

**CLERK'S INFORMATION SHEET FOR  
EARDISLAND PARISH COUNCIL MEETING ON 23 NOVEMBER 2017**

- 5.1 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: PCSO 6115 Dick ALLFORD Mobile 07968 462523; PCSO 40067 David BODEN 07970 176814.

Get in touch: Tel:101 to talk to your local SNT or report a crime. Email: kw.snt@westmercia.pnn.police.uk

Website: [www.westmercia.police.uk](http://www.westmercia.police.uk) Facebook /Twitter @NHfdShireCops

**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>

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**NOVEMBER UPDATE  
PEMBRIDGE, SHOBDON, LYONSHALL, EARDISLAND &  
TITLEY GROUP PARISHES**

From your local County Councillor Roger Phillips. Email:  
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Dear Residents

Good news for Herefordshire with the announcement of Government support of 15 million for the new University. The courses will focus on technical and engineering over a two year period working with local and national businesses.

Herefordshire Council has and will continue to be a supporter of the project particularly working on providing student accommodation. The first limited number of students are anticipated for next September.

You may also have heard the news of the Poppies weeping window is coming to Hereford Cathedral from 14<sup>th</sup> March- 29<sup>th</sup> April 2018 as part of a nationwide tour. This is a cascade of individual ceramic poppies inspired by the massive display at the Tower of London in 2014.

Last month also saw the Duchess of Gloucester visit Hereford to meet our Foster team, foster parents, carers and some of our looked after children. It was great to see a group of people not always given the credit they deserve recognised. This is one of the most important services the council delivers.

In this month's update I cover Highway issues, Enterprise Zone, the review of local health services, news of the police commissioners intension to take over the Fire service, contact details and some photographs of last month's Flower Festival at Shobdon and Craft Fair at Eardisland.

Don't forget the WOODCOCK FAIR at Pembridge Church Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2pm

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

ROGER

Review of Health Services

The review of our local Health services which includes the GP Surgery, three nursing homes, Kington Court with the Logan Jack unit, Minor Injuries Unit, Pharmacy, Dental provision, district nurses and mental health team is due to be completed this month.

I am working with our Director of Social Services on supporting the Logan Jack unit and maintaining it for the future. It seems the Minor Injury unit will move to the surgery from Kington Court.

As you recall last month I told you about a new full time doctor arriving on the 1<sup>st</sup> December arriving at Kington, clinical Pharmacist on 2<sup>nd</sup> October and a new Triage system to replace the Nurse walk-in clinic on 6<sup>th</sup> November. I have advised the surgery that they needs to ensure a smooth set up of the new system. A reminder that you can ring the surgery anytime during the day and explain your symptoms with a care team assessor and receiving a return phone call from the appropriate clinician arranging the appropriate response including on the day appointments if necessary.

Those of you who are registered at other GP practices will I am sure read with interest and appreciate that your surgeries are not having the challenges of Kington.

HIGHWAYS

I had a meeting last month with Bill Wiggin to discuss Highway, Broadband and Kington area health issues. He agreed to support an application for the A44 for inclusion in a bid to the Government's second round of the Highway maintenance challenge Fund (HMCF). We also discussed the performance of Balfour and he expressed his particular concern about the management of road closures.

Last month I outlined the highways I had requested for inspection to be included in the 2018/19 programme. Our Balfour steward is following this up. Meanwhile I am supporting the inclusion of highway resurfacing as a major priority in the capital programme for the next financial year.

The council has bid for £95 million to the Homes and Community infrastructure fund for the Hereford City western by-pass. Confirmation by the Council cabinet of the preferred routes is expected to be published before Christmas for consultation. The arrival of the first frost reminds us that winter is on its way; preparations are in hand, 15 gritters to grit on the agreed main routes, four snow blowers, 6,500 tonnes of salt and 24 hour surveillance team. The routes for gritting in my ward are all the main A and B roads plus the highway through Stansbatch, Staunton Green to Kingspan and up into Bridge street in Pembridge. However the pressure will now come on our surfaces so please report any problems on highways or footpaths using the links below or phone 01432261800.

