

**CLERK'S INFORMATION SHEET FOR  
EARDISLAND PARISH COUNCIL MEETING ON 15 MARCH 2018**

- 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: 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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**MARCH UPDATE  
PEMBRIDGE, SHOBDON, LYONSHALL, EARDISLAND &  
TITLEY GROUP PARISHES**

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

Happy St David's Day!

You will guess that my picture of Lyonshall churchyard was taken last year. It seems likely the next couple of days will be difficult so please be sensible and keep a look out for any vulnerable neighbours. Visit Herefordshire Council website for more details.

Despite this cold weather let's hope Spring is just around the corner as clearly our roads have suffered this winter, and you will see in the update some of the struggles I have been involved with to get some action.

Don't forget that the poppies weeping window arrives at Hereford Cathedral from 14<sup>th</sup> March to 29<sup>th</sup> April. This year of course is the centenary of the ending of WW1 and also the formation of the RAF, and on 31<sup>st</sup> March a special open day will be held at Shobdon aerodrome - details enclosed.

During my lifetime my ward has lost six post offices and we now only have Shobdon and a mobile post van one hour per afternoon five days in the car park in Pembridge. Post Office counters are now consulting on revising this mobile arrangement to just three days per week and I have enclosed details.

Nearly all my residents are registered with a local GP practice and you will all be aware of the challenges facing the NHS both locality and nationally. Having been registered all my life with the Pembridge and then Kington practices and as a local councillor I have joined the Kington Patient Participation Group to represent the views of my residents. We are working on establishing a proper constitution and terms of reference with the practice aiming to improve communications and understanding between patients and Clinical staff.

In this month's update I cover Highways, the Hereford bypass consultation, upcoming council meeting, the new Leader of the Council, lobbying and feature another local company.

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

**ROGER**

**POST OFFICE MOBILE CONSULTATION**

The consultation for the Kington mobile service which includes Ameley and Pembridge. In Pembridge case it proposes reducing the service to three days a week – Monday 2pm – 3pm; Thursday 3.30pm – 4.30pm; Friday 1.30pm- 3pm.

Proposed to come into operation in May/June. Response to : [comments@postoffice.co.uk](mailto:comments@postoffice.co.uk)

**HIGHWAYS**

See enclosed photograph of Boris the pothole in Shobdon. Arguably because of volume and size of traffic plus pedestrian movements this section through the village of the B 4355 has probably been the worst section of highway for potholes I have had this winter. Working with the Parish Council I ranted until we got some lights installed on the bridge where a section of ducting was exposed. (This has been identified as belonging to BT and they will be fixing it). Despite this, Boris who was lurking just 200 yards from the lights was not spotted by the Balfour team even though he was on the council's pothole website. Bill Stokes the PC Chairman and I inspected the road and found this brick to stand edgewise in the hole for me to send to head of Balfour services. I sent a blunt email at 6 pm and by 9.30 next morning Boris was being attended to.



I am also having a battle of the drain that is broken and erupting onto the main road at Bircher by Titley. The resurfacing programme for 2018/19 is due to be published in March and I am waiting to see how many of the highways I submitted have been identified and any update on A44 submission to Government for resurfacing.

Last month saw the commencement of a Velocity Patching programme in response to this winter's escalation in pothole numbers following representations by myself and other councillors. The Velocity Patcher is designed to fill potholes much faster than conventional methods, and you may have seen its recent appearance on BBC's One Show. We have used

Velocity Patching in previous years, especially when the demand for safety repairs escalates, and we've found it to be a very useful technique to repair potholes on our more rural roads.

The system uses high-volume air to remove all dust and debris from a pothole. A cold bitumen emulsion is then fired into every crack to seal the hole before aggregate is fired in at high speed. The process takes only a couple of minutes to repair each hole. There is no excavation, no waste material and the filled hole is ready to drive on immediately. However, it may be necessary to briefly close some roads to allow crews to work safely. The programme is scheduled to last two weeks, with the potential for extension following a review of progress against demand. The programme will start in the north of the County and work will be predominantly on C and U roads in areas with a high density of safety defects.

Please can I encourage you all that any defects which need looking at INCLUDING EMERGENCIES to please either log on the Herefordshire Council website or by phoning 01432 261800 where all defects will be dealt with in a timely manner.

Herefordshire Council website is the one-stop-shop for up to date information

Maps and timetables for grass cutting and pot holes are now available on the Council's website.

