

**CLERK'S INFORMATION SHEET FOR
EARDISLAND PARISH COUNCIL MEETING ON 24 March 2016**

4.1 Safer Neighbourhood Teams work with local people and partners to identify, tackle and solve issues that matter to the community where you live. Your team: PC 3911 Jo ELLIS Mobile 07977 098394; PCSO 6115 Dick ALLFORD Mobile 07968 462523; PCSO 40067 David BODEN 07970 176814.

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For March our Priority is:

You said your priority was:	Anti-social behaviour in Kington.
Date set:	January 2016
We undertook :	<p>*High visibility patrols *Request the community to keep reporting *Deal robustly with youths involved *Prosecute for any offences.</p> <p>Evening patrols carried out by the safer neighbourhood team with a view to disrupting this behaviour, identifying persons responsible and dealing with the concern accordingly. During November regular high visibility patrols have been conducted in the area of Kington, paying particular attention to the High School, Recreational ground and housing estates. Two young adults were dealt with for possession of a Class B drug. 4th of March 2016 evening patrol, youths seen and engaged with, no offences found. 1st of March 2016 visible foot patrol at the recreation ground and Lady Hawkins high school, all in order. 27th of February 2016 visible foot patrol, six youths spoken to and no offences had been committed. 26th of February 2016 visible foot patrol at the recreation ground and Lady Hawkins high school. 21st of February 2016 visible foot patrol. 16th of February 2016 visible patrol at the recreation ground – no youths. 9th and 10th of February 2016 Visible foot patrol. 31st of January 2016 and the 29th of January 2016 visible patrol carried out at the recreational ground and High school. Foot patrol of the area, no youths and no problems. 23rd of January 2016 passing attention at the Cricket Pavilion due to a number of youths gathering, details taken.</p>

NEWS/APPEALS (Please note that the below is not every incident/crime reported for Kington Safer Neighbourhood Team)

Pembridge: Ois Incident: 408S 160216

Two incidents to note in Pembridge, one burglary dwelling and one attempt.

Between Monday the 8th of February 2016 and Thursday the 18th of February 2016 offender(s) have attended a detached bungalow situated in a quiet cul-de-sac on the edge of the village of Pembridge.

Offender(s) have approached the front of the bungalow gone through a side gate which leads to the back garden, they have then tried to prise open a double glazed window to the rear bedroom but failed to gain entry. Offender(s) have then approached a kitchen window where once again they have tried to prise it open but failed but in so doing they have cracked the inner pane of glass.

No entry was gained to the bungalow.

Ois reference: 612S 170216

The property is a bungalow situated in a residential street within the rural village of Pembridge.

Between Sunday the 14th of February and Wednesday the 17th of February, the victims discovered the rear door leading from back garden into the kitchen area had been forced causing damage to both the door and frame. Offenders have gained access into the property and stolen various items of jewellery.

Kington:Ois reference: 0366S 070316

The attacked property is a detached building that is utilised as office space in Market Hall Street.

The last time one of the rooms was used was Friday the 7th of March between 14:00 hours and 17:00 hours.

Offender(s) have smashed a window to the rear of the property by means unknown and then opened the sash window and entered and searched within.

Unknown at this time if anything has been removed.

Your Safer Neighbourhood Team is holding FREE Overt Property Marking events.

Bring all your power tools, hand tools and pedal cycles to

Kington Cattle Market. On Thursday 24th of March 11:00am until 12:00 Or

Shobdon Village Hall Saturday 9th of April 10:00 till 12:00.

Useful information:

Please find the links to the Fly Tipping prevention guides, currently viewable on the NFPG website. Always worth a read if you ever have the misfortune to encounter such waste.

Householder - <http://www.tacklingflytipping.com/Documents/NFTPG-Files/NFTPGAdviceforHouseholders.pdf>

- Businesses - <http://www.tacklingflytipping.com/Documents/NFTPG-Files/NFTPGAdviceforBusinesses.pdf>
- Landowners - <http://www.tacklingflytipping.com/Documents/NFTPG-Files/NFTPGAdviceforLandowners.pdf>

4.2 Roger Phillips, Email: rjphillips@herefordshire.gov.uk

Dear residents,

We seemed have got through another mild winter with limited damaged to our highways which is just as well given the smaller budget. Easter is early this year and sadly on Easter Sunday we will say farewell to Brenda as our rector in many of my parishes. Brenda and Paul have been with us nearly four years and have become very much part of the fabric of our community. I will miss working with her and her good sermons and wish them all the best in their new parishes in Devon. Last month Eardisland Neighbourhood Plan was consulted on and this month sees the consultation of the Shobdon Neighbourhood plan. As I have indicated before once passed by the inspector and a successful local referendum is held in the parish these NPs become part of the legal framework for determining local planning permissions. However I have included the recent appeal decision in Leintwardine which is concerning.

