

CLERK'S INFORMATION SHEET FOR
EARDISLAND PARISH COUNCIL MEETING ON 11 JANUARY 2018

- 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 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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JANUARY UPDATE
PEMBRIDGE, SHOBDON, LYONSHALL, EARDISLAND &
TITLEY GROUP PARISHES

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

Happy New Year to you all and I hope you have survived all the festivities to date.

We will all remember December 2017 for the many seasonal images in our Parishes and I enclose a few from myself and local residents. As ever the build up to Christmas is a busy time in the community and I was pleased to meet up with many of you although due to the snow I failed to get to the Titley village lunch. In Pembridge 59 lighted trees lined the roads in the village and provided the usual spectacular sight. Like all community events none of this can happen without the commitment of local people and business. A special thanks to Julie Mifflin who originally thought of the concept and is the driving force in making it happen every year.

Hopefully in 2018 we will see a new rector appointed to the Arrowvale parishes. It has been nearly two years since Brenda left and it was good to see the Bishop of Hereford take the Lyonshall communion service on Christmas Eve. The Poppies weeping window will be at Hereford Cathedral from 14th March to April 29th sponsored by Herefordshire Council.

We are very lucky living in such a beautiful part of the county but we also need a local economy and jobs. Starting next month I will be featuring a local business in each update demonstrating the increasing diverse and changing times we live in. I will also be reporting my annual village traffic figures.

In this month's update I cover Highways including my pothole nominations for 2017 and a summary of the Planning process.. As ever if I can be of help please do not hesitate to contact.

ROGER

Highways

Throughout the year I keep in regular contact with our Balfour Beatty steward Lara who is a great asset to all my Parishes. I am concerned and keep pressuring my council colleagues to review the Highway contract on the repairs of potholes. I understand that given the high mileage of roads we as a county have, and the lack of funding we will always be challenged in the maintenance of our roads. But these potholes have to be inspected and categorised by an initial visit then repaired according to the category with a timeframe which differs according to the seriousness of the pothole. This is why you see various visits to the same road. I make the point that one visit with material and fill it in has got to be the most efficient way and better for road users and their vehicles. I have also continued to make representations on utility and builders trenching, and claiming compensation from accident damage.

I enclose my nominations for the worst potholes in the Arrow ward for 2017. I suspect you can all add to the list!



Staunton Spring 2017

This vicious pothole was on the backroad between Stockley Cross and Staunton last spring. In depth terms I think this was the worse pothole I came across in my ward in 2017. Apparently it was not considered to be a top priority and took several weeks to be filled.

Shobdon B4365 December 2017

I managed to get a temporary repair within a few days but not before a former Shobdon resident aged 94 with a car load of senior citizens hit it. Everyone was ok but you don't need hassle like that that at a senior age.

It still awaits a proper repair.





Staunton village Feb- April 2017

These potholes and two more either side of them were reported in February and despite my constant badgering were apparently repaired in accordance to the category of the pothole and the terms of the contact in the first week of April. The four were so placed in the highway that it was impossible to drive without hitting one of them.

My thanks to Mrs Marion Weaver who hadn't collected her milk bottles that morning and allowed me to use them to help demonstrate the depth to Balfour Beatty.

Frost and water are a real danger to the fabric of our roads please report any problems on highways or footpaths using the links below or phone 01432261800.

<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

A rough guide to Planning

We have a new planning officer for our parishes Fernando Barber-Martinez and I have arranged a meeting between him and all my parish clerks in the new year. Planning is effectively the control of development in our parishes and can be a controversial matter. While there are minor developments and extensions to your home and outbuilding that are permitted without the need for permission my advice is always to check first.

What is allowed and granted permission by Herefordshire Council, as the statutory planning authority, is determined by its officers or the planning committee in accordance with the Government's National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF), the Herefordshire Council Core Strategy (adopted in October 2015) and the local adopted Neighbourhood Development Plan. In my Parishes I have seven settlements where development is favoured, otherwise the rest of the huge area is designated as open countryside, with residential development limited to the conversion of existing well-structured redundant buildings, or for Agricultural/business need which then has a tied occupancy clause.

The villages of Pembridge, Shobdon, Lyonshall and Eardisland have long since been identified as settlements for development but Titley, Staunton, and Holmes Marsh were added in 2015 (the latter two were upgraded by the Inspector from hamlets to settlements). These smaller settlements where there are no historic development lines around them are particularly problematic at the moment till the Neighbourhood Plans are matured.

Other hamlets like Knill, Staunton Green, Broxwood, Bearwood, Weston, Marston, Uphampton, Ledicot, Hardwick, Whittern, Stansbatch etc are all considered as open countryside. Pembridge, Lyonshall and Eardisland have conservation areas within which there are much tighter rules including the cutting down of trees and large shrubs.

If you are considering a planning application you can get pre-application advice from the planning department. You will have to pay for this but I recommend it as they tell you what you can do or not do and that saves you time and money. After an application is submitted it will be registered, a yellow notice placed on or near the site and it will be placed on the Council's website. The Parish Council and the local County Councillor are statutory consultees and their views in accordance with planning policy are sought. The website will have full details and plans of the application and all correspondence of support or objections are placed there as well.

These days over 98% of applications are delegated to the planning department and the planning committee will only make the decision where a determination of policy is required or where there is significant local objection. Most applications when granted usually come with conditions attached. If your application is refused you have the right to appeal to the Planning Inspectorate and in rare cases on significant application the matter can be determined by the Secretary of State at DCLG.

The above is very much a general guide but I hope helpful and as I have said earlier always enquire with planners before your start development. If your development is deemed not according to planning laws you can be taken to court and forced to demolish it. If everyone else is playing by the rules that is only fair.

If you ever want to look up planning applications or the various legal development plans go on the Council website and click on planning. Put in the parish name or the application number and all the current applications will come up together with all plans and representations.

If you want to discuss a planning matter, please contact Fernando.Barber-Martinez@herefordshire.gov.uk

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

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7.1 Work in December – Trimming laurel hedge in war memorial car park and cleaning round salt bins.

7.3 Dear Councillors

I know you are aware that Eardisland Memorial Walks has to plan routes beyond the parish boundaries: we don't have enough public footpaths or lanes of our own to make the project viable.

The concept of linking with neighbouring parishes to mutual benefit has evolved since start-up, and although the potential has yet to be widely developed a significant initiative will involve Kingsland School and the project, serving as an example. Better connectivity (routes joining the villages) will enhance the chances for further inter-parish activities. It serves also Eardisland's NDP's Objective 4: Policy E12, with positive consequences for other aspirations.

Walks to and from the village to Kingsland and Monkland requires passage over lanes, and across A and B class roads. A number of memorial walks will use the C1033 between the village and the turn to Shirl Heath, see map. Traffic can be more frequent and so the creation of a marked and signed 'footway' would be useful. Elsewhere in UK, a white line demarcating a metre wide pathway with appropriate signage is commonly found in circumstances where pedestrians walk on busy roads.

Such a scheme on the C1033 should make drivers aware of walkers and might in part calm traffic. It will encourage local people and visitors to use Eardisland Memorial Walks and thus support its wider objectives. If you consider this idea to be constructive, would you please approach Hereford Council with an appropriate request. I believe this is the Walks' best, first option. Many thanks in anticipation. Hugh Vernon



9. Correspondence – received as follows:
- From Herefordshire Council (HC) – HARC update
 - From HC – Licensing Representation information
 - From DM Payroll Services – letter about services
 - From Clerks and Councils Direct – January newsletter
 - From BB – Letter re Expression of Interest

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