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

#### LOBBYING for RURAL COMMUNITIES

Last month I meet the new Minister for Local Government Rishi Sanak, MP for North Yorkshire, and discussed the funding of rural local authorities. I am the west midlands vice Chairman of the Rural Sparse Network which lobbies and campaigns for rural communities. We have successfully secured an element of the local government funding for the impact of delivering services in sparsely populated areas such as ours. This means working on supplying evidence to government to support their funding of rural authorities with small populations over large geographical areas. This year I am pleased to say that amounted to a one million pound grant to Herefordshire.

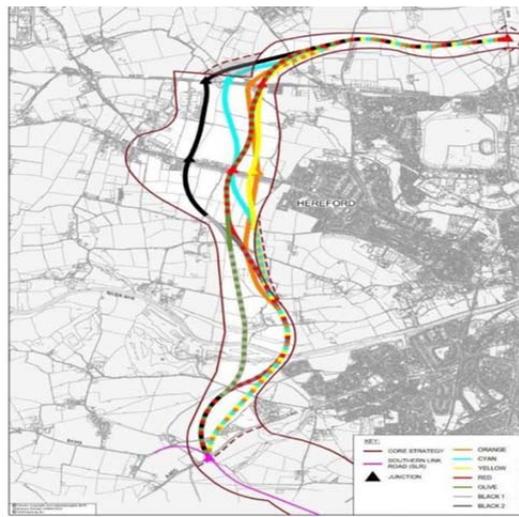
The Government is reviewing the way it is funding English local authorities and we have to ensure that our needs are properly understood. It may seem obvious but unless you provide the information it will not be addressed.

I recently chaired a session in Stafford on identifying the extra problems of delivering health and social care in rural areas.

We are working on developing funding criteria government can use that would address our particular problems. One example is the traveling distance between patients for the rural district nurses or care teams resulting in non-contact time which places financial cost and working capacity issues compared to tighter urban areas.

#### Hereford Bypass

The consultation continues on the proposed routes for the Hereford Bypass at the County Library in Broad street Hereford till 20<sup>th</sup> March and online. In the meantime the opposition from locals affected by the routing is understandably strong. If you



have driven down the Kings Acre road you will see the various coloured ribbons on the trees denoting where the road would cross. If you consider that Hereford needs a bypass then now is the time to speak up or another 30 years will go by. Go and register your preferred route and in particular your strong support for the by-pass. The proposal is in the Core Planning strategy therefore the route will be protected in law. Like all cities Hereford will grow in the future and the traffic situation will only get worse unless we tackle this issue. I have always supported the building of a bypass for Hereford. When I was leader of the council we established that the eastern side had more environmental challenges and the better route that was deliverable was to the west. That determined lets please get on with it. Herefordshire has the support of the Welsh Assembly and the leaders of the neighbouring Welsh and English authorities. The routes cross the river between Clehonger and Belmont, pass Breinton through Kings Arce road, go by the new Livestock Market before turning east to go back to A49, north of the new large housing development opposite the racecourse.

Herefordshire Council Meeting & new Leader. The Council will formally set the Budget and precept for the next financial year at its meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> March and the bills will go out later in the month. As I outlined in last month`s update Herefordshire Council`s share will increase by 4.9% including a 2% social care charge. The bill will include the West Mercia Police, Fire and Parish precepts. At the same meeting Cllr Tony Johnson will be standing down as the Leader of the Council. Tony from Colwall has been Leader for nearly five years and has led the council through some difficult budget reductions. The nomination to replace him is Cllr Jonathan Lester. Jonathan was elected to Bromyard Town Council 20 years ago and to HCC in 2011 and has been cabinet member for Children`s services. He is 45 years old, married with one daughter and works for Worcester City Council.

#### HEREFORDSHIRE MEANS BUSINESS 2 - CXCS

CXCS ( cross compliance solutions) is a local firm with national reach. The company was formed less than 10 years ago by Charles Mayson, who previously ran his own fertiliser compound sales firm for 30 years selling to local farmers.

