

Minutes of the meeting of Ewyas Harold Group Parish Council held on Tuesday 12th August 2014 at The Barn, Dulas Court, Dulas at 7.15pm

Present: Cllr J Webb (Dulas) – Chairman, Cllr E Overstall (Dulas), Cllr R Weaver, Cllr P Tandy, Cllr J Wilson-Thomas, Cllr E Murphy and Cllr S Probert

In attendance: Clerk and 1 member of the public

	Action	
1	To accept Apologies for Absence Cllr P Jinman, Cllr S Eynon, Cllr S Clayton, CCllr G Powell, Locality Steward Linzy Outtrim and CSO Witcher.	
2	To receive Declarations of Interest & Dispensation Applications Cllr S Probert declared a Non-DPI in item 7.3.	
3	To consider Minutes of the Previous Meeting The Minutes of the Meetings held on 8 th July 2014 and 23 rd July 2014, copies of which had been previously circulated to Members, were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.	
4	To consider applications to co-opt for current Councillor vacancies None and again the need to recruit new councillors was highlighted as an ongoing issue.	
5	Open Forum 5.1 No report from the Local Policing Team received. 5.2 A report had been received from Ward Councillor, Graham Powell and was read out. 5.3 No Parish Paths report this month. It was requested that a footpath map be displayed in the notice board by the shop. 5.4 Comments from local residents: Overgrown hedges were raised. The clerk would contact CCllr Powell and Balfour Beatty re. all minor road hedges, but particularly Elm Green Road to the camp and Dulas Road.	Clerk Clerk
6	Clerk Update and to note Correspondence List Update given, including request made to Herefordshire Council for a black bin for the recreation ground. Clerk was requested to ask for x 2 black bins. Information re. Code of Conduct information evening was given. There had been a request for Ewyas Harold Archaeology Group to use the grounds of the former Catholic church for a 1m x 1m 'test pit' for the Dig Ewyas project. The ground would be reinstated and there was insurance in place for the project. As the site was not owned by the GPC yet, permission would be required from the Trustees at Belmont. Should the Trustees be in agreement, the GPC supported the proposal. It was requested the clerk look into options of a separate landline/mobile phone for GPC business.	Clerk
7	Planning 7.1 Additional documents relating to planning application P142022/F, Pontrilas Sawmills, Pontrilas – Proposed timber storage processing and transport yard incorporating attenuation wetlands and bio diverse wetland habitat areas were discussed. Resolved that no further comments be raised, although the clerk was requested to query the existing planning permission for the recently completed car park and the number of parking spaces at the site. 7.2 Planning application P141801/FH, New House, Ewyas Harold – Proposed renovation including new external render, garage conversion and new rear extension was discussed. Resolved that there were no objections to this application. 7.3 Planning application P141146/FH, The Furrows, Ewyas Harold – Extension to form pool room and conversion of loft to form bedrooms with 2 nos. dormer windows was discussed. Resolved that there were no objections to this application. 7.4 Further to the comments made on planning application P141963/O, Land East of Callowside, Elm Tree Road, Ewyas Harold, CCllr Powell had received bus passenger number information for the service in question, which was very low. Resolved that based on the low usage figures, retention of the evening bus service from Hereford would not be pursued by the parish council. Resolved that the parish council consider compiling a wish list for S106 contributions, to be held by Herefordshire Council and this would be a future agenda item.	Clerk Clerk Clerk Clerk

