

At a meeting of Eardington Parish Council held on 7th March, 2016

Present Cllr.David Hollyhead, Cllr. P.Williams, Cllr.G.Gavan, Cllr.B.Williams,
Cllr.I.Wood, Cllr.M.Gibbons

Apologies Cllr Jon Hodgkins (illness)

Minutes The minutes of the previous meeting, having been circulated, were taken as read, confirmed and signed as a correct record.

Reports

Shropshire Councillor Councillor Cllr.Tindall also spoke about the cuts to services due to the annual reduction in the Revenue Support Grant, however, new legislation would allow more of the local Business rate to be retained by the Council.

It had been decided that neither Shirehall nor the Crown Court would be sold. The University of Shrewsbury was slightly disappointing with only 20% of the Halls of Residence being filled.

The SAMDev plan for Shropshire had now been adopted and no new market housing would be approved for the Parish.

In future Councillors would be able to speak at Planning meetings for 5 minutes on an application in their own Ward, before either retiring to the back of the hall or leaving the room for the duration of the business.

Report on Finance meeting at Shirehall Cllr. Peter Williams reported on a finance meeting Shrewsbury where Malcolm Pate had explained the cuts to Government Grants expected during the next three years. Many services to the Parishes would be reduced or cut out altogether but it was hoped that Parishes could be encouraged to increase their precept and take on some of the services.

CllrTindall left the meeting at this point.

Village hall It was hoped to commence work in the near future following confirmation of the SITA Trust funding.

Nature Reserve All appeared to be progressing well at the Reserve. At the next Extraordinary General Meeting Ian Barrie would be confirmed Chairman and Sue Barrie Secretary.

Correspondence

a) Progress of web-site. The clerk reported that the transparency fund grant for the web-site had now been confirmed.

Other forwarded e-mails

SALC Bulletins as follows :
SC - Electoral roll monthly update

The Big Conversation Workshop Event
Buckingham Palace Garden Party - Thursday 19th May 2016
Green Futures - 2016 Shropshire Seminars
Shrop.NET consultation
NHS Future Fit Digest
Property Flood Protection Assessment - Free Service
Rural Vulnerability Service - Rural Broadband - January 2016
Act Now to Save ShropDoc
Forthcoming road closures
SALC Information Bulletins

Highways It was reported that overgrown bushes were creating a hazard on 4555 at Knowle Sands and that reflector posts were missing near sheer drop. Highways would be informed.

Planning Approval for Application 15/04994/FUL Erection of a small wooden Groundframe Hut at Eardington Station, Eardington, Bridgnorth.
Approval for Application 15/05264/FUL Erection of single storey side extension and rear glazed canopy at Annexe Eardington Mill Farm, Eardington.

Part approval for 15/05485/TPO: Proposed tree works at Knowle Sands Caravan Park.

The clerk had been notified about the forthcoming appeal on 14/05163/OUT residential development Halfway House Lane and had written that the Parish Council had strongly objected to the proposals and had no reason to change its position.

Shropshire Council had published details of the adoption of the SAMDEV document.

Finance balance at bank at 5th February, 2016, c/a £10701.77

- a) Approval for payments Clerk £798.66, HMRC £68., Nigel Oliver £500.00, RTS, £60.00, Natalie White Web site setting up £53.60, BAM (plants) £50.00 Annual Donations £100 McMillan Cancer Appeal, £100 Air Ambulance. A reserve of £700 for VH Insurance and £300 newsletter
- b) Future External Audit arrangements It was agreed that the Appointed body should act as External Auditor.

Other Parish matters or problems to be placed on the next agenda. The Chairman said he considered that more investigation should be made regarding parishioners who were involved in World War 2. Cllr. Brian Williams agreed to ask a parishioner if he would be interested in searching the archives.

Date of next meeting, The Annual Parish and Annual General Meeting was arranged for 9th May, 2016