*"I recognised early on that Compliance Regulations were a burden to our county's farmers". They're good at farming – very good – but they don't love paperwork".* However, regulations don't go away and inspections are an accepted part of modern farming. All regulations require paperwork and records; often to an exacting standard and CXCS provides individual reports for its many clients. After working from home for a while CXCS found very good office premises at Crump Oak Farm, Lyonshall. A few years ago these buildings were abandoned and unused but are now home to 20 CXCS staff, the firm has 1200 farmer clients and now covers all of England. *"I worked closely with Roger Phillips in my Council days and it's a bonus to have him as our local ward Councillor. We are very pleased with the new office premises. Many of our staff have local connections and we enjoy commuting to work. The countryside is not a museum or a theme park, it's where people work. We pay rent and rates and are pleased to revive older buildings with newer methods".*



Shobdon Airfield The Pembridge landing grounds were opened in 1939 at the outbreak WW2 with a Glider training school hosted there from 1942. In 1961 the Shobdon airfield became home to the Herefordshire Aero Club which has gyrocopters to gliders, rotary to micro lights and all types of fixed wing light aircraft. The airfield itself has various private owners and is used occasionally by the Military and Queens flight. Later this spring I am arranging a tour of the airfield and meeting with key personal for my Parish councils.

If you want to discuss a planning matter, please contact [Adam.Lewis@herefordshire.gov.uk](mailto:Adam.Lewis@herefordshire.gov.uk)

If you have an enforcement concern, [mttansley@herefordshire.gov.uk](mailto:mttansley@herefordshire.gov.uk)  
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- 6.1 Lengthsman work in March – Cleaning off drain tops in dip on 93010 and on School Lane by recreation ground; installation of footpath finger post on Burton lane.
- 6.2 We have ordered a brass sign for the top of the gate donated by the shop on ED7 to read - Kindly donated by Eardisland Community Shop 2017.  
We have arranged a village walk for Friday 23rd March at 2.00pm, meeting at the war memorial to walk the Harry Smith Path to Shobdon. It is about 6 miles long and should take between 2 and 2and a half hours.  
The snow and wet ground has delayed any other outings!
- 6.3 Our first week back was cancelled due to the snow but our second was more productive. We concentrated on the riverside picnic area opposite Staick House, where we installed the latest donated bench, generously given by Stephen Goodchild in memory of his late father, Lionel. The bench is made from Herefordshire Oak and inscribed 'In memory of Lionel Goodchild'. It is a beautiful piece of furniture.  
The whole area was cleared of fallen debris, including the layby, with ten wheelbarrow loads of green vegetation removed. A litter pick is arranged for Saturday **24<sup>th</sup> March @ 10am**, meeting outside the shop.
- 6.5 Email from Fawns – page nos. refer to report  
Pg 13, V – Very Low Risk – Provide signage to BS EN 15312. We can quote for a sign if you require us to do so  
Pg 14, V – Very Low Risk – Monitor use. L – Low Risk – Replace missing inserts. My understanding is that our Andy Dick replaced 6 missing inserts on cross bar 10mm dia – Can you please let me know if this is not the case.  
Pg 15, L – Low Risk – Reinstall item to secure. Quotable. L – Low Risk – Reinstate the surface. Quotable  
Pg 16, L – Low Risk – Monitor for any further deterioration and replace when 40% worn. Quotable (consumable). L – Low Risk – Ensure the seat is a minimum of 400mm above ground level when loaded with 130kg. Quotable  
Pg 17, L – Low Risk – Adjust the cable stop position to ensure the minimum distance is maintained. Cableway stop not set at the correct distance it is too close to the uprights (1.3m) – This has been referred to our technical Manager, Rob Davies, who advises that the distance is correct and that no further action is required and this has been verified by Keith Dalton Technical Director of the RPII as an independent adjudicator. L – Low Risk – Repair the brake traveller. Quotable (consumable)  
Pg 18, V – Very Low Risk – Replace worn or missing inserts as required. Quotable (consumable)  
Pg 22, V – Very Low Risk – Monitor use. L – Low Risk – Monitor for any deterioration (rot) and replace as required. Care and Maintenance - Quotable  
Pg 23, V – Very Low Risk – Monitor use. L – Low Risk – Monitor for any further deterioration and replace when 40% worn Care and Maintenance - Quotable  
Pg 24, L – Low Risk – Monitor to ensure the splits do not cross through fixing points of the structure and cause any instability. Care and Maintenance - Quotable



6.7 Sign from Lyonshall to consider for village end of Broome Lane

8. ED9 (part) diversion

9. Total hrs from 1.4.18 = 27/wk. Total cost = £147. Eardisland 9hrs/wk, pro-rata = £48.96, 9/27ths.
13. Correspondence – received as follows:
- From Herefordshire Council (HC) – Great British Spring Clean 2-4 March
  - From HALC – Information Corner and NALC GDPR document
  - From HC – Stop the drop litter pledge
  - From Clerks and Councils Direct – March update
  - From Ledbury Cllr – Email requesting financial support from individual Cllrs towards cost of personal Judicial Review
  - From Tony Johnson – Email with last report as Leader

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