

## CLERK'S INFORMATION SHEET FOR PARISH COUNCIL MEETING ON 21 JUNE 2018

- 4.1 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 NFGP 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



### JUNE UPDATE PEMBRIDGE, SHOBDON, LYONSHALL, EARDISLAND & TITLEY GROUP PARISHES

From your local County Councillor Roger Phillips. Email:  
[rjphillips@herefordshire.gov.uk](mailto:rjphillips@herefordshire.gov.uk)

Dear Residents,

After much lobbying and working with the Council and Balfour Beatty I am pleased to report that resurfacing for the villages in Shobdon and Pembridge are planned for this summer resurfacing season. I am working with Parish Councils, Businesses and local community as this will mean road closures and diversions, in Shobdon for a week and Pembridge two weeks. More details in the update.

In addition following the launch of the Local Enterprise Partnership's Freight Transport strategy and Government reviewing the main road network I have supported a review and update of the 2005 report into Traffic movements in North West Herefordshire. This will be technical work but I will involve my Parish Councils and business representatives so we may be prepared for any offer of Government funding for highway improvements.

The Queens Award for Voluntary Service 2018

Great News that the Queens Award for Voluntary Service which is the highest award for voluntary work in the country has been bestowed on the Pride in Pembridge Group (Pips). They are one of only forty groups and organisations to receive the award in the west midlands and two members were invited to attend a recent Garden Party hosted by the Queen at Buckingham Palace. This small group of local residents have been working to ensure Pembridge looks so good since 2011. They work every Thursday morning throughout the year and more frequently in the summer weeding and cleaning the streets, tendering the Hanging baskets and boxes, and litter picking in and outside the village. They have also been involved in activities with the school and local businesses. Two of their biggest projects has been the clearing of the castle moat and the planting of wild flowers; and the building of the broadwalk adjacent to the river Arrow. This decked walk allows all year access including the disabled to the riverside with benches and was funded by Lottery and other grants.



All of their work is voluntary and they rely on donations from local residents and business. Their chairman was Alan Stokes who sadly passed away last Autumn but was aware that the Pips had been nominated. All our communities rely on voluntary contributions from residents who give their time, energy and expertise to improve the character, wellbeing and appearance of our locality. The Pips group represents one of the very best examples of such work and are all thoroughly deserving of this very special award.

Congratulations and Hip Hip for the Pips!

I am pleased also to report this month that we have two new community Support Officers who will be joining Dean Wall and they will be resuming their village surgeries in the near future. I attended all the Annual Parish Meetings in the ward with Highways and planning being the main issues raised.

In this update my feature is the County's Waste collection, Highways and the reminder on the new data protection regulations.

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

ROGER

### **HIGHWAYS**

The two village resurfacing will be the most significant highway works in my ward this year. I am aware that there are many other sections of highways particularly the unclassified roads and I continue to push for them to be done. The work will necessitate a complete closure of the roads causing considerable inconvenience to everyone and impacting on many businesses. The work will have to be during the day between 8am -5 pm, access outside that time will be normal on a temporary surface. Near residents and businesses will be written to but closures like these have huge impact over a much larger area.

The Shobdon work is initially identified to be done during August and will include the re instatement of the pedestrian crossing. I have consulted the Parish Council and we agree that some of the remaining 106 funding from the Bateman development should be used to put in some of the infrastructure now ready to upgrade the crossing to a pelican crossing when funds allow. Earlier in the year we identified an improper pipeline installed by BT which must be removed and we are trying to get them to do that work before resurfacing. However despite repeated request they are not cooperating so I have asked our MP Bill Wiggin to write to Chairman of BT as digging up new surface makes no sense.



In Pembridge after consulting with the school and local businesses I am trying to get a date for the second half of September. The last time I managed to get the highway resurfaced was 20 years ago when the Highway was cut back to effectively its original surface and rebuilt. This time the depth of removal will not need be as great but as last time the work will take two weeks to complete. I had some request if the work could not be done at night however that would take longer, cost more, has higher safety issues and will be very disruptive for residents. I will keep you update on progress and conform dates in future monthly updates.