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

<https://myaccount.herefordshire.gov.uk/report-a-pothole>

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

If you wish to make a claim as a result of damage to your vehicle please use

[https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/info/200196/roads/206/highway\\_claims](https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/info/200196/roads/206/highway_claims)

Police Commissioner wants to take over the Fire services

The West Mercia Police Commissioner John Champion has announced he wants to take over the Fire services of Hereford & Worcester and Shropshire next April. This is against the four main local authorities, two fire authorities and his own crime panel recommendations. We believe he should work with us on a locally agreed solution and timescale which gives some clarity on savings and impact.

His business case is weak to date identifying 4 million pounds of savings which includes that already identified by the two fire authorities in the next three years. He states that there will be no impact on the front line or stations but it is there a lack of detail in his case which concerns many of us. In our rural county only Hereford has full time firefighters with all the other stations having local people as retained firefighters. The backup support for our stations are the very services which seem the most vulnerable.

We are very supportive of blue light collaboration and would wish to see a development of the role of our local firefighters including supporting first responding in our rural areas.

With crime figures rising, poor detection rates and some tensions in the joint working and savings of West Mercia and Warwickshire forces he needs to deal with improving the police service to the community first.

Rotherwas and the Enterprise Zone

The land at Rotherwas was purchased by the old Herefordshire Council in the 1960s to support the growth of local businesses and the economy. In 2008 after years of access problems with flooding and the low height rail bridge we opened the Rotherwas Access road. We built the road despite considerable opposition about the destruction of countryside and the infamous Rotherwas ribbon.

The new road allowed business to bid for larger contacts and expansion followed. After 2008 and the Economic slowdown the estate with over 2,000 employees, over 60 different companies was very resilient and its expansion area was identified as an Enterprise Zone in 2012.

Since then 11 new businesses have come to the site and 10 existing firms have expanded creating an additional 750 jobs, building 28,000 square metres of new build with £13 million private investment.

Defence and security, food and drink, advanced engineering and sustainable technologies are the core sectors of the zone.

I was invited back to view one of our local businessman Ken Davies' s business expansion and we discussed those difficult days of getting the funding and building the road but thankful we achieved it.

Planning

If you want to discuss a planning matter please contact [mttansley@herefordshire.gov.uk](mailto:mttansley@herefordshire.gov.uk) If you have a planning enforcement concern [Debbie.Crowley@herefordshire.gov.uk](mailto:Debbie.Crowley@herefordshire.gov.uk)

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- 8.1 Work in November – Pothole filling; cutting back hedges round stiles on Burton Lane and A44; strimming footpath to church; clearing white lines; clearing drain tops; clearing Lyme Lane ditch.

List of defects from drive-round 1/11/17:

Category 1 defect – repair within 24 hours. Category 2 defect – repair within 56 days. Category 2b defect – for Lengthsman. Routine repair – within 6 months, usually needs equipment ordering etc.

1. Church Road/School Lane (93028/90312) – x10 potholes logged for Richard Mills
2. School Lane (90312) – drain to Recreation Ground ditch – clean off drain top logged for Hitrees
3. Footpath to church – strim – logged for Hitrees
4. C1035, main road towards Leominster – grips need recutting – logged for BB
5. Burton Lane (C1085) – tree roots near top of road – BB to monitor
6. ED3 / Burton Lane junction – agreed new double finger post on verge by stile – Hitrees supply and install post, Clerk order double marker
7. ED1B / Burton Lane junction – agreed with landowner for Eardisland memorial Walks to put post with waymarker on edge of field – Phil and Richard to oversee
8. Pigmore Lane (93009) between Pigmore Cottage and ED1B to Bidney Lane – complaint to Locality Steward about hedge on north side of road – can PC identify landowner?
9. 93009 – between Downway and Townsend – x1 logged for Richard Mills
10. 93010 – between High Oaks and dip – x1 logged for Richard Mills
11. ED1B / A44 junction – following cut-back around stile, no additional signage
12. Broome Lane (C1033) – signage by Folly Farm checked and in order – PC can place extra sign on current post, eg. '90 degree bend ahead in village, no access for HGVs, no turning point'
13. Broome Lane (C1033) – bin at Hay Bridge – Locality Steward to chase up emptying, as reported multiple times on website by Clerk

