

Eardington Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of Eardington Parish Council held on Monday 27th July 2026 at Eardington Parish Hall commencing 7.30pm.

Present: Cllrs C Blaze, D Hollyhead, G Hollyhead, B Williams, P Williams.

Also Present: G Bailey, Locum Clerk

Public Open Session

There were no members of the public present.

ER 26/27.14 Locum Clerk

It was proposed by Cllr B Williams, seconded by Cllr Blaze and **agreed** unanimously to appoint Gillian Bailey as Locum Clerk for Eardington Parish Council for 25 hours per month at scale SCP 23.

ER 26/27.15 Apologies for absence

It was **agreed** unanimously to accept apologies for absence from Cllr Gavan.

ER 26/27.16 Declarations of Interests

There were no declarations of interest in matters on the agenda.

ER 26/27.17 Minutes

Cllr P Williams had sent apologies. It was agreed that with this amendment the minutes of the previous meeting held on 26th May 2026 were a true record.

The Chair signed the minutes.

ER 26/27.18 Reports

The following reports were received.

a. Unitary Councillor: Cllr G Hollyhead

- Cllr Hollyhead has responded to the consultation on the local plan as a private resident.
- He is working to develop teams of local experts to help with planning consultations.
- He updated the PC about the on going precarious financial position of Shropshire Council.

b. Chair

Cllr D Hollyhead reported that he was pleased that a Locum clerk was in place. He thanked Eileen Reynolds for all her work over the many years she has been with the Council.

The council has not responded to the consultation on the development of the local plan. Residents did not seem to be aware of the consultation. There will be further opportunities, particularly when more detailed work around sites for development begins.

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c. Clerk

At the locum clerks request it was agreed that an application be made for online banking.

The clerk advised that although the casual vacancy had been advertised on the website, the elections team at Shropshire Council had not been notified. She will take advice from Shropshire Council on whether this notice stands and the council can move to co-option or if the process should be restarted.

It was agreed that the clerk could make a Parish Council area on the large noticeboard in the bus stop.

d. Village Hall

The village hall committee now has a chair. They are still working to increase bookings for the hall.

ER 26/27.19 Planning Applications

There were no planning applications received after issue of agenda.

ER 26/27.20 Payments

There were no payments to approve for July 2026.

ER 26/27.21 Year End Accounts

- a. It was proposed by Cllr P Williams, seconded by Cllr D Hollyhead and **agreed** unanimously that that Eardington Parish Council be exempt from a limited assurance review.
- b. Annual Governance Statements for the year ending 31st March 2026.
Deferred to September.
- c. Annual Accounting Statements for the year ending 31st March 2026.
Deferred to September
- d. It was proposed by Cllr B Williams, seconded by Cllr P Williams and **agreed** unanimously to appoint Vicky Turner as internal auditor for Eardington Parish Council at a cost of £80.

ER 26/27.22 Parish Matters

- a. The council has received an email from the owners of the former Swan Inn at Knowle Sands summarising a proposal for the development of a small over 55 residential park home site to the rear of the former public house. The applicant is seeking to engage with the Parish Council and asks if there are any initial questions the council might have prior to submission to the planning authority.

It was agreed that it would not be appropriate to comment prior to receipt of the application from the planning authority.

- b. Members discussed the flower trough by the bench at the far end of the village which had not been looked after and was in need of repair. It was agreed that the bench could do with a repaint. Clerk to discuss with lengths man.

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ER 26/27.23 Meeting Dates

It was confirmed that the next meeting will be held on Monday 14th September.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8:40pm.

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