<p>10.4 The final draft of the press release for the Football Foundation funding had not been received as yet, so would be considered at a future meeting. It was requested the clerk write to Fields in Trust to update them on the project. Cllr Probert offered to advise the events committee of proposed timescales for construction.</p> <p>10.5 The electricity contract for the Pavilion was due for renewal and Npower had supplied cost information of £23.22 per quarter standing charge and 23.84 p/kWh unit cost as well as an increase in surcharge for paying by cheque from 2% to 5%. The clerk had contacted the Utility Helpline who provides a free service to look at the best utility deals and they were able to offer a 12 month contract with Eon at a cost of 27 pence per day standing charge and 11.23 p/kWh unit cost.</p> <p>Resolved that the contract with Eon be approved and the clerk authorised to sign the letter of authority for the Utility Helpline to handle the changeover and the new contract.</p>	<p>Clerk/ SP</p>
<p>11 To consider draft revised Standing Orders for approval The draft was based on the model Standing Orders from NALC and had been circulated to all members. Queries raised regarding the document had been answered. Resolved to adopt the Standing Orders with no amendments.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
<p>12 To consider information regarding the Mobile Infrastructure Project and agree response Resolved to request the reinstatement of the mast taken out of use at Penlan Pitch.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
<p>13 To consider Speedwatch Initiative in the Parish Resolved that this initiative would not be pursued.</p>	
<p>14 To complete the West Mercia Police & Crime Commissioner Parish Council Survey This would be circulated and completed at the September meeting.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
<p>15 To consider request from Kentchurch Parish Council to provide centre refuge on the A465 Kentchurch Parish Council had requested consideration of this and had stated that despite the crossing point in question being within EHGPC boundary, they would be willing to contribute 50% of the £3,030 plus VAT cost. Members were supportive of the project in principle and agree that there is an urgent need for a safety refuge but queried whether the design met the needs of the elderly, young, disabled etc. Resolved that the clerk respond to Kentchurch Parish Council that a more robust centre refuge option needs to be explored and that alternative ways of funding such a project, such as S106 contributions from planning applications, be considered.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
<p>16 To consider signpost renewal around the Parishes A number of signs within the group parish were becoming unreadable and need replacing. Resolved that this be passed to CCllr Powell and the locality steward for attention.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
<p>17 To consider lengthsman worksheets and grass cutting/strimming and agree action The lengthsman worksheet had been circulated. A request from a resident that the strip of grass in Priorsfield be included on the Lengthsman's rounds ongoing had been received. A resident had also requested a large shrub growing on the verge against the fence of a property on Priorsfield be cut back or removed as it was growing into the resident's garden. Other strimming around the parish, such as Trappe House Pitch etc. needed doing again. Resolved to request the lengthsman strim the strip of grass at Priorsfield and the small area by the main entrance gate to the recreation ground ongoing. Resolved to request the lengthsman cut back or remove the shrub on the verge of the Priorsfield/Dark Lane junction. Resolved for minor strimming around the parish to be done by Nick Cooper-Tompkins, to include Trappe House Pitch. It was agreed for Cllr Weaver to determine the areas requiring attention and liaise with Mr Cooper-Tompkins.</p>	<p>Clerk Clerk RW</p>
<p>18 Finance Report 18.1 Copies of the finance report had been circulated and were approved. 18.2 Resolved not to purchase a hot water flask for refreshments at meetings. 18.3 Payments approved:</p>	

PAYE £52.00 NI £6.73 employee £7.74 employer
Stationery/Office expenses £0.00 Postage £18.18 Mileage £85.50 Total £103.68
Dulas Court (Hall hire 12/8/14) £25.00
Highground Maintenance Ltd (Recreation ground grass cutting) £186.49
Terry Griffiths (Lengthsman work June 2014) £318.00
Radbournes (Scalpings for car park) £168.00
Glasdon UK Ltd (Litter bin) £154.47
E Overstall (Neighbourhood Plan expense reimbursement) £96.62
C Boyles (Neighbourhood Plan expense reimbursement) £133.03

19 **To authorise Clerk's holiday**

Resolved that the clerk's holiday of two weeks commencing 15th December 2014 be approved.

Resolved that ongoing, the clerk's holiday is agreed between the clerk and Chairman.

20 **Matters for Next Agenda (no discussion)**

None.

The meeting closed at 10.15pm

Next Meeting Tuesday 9th September 2014, venue The Pavilion, Ewyas Harold Recreation Ground.