In Eardisland next Saturday at 10.30 in the village hall is a meeting for households affected by flooding and are having problems with insurance. Also in Eardisland on the 12 th is an evening of entertainment with the local village band at 7 pm bring your own drink.

Many of you will be aware that I do some work in London on local government workforce issues including pay and pensions. I enclose a press release of my recent appointment by the Secretary of State to chair the scheme advisory board.

As ever if I can be of any help please do not hesitate to contact

ROGER

COUNCIL TAX SETTING

The Council will formally set the Council Tax at its meeting on the 5 th March but the budget debate took place last month. The Council Tax will rise by 1.9% plus the 2% social care levy. The Fire and Police precepts will also rise by 1.9%. In addition the Parish precepts will also be added.

The Government confirmed its settlement which is for the next four years. This will mean that Councils will have all Government grant withdrawn by 2020 and their income will come only from Council Tax, Business rates, fees and charges. Clearly a system of balancing business rates between authorities will need to take place as the likes of Westminster Council income is significantly larger than ours.

Since 2010/11 the Council has had to make £59 million of reductions as a result of cuts in government funding and increased social care costs. From 2016/17 to 2019/20 a further 28 million will need to fund.

The scale of reduction in services, increase in charges and selling off of capital assets is concerning. The fact that we are a small authority over a large geographical area with a higher than average mature population puts us in a difficult place.

Highways

The proposed resurfacing programme for 2016/17 has been significantly reduced from the last two years. There is very little proposed in my ward, some resurfacing by the Knill junction on B4362, and a patch on A44 near Hope End in Lyonshall parish which I am contesting and putting in two further main road areas. Two lots of surface dressing 1075 metres at Upper Hardwick from old AA box junction and 1448 metres down Moorcot Lane from Holmes Marsh. No proposed works for Shobdon, Pembridge, Staunton or Titley parishes.

I have raised the matter with my parish councils and asked them to supply me with urgent matters. Reactive pothole work is a separate operation and I have secured some new lining in Shobdon and improved measures at Lawton Cross. I have requested all my Parish Councils to draw up a list of future highway works they would require so we can get some of these funded via local planning application section 106 contribution and in future Community Infrastructure Levy.

Following on from last month I enclose the 7 day average speeding figures from the grey boxes for October 2015. The Shobdon and Lyonshall boxes are well inside the 30 mph limits while the Pembridge one is past West End cottage on the A44 just inside the limit.

PEMBRIDGE

Driving into village	Under 31 mph - 142 vehicles	31-41 mph - 790	over 41 mph - 398
Driving to Kington	Under 31 mph - 43 vehicles	31-41 mph - 680	over 41 mph - 528

LYONSHALL

Driving up Burgoynes Bank	Under 31 mph - 427 vehicles	31-41 mph - 552	over 41 mph - 86
Driving down into village	Under 31 mph - 491 vehicles	31-41 mph - 424	over 41 mph - 52

SHOBDON

Towards cemetery	Under 31 mph - 580 vehicles	31-41 mph - 987	over 41 mph - 208
West into village	Under 31 mph - 1046 vehicles	31-41 mph - 684	over 41 mph - 74

I have shared the full details of types of vehicles, time of day and speeds with all my Parish Councillors.

Please report any problems on highways or footpaths using the links below

<https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/transport-and-highways/maintenance/potholes>

<https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/transport-and-highways/footpaths-byways-and-bridleways/cg-report-prov-problem>

Leintwardine planning appeal

I told you last month that I appeared before the planning appeal supporting the community in opposing the building of 45 houses on the edge of the village in Leintwardine. The inspector has upheld the appeal i.e allowed the application to go ahead and the houses to be built. This conflicts with the emerging local neighbourhood plan (NP) and shows the importance in main villages of getting our NPs in place otherwise we are at the mercy of developers.