- 8.2 The Hallowe'en walk on 28th Oct was very successful, enjoyed by over 20 adults, 15 children in Hallowe'en costume and a couple of dogs. We walked the Warren Peter Clowes path - ED1A, 2 and 3.  
The path was muddy and indistinct in parts but this added to the fun. 2 of the local landowners were kind enough to make sure a prearranged shoot did not disturb the walkers and we would like to thank them very much.  
One of the stiles linking Mr Watkins and Mr Hanson's land has become even more difficult than previously reported and several adults struggled to get over it, most of them needing help. It is mainly because the land has fallen away on the West side and the height makes it very tricky. We reported it recently, but Mr Watkins feels that as the problem is not actually on his field it needs to be dealt with by the other landowner. We can arrange to insert some steps and a rail to make it easier for now but the PC agreed we should not be paying to mend stiles, so this needs to be done with a view to replacing the stile with a suitable gate. This could be provided by the EMW project. We will contact Mr Watkins to see what sort of wooden gate he would prefer, self-closing or a kissing gate.
- 8.5 Over the last month the team have removed all the summer bedding plants from both the beds and planters and replaced them with around 1,500 Spring bulbs as well as winter planting.  
The team has assisted in closing down the Children's Allotment, by digging the beds, removing weeds and covering for the winter. Our final outdoor session for the year is planned for Thursday 23rd November.
- 8.6 Nick La Barre, architect from Leominster, visited and advised: redoing mortar in specific places; replace whole window on north face of kitchen extension in plastic; new wood or plastic back door and new cill; roofer to sort few slates that gone; structural engineer to advise re underpinning both corners in kitchen extension. Clerk waiting for information/quotes. Much of other work can be done by volunteers.
- 8.7 Cost of 30mph roundel on red patch = £1,500. New scheme being brought in by Balfour Beatty for 2018-19, Community Commissioning. Likely to have major financial consequences on both Lengthsman/P3 work and other work such as this. Clerk suggests wait until details known before further consideration.
- 8.8 Response received: Can you please convey to the parish council that due to the time taken and the way both Mr and Mrs Poulter and Mr and Mrs Griffiths have been treated throughout the application process, we will this week be putting in a full complaint and wish for our application process to be investigated. Mr and Mrs Griffiths are now in the process of looking for a property. They are not sure how long this is going to take, as not the best time of the year to find something but please be assured they will do all they can to leave as soon as they are able. They hope all will be patient whilst they do this as they do not wish to cause trouble for anyone, least of all the Poulters. In addition please note that either Mrs Poulter or Mrs Griffiths have been in contact with Herefordshire Planning Department on a weekly basis, trying to get a much earlier determination on the application.
10. Herefordshire Council request information on whether: a litter problem; PC or other groups organise litter picks and how frequently; does PC/group have own litter picking equipment; any incentives offered to volunteers; does PC operate Lengthsman scheme.
11. Consultation 6 November-18 December. [www.herefordshire.gov.uk/traveller-sites-consultation](http://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/traveller-sites-consultation)
12. Clerk paid quarterly in last month of quarter. December payment usually waits until January meeting but would appreciate payment in December.
13. Correspondence – received as follows:
- From Herefordshire Council (HC) – Questionnaire re litter
  - From Rural Highways business – letter about services
  - From Clerks and Councils Direct – November newsletter
  - From HC – pre-submission consultation on Gypsy and Travellers' DPD
  - From Rural Highways Herefordshire business – email re service
  - From HC – Community Housing Fund