

CLERK'S INFORMATION SHEET FOR
EARDISLAND PARISH COUNCIL MEETING ON 26 APRIL 2018

- 5.1 I would like to introduce myself as the new Police Community Support Officer for Eardisland, under the umbrella of Kington and Weobley policing area. As you will be aware PCSO Dick Allford retired earlier this month after nearly 42 years' service with West Mercia Police. A huge achievement and I'm sure you would agree he has more than earned his retirement!! We wish him all the best. I will be covering this area for at least the next six months, so I thought it might be prudent for you to have our team details:

The Kington and Weobley Safer neighbourhood policing team is currently PC Dean Wall and PCSO Steph Annette
Our team email address is kw.snt@westmercia.pnn.police.uk

The police non-emergency number is 101 and obviously 999 in a serious emergency.

Please feel free to contact me with any local policing questions or queries.

PCSO Steph Annette 6440. Kington Police Station, Churchill Road, Kington, HR5 3AJ. 101 ext 4535

Safer Neighbourhood Teams work with local people and partners to identify, tackle and solve issues that matter to the community where you live.

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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APRIL UPDATE
PEMBRIDGE, SHOBDON, LYONSHALL, EARDISLAND &
TITLEY GROUP PARISHES

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

Happy Easter to you all.

I hope many of you have visited the weeping tower of poppies at the Cathedral which will be on display until the 29th April. Hopefully we will not see them covered in snow again as we have all had enough of that stuff.

The impact of the snow and ice on the highways has taken a real toll and I detail in this update some of the actions I have been involved with and the new programme for 2018/19.

I have also spent some time working with rural colleagues across England on influencing the government's emerging thinking on local authority funding from 2021 and ensuring we include criteria to recognise the extra costs of services delivered over large rural areas.

I was unable to attend the Patients Participation group of the Kington surgery but I am pleased to report that a third full time doctor will start at the practice on 1st April. This May will see new legislation regarding the holding of personal details on computer systems. This has an impact on me as a local councillor as I retain your emails in order to communicate with you. Please read the paragraph and if you are unhappy with me having your email address please let me know.

This weekend I joined Clive and Juliet Williams at the Lowe Farm for Breakfast with their guest to celebrate the 20th anniversary of their national award winning B&B business, and feature it in my business update. While Mark and Laura are just starting up the Cattle Shed café at Penrhos on the side of the A44 and opened their doors for the first time this weekend. As ever if I can be of help please do not hesitate to contact.

ROGER

Local resident wins Gold

Richard Johnson from Twyford near Pembridge but in Eardisland parish won the Gold Cup at Cheltenham races in March. Richard is the third generation of his family to live at Twyford and lives there with his wife and family.

Highways

I have spent considerable time on highway matters during the last month particularly dealing with potholes, challenging the Balfour contract and working processes, lobbying for highway funding and resurfacing in my ward. Residents and businesses have expressed their frustration and disappointment about the state of our roads to me. I have expressed severe concerns about how this contract is working and the reputational damage to council, contractor and our county. I am grateful to those residents who have supplied me with detail that I have used to evidence concerns on poor repairs and the dissatisfaction of categorising potholes with different timescales for repairs resulting in up to four separate visits to the same patch of deficits. The much publicised velocity patcher came to Easthampton and frankly wasn't an advert for good practice.

As your County Councillor I consider it was my duty to lobby for as much funding as possible to be spent on highways, and that I have done, but at the same time I want to see changes to the contract to ensure improved value for money.

The budget for the next financial year allocates to the whole of the Balfour Beatty contract some £6.5 million of the revenue budget, and £21.4 million of capital budget (£11.6 from government grants). In addition a proportion of the funding I have

personally been involved with securing, the Sparsity grant, should be added plus the bulk of the successful legal claims from Amey the previous contractors. But improved outputs must be delivered.

Last Autumn I consulted all my Parish Councils and published in my update the highways I had submitted for consideration for the resurfacing contract for 2018/19. My priority in particular the villages of Pembridge, Shobdon, Titley and Staunton. (Lyonshall and Eardisland have had major resurfacing).

I am pleased to report that the new budget for 2018/19 passed at the February council meeting allocates £4.6 million for the A44. The Council intends to submit the A44 to the Governments Highway Maintenance Challenge Fund when it is announced in summer, which if successful, will double that figure to be spent. This might mean that works may be delayed till later in the summer or early autumn awaiting the government decision but at least the money is ring fenced.

I showed Bill Wiggin the road during his election campaign last May and met with him before Christmas in the House of Commons to seek and got his support for our submission, and will when the Fund is published lobby the Roads Minister Jesse Norman.

It was in 1999 as older residents will remember I successfully managed to get the whole of the highway grouted, reconstructed, resurfaced and topped with special quiet surfacing. This gives some indication of the ponding the road takes. I have contacted the Quarries at Gore and Dolyhir to remind their sub contractor HGV drivers to respect their "20 is plenty" guidance on driving through local villages.

Staunton residents will be aware of the significant patching work which has been done through the village. The workmanship is good and we will see how resilient it remains.

The state of the B4355 through Titley towards Presteigne has been a concern but I am pleased to inform you that some resurfacing is planned in four weeks time. B4355 – Titley (Balls Corner to U91417) Resurfacing Works Monday, 30 April 2018 and Tuesday, 1 May 2018 Road closed 09.00 hours to 17.00 hours daily

Throughout the winter the B 4362 through Shobdon and beyond has been arguably my worse highway in the ward. I am pleased to say significant resurfacing of this highway in the village is included in programme.

We are awaiting BT to do the works on the bridge following the exposure of their pipe being insufficiently buried and I know of a Welsh water connection to be done. I am anxious to work with the Parish council, Council, Balfour and others to ensure we co ordinate the resurfacing and ensure good communications to businesses and residents.