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

Report fly tipping it will be dealt with in a much quicker time frame. by either calling the Contact Centre on 01432 261800 or by logging the fly tipping via the council website on the links below as your enquiry

[https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/info/200226/report\\_a\\_problem/98/fly\\_tipping](https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/info/200226/report_a_problem/98/fly_tipping)

#### **The Lugg Drainage Board**



Throughout lowland England Drainage Boards have existed for over 100 years to ensure good drainage of the land and prevent flooding. Their members are appointed from Councillors and landowners in the area and they raise a precept on the Council Tax to those landowners who have watercourses. The main rivers are the responsibility of the Environment Agency but that's another story!

The Lugg Drainage Board covers a significant part of my ward and annually we make a site inspection of some of the drainage challenges and improvements within the area. Getting the right level of maintenance is not always easy between protecting wildlife and preventing flooding particularly of domestic property.

In the Curl brook catchment area a specific project is being undertaken to improve the wildlife and conservation of the courses which includes the challenge to eliminate the Himalayan Balsam.

The picture is the Arrow Mill just below Eardisland which is privately owned.

#### **DATA PROTECTION ACT**

The Data Protection act places obligations and responsibilities on any company, organisation and individual who hold and process personnel information. The new General data protection regulations (GDPR) that supersede the Data Protection act comes into force on the 25<sup>th</sup> May 2018. I hold a list of emails of local people that I have built up over the years which I retain and use on my council computer and email. I can give you all the reassurance that I do and will not share those email addresses with any third party. In seeking legal compliance I am requesting that if anyone is unhappy with me holding your email contact please advise me and I will remove you from the list. Otherwise I will retain your email contact and continue to send you monthly updates and occasional key information.

The above paragraph will in future appear on the bottom of all my updates and has been signed off by the Herefordshire Council Monitoring officers.

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)

Parish Council CONTACTS.

Pembridge – [clerk@pembridgeparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@pembridgeparishcouncil.gov.uk)

Shobdon - [shobdonparishclerk@gmail.com](mailto:shobdonparishclerk@gmail.com)

Lyonshall – [lyonshallparishclerk@gmail.com](mailto:lyonshallparishclerk@gmail.com)

Eardisland – [eardislandclerk@gmail.com](mailto:eardislandclerk@gmail.com)

Titley Group – [rachaeljones.titleypc@gmail.com](mailto:rachaeljones.titleypc@gmail.com)

- 8.1 Work in May/June: Strimming footpath to church; strimming and clearing either side of one-way lane; weed spraying through village; clearing round road signs.
- 8.3 1400 trees and hedging planted in Tree Warden's own field over the winter. 2 other people with fields interested in planting up theirs but they weren't able to go ahead last winter but hopefully we will do next winter. 10 Black Poplar truncheons given to the parish by our neighbouring tree warden planted up in 4 locations in wet areas.
- 8.7 10 parishioners now volunteered. Training session on 25 June, so group will be active shortly.
- 8.8 Environment Agency officer responded to query about silting of Mill Race and river as follows: I have spoken with the field services team. Unfortunately, we do not have any planned de-silting here. The field team are also happy for this to be led by the Parish. I'm just in the process of consulting with our national team, over the level of permits/permissions required. Currently, to de-silt a watercourse that is not done by a Risk Management Authority (such as the Environment Agency or Herefordshire Council) there is a charge of £968 for the permit. As I believe this should be a partnership venture and treated as an opportunity to work closer with the parish, I'm awaiting confirmation that no charge will be required.
- 8.9 Gardening company used recently has been terminated. New person appointed but only just started and will take a few visits to work round churchyard and get it tidy again.  
Request received for £1,000 towards maintenance costs.
- 8.11 Willow at Hay bridge badly damaged and into river, cut down to pollard and branches removed.  
Suggestion to remove small fence to make strimming easier. One fence post is rotten at base anyway.

## 11. Correspondence – received as follows:

- From Eardisland Community Shop committee – Offer to pay for insurance for The Dovecote for 2018-19
- From Hereford & Worcester Fire & Rescue – Letter re Judicial Review challenge to decision to move management to Police & Crime Commissioner
- From Herefordshire Council (HC) – Budget consultation briefing date

Alison Sutton – Parish Clerk

7 John Davies Place, Westcroft, Leominster, Herefordshire HR6 8JD. Tel: 07789 322771. Email: [eardislandclerk@gmail.com](mailto:eardislandclerk@gmail.com)