The worrying aspect was that she stated the Council has not identified its 5 year land supply. This means that the Council and our NPs must move to identify development sites if we are not going to be vulnerable to decisions like this.

Secretary of state appoints LGPS Scheme Advisory Board Chairman

The Local Government Pension Scheme Advisory Board (SAB) has been notified that the DCLG Secretary of State Greg Clarke MP has appointed Cllr Roger Phillips to the position of Chair.

Cllr Phillips is currently vice chairman of the Board, has chaired the UK Local Government Pensions Committee for the last two years, and is a lead LGA member on workforce and pay negotiations. He is a member and former leader (2003-2011) of Herefordshire Council and chaired the LGPS2014 Project Board which brought together employer, employee and

government representatives in order to reform the scheme in 2014. Cllr Phillips was appointed a fellow of the Royal Society of Arts in 2006.

Cllr Phillips said: "I am delighted and honoured to be appointed however I am very aware of the many and varied challenges faced by the scheme and under no illusions about the hard work and tough decisions necessary to ensure its continued sustainability".

The LGPS is the largest funded scheme in the UK and the fifth largest in the world. It is made up of 89 funds in England and Wales with assets in excess of £200 billion, with over one and half million contributing members and over 10,000 employers. It is the only major public sector pension scheme in the UK which has funds.

Ward Contacts

If you want to discuss a planning matter please contact mttansley@herefordshire.gov.uk

If you a planning enforcement concern Debbie.Crowley@herefordshire.gov.uk

- 7.1 Lengthsman report for work in February/March – Cleaning gulley tops and white lines, recreation ground ditch, road by war memorial and traffic signs; litter pick; pothole filling.
- 7.2 Footpath Officers – No report this month.
- 7.3 Eardisland in Bloom – The annual litter pick was held on a fine & sunny morning, 12th April, with 13 adults, 5 children and Bertie the dog all helping to collect 12 full bags of rubbish from 14 miles of roads and verges. Thanks to all who helped on the day and to Ben Woodcock for organising and collecting the materials used for the pick.
The annual Plant Swap & Sale takes place this year on Saturday 14th May in the village hall.
The E Team has been back working on Thursday mornings since 10th March and the In Bloom AGM was held on 17th March.
Work carried out so far has included making a start on refurbishing the boat, planting for instant colour, completing the herb garden border, spraying weeds on the ground adjacent to the Dovecote and clearing moss and leaves from outside the Cross P.H.
The team aims to create a new garden in front of the Manor House wall, which will eventually run its whole length. We are also talking to the VHMC with a view to purchasing new planters outside the hall.
Silt continues to build up in the Mill Race and this will require at least annual clearance.
- 7.5 Play Area – Continues to be very well used and no problems to report.
- 7.6 EVH – Lease is now registered with Land Registry.
- 7.7 Website – Arrowbank would like to be main sponsors and establish an ongoing relationship that supports the website and parish over period of time and offer suggestions, ideas and support to enhance the website. They are proposing £750 sponsorship in year 1 and a further £250 in the following 2 years with the opportunity to review and continue beyond. They'd like a prominent banner with a link through to their website, agreeing detail at a meeting with Clerk and website builder.
- 7.8 Matt Kerry has recommended the following action for the tree at Wisteria Cottage – an aerial section dismantle section whilst rigging the timber down (so it doesn't fall into and float off down the watercourse), should cost less than £500 for a professional tree surgeon to do.
Clerk still trying to get specific figure to use with threshold levels.
9. £50 donation agreed in memory of Paul Simner – organisations to consider are St Michael's Hospice and Hereford and Worcester Animal Rescue Centre.
10. Correspondence – received as follows:
 - From HC – Invitation to Good Grief – the Loneliness of Bereavement National Conference – forwarded to PCC and Local Links
 - From HC – WW1 centenary Home Front celebrations event
 - From BB – Notes on parish briefing
 - From BB – Resurfacing programme
 - From Tower Mint – HM QE11, commemorative medal
 - From Barry Sheldon – Police and Crime Commissioner candidate email
 - From John Campion – Police and Crime Commissioner candidate letter
 - From HC – Consultation on CIL