I shall also be working on the reinstating and if possible upgrading of the pedestrian crossing.

There are many C and U highways in the programme but at this stage not all the minor highways I wanted are included but I will continue to work on them.

C1072 – Headbrook Bridge, Kington Masonary Bridge Repairs Works continue to Friday, 27 April 2018. Road closed from 08.00 hours on Monday, 26 March and will not re-open until 17.00 hours on Friday, 27 April. No through traffic allowed over Headbrook Bridge

LOWE FARM Bed & Breakfast. Happy 20th anniversary!

Tourism is an important part of our local economy and within the ward we have many businesses offering visitors great opportunities to enjoy Herefordshire and creating many jobs. One of the most long established, and celebrating their 20th anniversary on 1st April is Juliet and Clive William's Bed and Breakfast business at the Lowe Farm, just off the Rhyse lane. Originally based in the Farmhouse they converted the adjoining farm building into an award winning five bedroomed facility with a strong emphasis on green tourism and sustainability. They have received four Gold Awards including National Eco Award and the ROSE award for customer experience of which the Lowe is only Herefordshire recipient. Over the 20 years Juliet has served up over 19,000 breakfasts with locally source produce and eggs from their own rescue hens. Wherever they can they use local tradesmen and continue to update and improve their facilities. They employ local help and grateful for any expressions of interest. Many of her guests regularly return to the Lowe, some for over 15 years enjoying the hospitality and the peace and beauty of our local area. Past guests include the Spanish Ambassador and Prof. Shinji Aoki from Toyo University Tokyo. Juliet has worked with the university on green tourism initiatives and visited Japan to promote Herefordshire and Farmstay holidays. "The past 20 years has been a lovely journey" said Juliet "a lot of hard work and determination. We have survived through Bird Flu, credit crunch and of course Foot and Mouth and have made many friends". They were one of the first local businesses to use a rural business grant to convert a disused farm building and continue to invest in the property which include organic paints from their neighbour Edward Bulmer.

A strong advocate for Herefordshire and small businesses Juliet regularly corresponds with national figures including Mark Carney Governor of the Bank of England.

Congratulations Clive and Juliet.

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 25th 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.

If you want to discuss a planning matter, please contact Adam.Lewis@herefordshire.gov.uk

If you have an enforcement concern, mttansley@herefordshire.gov.uk

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Lyonshall – rebeccabissell.lpc@gmail.com Eardisland – eardislandclerk@gmail.com Titley Group – rachaeljones.titleypc@gmail.com

- 7.1 Lengthsman work in April – Only village hall work invoiced. New rates for Hitrees work: labour £17.50/hr (up from £15); labour with machinery £20/hr (up from £19); mini digger hire £50/day + labour, as last year.
- 7.2 The wet weather has made the paths quite difficult to walk but on Friday 23 March there was the first Village Walk of 2018. Apart from an advert in the Parish Magazine, the walk had no publicity, so we were pleased that seven of us and two dogs

met up to follow the Harry Smith path, along Lyme Lane, over the fields and around Shobdon Airfield, returning via the bridle path, ED9 and Broome Lane. It took us three hours to walk the 6 miles but it was well demarcated and although the going was rough in places, it proved to be a pleasant walk. We will arrange another shorter walk in May/June. The sign for the gate on ED7 provided by the Eardisland Community Shop has been collected and will be fixed to the gate as soon as possible.

- 7.3 The last 4 weeks have seen the team carry out routine maintenance on the borders & gardens. Included in the work has been a clear up of the layby opposite Staick House as well as the green space by the riverbank. Other featured work includes rubbing down the 2 benches and applying a varnish. These benches were donated last year by the Manor House and were both second hand. Work has started on clearing the area at the top of the slope outside the shop to ready the space for the second part of the landscaping project. The bench which previously was sited at this location has been moved to a new area of the recreation ground facing the zip wire. We have also continued to clear the millstream of debris which has floated downstream.
- 7.8 Information received on various points about signage and speed limits on Broome Lane (C1033) / C1035 junction and Burton Lane (C1085) / C1035 junction. On Broome Lane / C1035 junction: 30 / 60 mph signs required, though can be just one side of road; could ask for sign going from C1035 into Broome Lane to be removed so does not visually encourage drivers to speed up on Broome Lane; if want to get speed limit moved out from junction to further down Broome Lane, could ask Ward Cllr to apply for Traffic Regulation Order but probably wouldn't be likely with Balfour Beatty funding till 2020-21 or PC could pay but cost would be around £6,000 and done through the Community Commissioning Scheme; could put additional BB sign plate such as lorry with red line through it up, either before junction on C1035 or instead of 30 /60 mph sign if removed as above. On Burton Lane / C1035: too wide to remove one of 30 60 mph signs but could be re-angled so less confusing.
- 7.9 Project to put life size figures of bell ringers and an audio soundscape into tower. Benefits of project for learning about heritage of ringing in Eardisland, historical research, opportunities for education for young people, encouraging visitors. Funding application by church to Heritage Lottery Fund.
- 7.10 Go-ahead given to recruit volunteers as equipment now available. Forms for 6 volunteers now being sent off for police vetting process.
11. Correspondence – received as follows:
- From Herefordshire Council (HC) – GDPR training session for Clerks
 - From HC – Travellers' Sites DPD examination
 - From Pembridge School – Invitation to coffee morning
 - From Mortimer Cross Battlefield Project – Launch event invitation
 - From Safer Roads Partnership co-ordinator – Confirmation for Speedwatch
 - From CPRE – Invitation to Washbourne Memorial lecture, Those Blue Remembered Hills – Valued Landscapes in a Time of Change, 26 April
 - From Came and Company – Spring newsletter

Alison Sutton – Parish Clerk

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