consideration. The PC has an obligation in law to deliver the Plan.

It was **RESOLVED** to ask HC to appoint Ann Skippers as external examiner for the EGPC Neighbourhood Plan

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7. **TRAFFIC & HIGHWAYS** – Report from Mr R Burrage –  
NP showed traffic (volume & speed) as a major concern of residents in all 3 parishes.  
Community Speed Watch – 150+ letters sent  
Public Meeting – 9<sup>th</sup> October in EVH  
Liaison with Tarmac – useful meeting  
Winforton HGV survey – will take place soon  
Village Gateway Project  
Details of village gateway schemes outlined and the case for each request – see below – given in more detail by various members of the Working Party.
- It was **RESOLVED** to send letters of support to BBLP about the following -
- A letter from the Parish Council requesting the 40mph zone on the eastern side of Winforton is reduced to 30mph.
  - A letter from the Parish Council requesting the speed limit through Whitney is reduced from 50mph to 40mph in line with other similar areas along the A438.
  - A Request for a letter from the Parish Council requesting the 30mph signs are moved further west on the western side of Winforton. – **NOT APPROVED**
- 8 **LITTER** in parishes – BBLP has sent information to all PCs about community litter picks.  
Cost of maintenance and repair of litter bins, new/replacement bins located in rural areas (outside of market towns and Hereford) will be the responsibility of the relevant PC.
- 9 **LENGTHSMAN/P3 SCHEME** – These are currently under review by HC for 2016/17. All councillors to give details of any work required to Clerk
- 10 **WINFORTON WOODS** – Mr J Forrest explained history. Requested that enforcement officer is involved. Cllr Skelton to investigate situation
- 11 **Request from Hereford CAB** – It was **RESOLVED** to send a donation of £50 to Hereford CAB
- 12 **VICTORIA CROSS** – Location of memorial stone in Whitney. Local councillors to suggest suitable places.
- 13 **FINANCE:** -  
External Auditor Report – Clerk reported  
Precept – Meeting of Finance Committee - tba  
Bank Balances were given.
- It was **RESOLVED** to pay: -
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| Eardisley Village Hall–September meeting | 17.00             |
| Grant Thornton-External Auditor          | 120.00            |
| Clerk’s salary + tax (July-Sept.)        | 383.57            |
|  | 95.89             |
| Eardisley Village Hall- Traffic/Highways | 17.00             |
| Whitney Community Library-Building works | 11982.00 inc. VAT |
- 14 **CORRESPONDENCE** was noted
- 15 **PLANNING:** -  
**Applications discussed at the Meeting**

## **P152427/FH - Parsonage Farm Eardisley Hereford Herefordshire HR3 6LX**

Proposed demolition of modern porch extension to be replaced with garden room

**NO OBJECTIONS**

## **Applications commented upon under PC Policy**

### **P151899/L Conversion of Great Quebb Barn Eardisley Hereford**

Proposed restoration, refurbishment and conversion of barn into 3 dwellings with ancillary accommodation.

### **P151898/F Great Quebb Barns Quebb Road Eardisley Hereford**

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**NO OBJECTIONS**

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## **P152261/O Land at former Old Sawmills Eardisley Herefordshire HR3 6NS**

Outline application for approval of new vehicular access only. Demolition of existing site infrastructure and construction of a mixed use development comprising up to 25 dwellings, 3 offices (B1 Use Class), a village hall, children day-care centre, together with internal roads, car parking, landscaping and drainage.

**COMMENTS SUBMITTED**

### **Planning permissions granted by Herefordshire Council**

#### **P151609/F - Barns at Mill Half Farm Whitney-on-Wye Herefordshire**

Proposed conversion of redundant farm buildings to 4 residential properties including associated works and removal of modern steel framed buildings.

#### **P151111/O Land west of The Poppins Winforton Herefordshire HR3 6EA**

Proposed construction of three self-build family homes, alterations to existing access and associated landscaping and drainage.

#### **P151101/L - Root House 7 Upper Court Eardisley Hereford HR3 6PW**

Proposed alterations to the ground floor with a new staircase.

### **Planning permissions refused by Herefordshire Council**

#### **P151099/FH - Root House 7 Upper Court Eardisley Hereford HR3 6PW**

Erection of a single garage with external landscaping, relocation of a shed and a new greenhouse.

### **Trees in a conservation area**

#### **Consent granted**

##### **P152270/K Green Gables Eardisley Hereford Herefordshire HR3 6PQ**

Works to Trees in a Conservation Area

#### **Appeal Ref: APP/W1850/W/15/3004494**

##### **The Barn, Winforton Woods, Winforton, Hereford, Herefordshire HR3 6EB**

- The appeal is made under section 78 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 against a refusal to grant approval required under Schedule 2, Part 3, Class Q of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 2015.
- The appeal is made by Yellow Wood Limited against the decision of Herefordshire Council.
- The application Ref P142090/CU, dated 11 July 2014, was refused by notice dated 3 September 2014.
- The development proposed is the change of use from a barn to a permanent dwelling.

#### **Decision**

##### **1. The appeal is dismissed.**

### **16 MATTERS RAISED FOR NEXT AGENDA**

- Defibrillator
- Tarmac through Eardisley village
- Drainage in Eardisley
- Brook in centre of Eardisley – needs clearing

**The meeting closed at 9.15pm**

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Monday, 16th NOVEMBER 2015 – Whitney Village Hall**