

CLERK'S INFORMATION SHEET FOR
EARDISLAND PARISH COUNCIL MEETING ON 16 MARCH 2017

- 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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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>
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- 6.1 Lengthsman work in February – Repair of potholes. Cleaning off drain tops and white lines. Scraping pavement on School Lane and footpath to church.
- 6.2 Footpath Officers –
At the last PC meeting a site on ED7 was identified for a gate to replace the existing stile. We have contacted the landowner, Mr Johnson, who is very happy to have a wooden kissing gate installed. He would prefer a kissing gate to an ordinary gate as he keeps stock in the field and is concerned walkers may leave a gate open. The shop is sponsoring the kissing gate and it will bear a plaque to say so. We will research a suitable supplier for the plaque. We are waiting to hear from Lara if Hereford Council can supply the gate as it would match the other ones on ED7 and we know that their gates require minimal maintenance and stand up well to the test of time!
Update from Clerk – Balfour Beatty have agreed to sell a gate to the shop, details for ordering given to shop committee.
- 6.4 Play area – All appears to be in good working order.
- 6.5 EIB – The team started their work for year on Thursday 2nd March with a general tidying up. A large wooden planter is due to be sited on a newly constructed patio underneath the dovecote shop window sometime in April. The team also expect to be kept busy either restoring or siting new benches.
A litter pick has been arranged for Saturday 25th March @ 10am.
- 6.6 I have spoken with 5 people interested in sponsoring new benches for the village. However none are particularly interested in siting them on the recreation ground where we have the most pressing need.
Sites have however been agreed with 2 sponsors, the first on the river bank opposite Staick House. This bench will be positioned facing the river, as close to the wooden fence as possible by the layby. This is a popular location with members of the public and in my opinion an extra bench here is required. If this site is approved the E Team will position it on flag stones / sand & cement at a cost of around £50 to the parish council (previously agreed).
A sponsor has also agreed to site a new bench close to the entrance to the village car park, where there is already a hard standing. A damaged bench which was removed in the autumn has been restored by Tony Phillips (E Team) and can be re-positioned to the recreation ground. I would suggest this be sited near the zip wire but close to the ditch so as not to inconvenience grass cutting.
The recreation ground currently has just 2 public benches, both in very poor condition, one by the young person's play area, dedicated to Jack Price, which is just about useable following E Team repairs, the second, underneath the oaks, which should be removed from public use.
I will be meeting a 3rd sponsor in a month's time when hopefully another position can be filled, although this may mean relocating benches currently sited in the centre of the village. Only those not dedicated will be considered for re-positioning.
- 6.7 Applications to Severn Waste and Awards For All being prepared.
- 6.8 Now 24 subscribers to MailChimp.
- 6.9 Observations from a walk round the parish council trees on 26.2.16
Most of the work listed below is not vital but would just be good to get done. The weeping willow is the highest priority. Please can I stress that I don't have any specialist knowledge so these are just my views. The tree numbers, T4 etc follow the same numbering as the original tree survey produced by Cedarwood Tree Care in February 2016.
1) Hay Bridge

T4: The ivy has nearly reached the top so it may be a good time to cut the ivy at ground level.

T5: Not as much ivy as T4 so it could be left for another year or cut sooner if T4 is done

2) Recreation Ground

T6, T18: Would benefit from a bit of light pruning of inward/crossing branches.

These are small trees so I could easily do this.

T8, T21, T22, T24: These all have small branches (approx 2 inch diameter) that could do with coming off either because they are crossing/ rubbing/ split/ hanging. In addition, T23 has a very long lateral branch which has grown across into T24. This is probably best cut right back to the trunk. All this is too high and difficult for me to do but most could be reached from the back of a pickup or even better from a box on the front lift of a tractor – a job done brilliantly by Edward and two of his sons last year. I am happy to help if anyone is willing to do this. It doesn't seem worth getting a professional in for this work.

3) Riverside

T29: The weeping willow. Definitely needs some attention as it is hanging in the water and collecting debris. There was also a bad smell but I couldn't tell whether this was from rotting debris or something else. Either just the ends could be cut off, but that would need someone in waders or a boat, or the branches could be cut off further back from the back of a pickup. There is also a dead looking branch and the ends of a branch hanging into T30 that could come off. They could be reached from a pickup.

T31: There are three A4 notices on the trunk of one of the pines very visible from the parking spot and grassy area which is obviously what you want for advertising but my personal opinion is that it detracts from the beauty of the magnificent tree and the idyllic surroundings. Maybe if advertising there is thought to be important a small notice board could be put up at the end of the parking area furthest from the bridge.

- 6.10 The analysis of the data from the SID deployment in January shows that 27% of vehicles drove at 30-40mph and just over 1% drove at 41-50mph past the SID. Overall 85% of all speeds were 33mph or less. As the speed limit is 30mph, this highlights the problem of speeding through the village.
9. If HALC subscription for 2017-18 paid before end of financial year, 2 free evening training places available. Subscription is £358.49.
10. Pro-rata payment of SLCC subscription is £40.55. Total £139. 24 hours/week worked across 3 parishes. Therefore $7/24^{\text{ths}} = £40.55$.
National increase for local government staff from April 2017 = £0.093 per hour, £0.651 per week. £8.50 increase per quarterly salary.
11. Correspondence – received as follows:
- From Warwickshire & West Mercia Probation Service – Local Community Payback project workers
 - From Clerks and Councils Direct – March update
 - From HC – Report of payphones consultation
 - From HC – Boundary review summary