Eardington Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of Eardington Parish Council held on Monday 21st September 2026 at Eardington Parish Hall commencing 7.30pm.

Present: Cllrs D Hollyhead, G Gavan, B Williams, P Williams.

Also Present: G Bailey, Locum Clerk

Public Open Session
One resident attended and queried if an issue she raised in March had been resolved. The clerk to check with Shropshire Councillor.

She also brought to the attention of the council signage which has been left behind following the recent road works.

Members discussed possible road calming measures.

ER 26/27.24 Apologies for Absence
The Chair advised that Cllr G Hollyhead was detained in a meeting and would join if possible.

ER 26/27.25 Declarations of Interests
There were no declarations of interest in matters on the agenda.

ER 26/27.26 Minutes
The clerk advised that a resident had raised a query in relation to the draft minutes and suggested wording to the last paragraph on page 1 be amended as follows:
.....responded to the **recent scoping** consultation on the development of the local plan to **2046.**
It was proposed by Cllr B Williams, seconded by Cllr P Williams and agreed unanimously that with this amendment the minutes of the previous meeting held on 27th July 2026 were a true record.

The Chair signed the minutes.

ER 26/27.27 Reports
The following reports were received.

a. Unitary Councillor: Cllr G Hollyhead
Cllr D Hollyhead advised that Cllr Hollyhead was chasing repairs to Astbury Lane.

b. Chair
No further report.

c. Clerk
1. The lengths man has quoted £150 for sanding and staining the bench and removing the flower box opposite Apple Acre. It was agreed that this work be undertaken.

2. The online banking application is in progress; Cllr P Williams advised that HSBC had told him that the application had expired. The clerk suggested that she be added as a signatory so that she can resolve these issues with the bank directly.

3. After giving it careful consideration, Cllr Blaze has resigned from the Council. The vacancy will be advertised in the normal way. The clerk suggested that, if an election is not called, the council make efforts to advertise and recruit candidates for co-option in November.

d. Village Hall

Cllr B Williams reported that income remains static. Events such as bingo and the harvest festival were well attended.

e. Eardington Nature Reserve

Written report attached.

ER 26/27.28 Planning Applications

No planning applications were received after issue of agenda.

ER 26/27.29 Payments

With the addition of one invoice (received after issue of agenda) it was proposed by Cllr P Williams, seconded by Cllr B Williams and agreed unanimously to approve the payment schedule totalling £3,677.03.

ER 26/27.30 Year End Accounts

a. It was unanimously **agreed** to accept the internal audit report for the year ending 31st March 2026.

b. Annual Governance Statements for the year ending 31st March 2026. Deferred.

c. Annual Accounting Statements for the year ending 31st March 2026. Deferred.

d. Analysis of variances for the year ending 31st March 2026. Deferred

e. Bank reconciliation for the year ending 31st March 2026. Deferred

f. Balance sheet for the year ending 31st March 2026. Deferred

ER 26/27.31 Parish Council Website

Councillors considered a report with three options.

It was **agreed** unanimously to appoint Hugo Fox as website provider at a set up cost of £149 and hosting £139.06 per annum.

ER 26/27.32 Parish Council Insurance

Councillors considered a report with three providers.

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It was agreed to renew the parish council insurance with Clear Councils effective 4th October 2026. It was **agreed** to authorise payment of £700.67.

ER 26/27.33 Parish Matters
Clerk to discuss cleaning of signs and clearing of ditch along Cleobury road with lengths man.

ER 26/27.34 Meeting Dates
The next meeting will be on Monday 2nd November 2026.

ER 26/27.35 Confidential Matters
Councillors received and discussed a confidential report and agreed action (Local Government Act 1972, schedule 12A, part 1.1-3).

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

Signed .....

Date .....

Initials .....