

CLERK'S INFORMATION SHEET FOR
EARDISLAND ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL ON 26 MAY 2016

- 10.1 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: PC 3911 Jo ELLIS Mobile 07977 098394; PCSO 6115 Dick ALLFORD Mobile 07968 462523; PCSO 40067 David BODEN 07970 176814.
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News/Appeals:
Knill: Ois reference: 0259S 050516
Between 21:00 hours on the 4th of May 2016 and 11:00 hours on the 5th of May persons unknown have made their way to a farm in Knill and removed 12ft galvanised steel gates from their hinges and subsequently stole them.
Pembridge: Ois reference: 0362S 280416
This offence took place in a workshop in Pembridge. Persons unknown have entered into the workshop and selected a Makita chop saw and left the workshop with it.
Ois reference: 0602S 220416
Reporting theft of petrol Cobra M40c lawnmower from a garden shed in Pembridge.
Staunton on Arrow:
This offence occurred at an outbuilding situated 500 metres from the main road, offenders have gained access into the out building and stole a Rapier diesel pressure washer.
Lyonshall: Ois reference: 0096S 280416
On Wednesday 27th April between 1255hrs - 1340hrs a Cleanwell model 1500 steam cleaner/pressure washer in silver was stolen from a farm in Lyonshall. A small blue Ford was seen in the area at the time and could possibly be connected.
If you have any information in relation to this, please call 101
Kington: Ois reference: 204S 210416
A plant theft has been reported from a property in Sunset Kington. A timbermaster grabber for a crane, an electric winch, plus two tractor batteries were all stolen during the incident.
- 10.2 Roger Phillips, Email: rjphillips@herefordshire.gov.uk
Congratulations to Richard Johnson, who lives between Eardisland and Pembridge on becoming Champion Jump Jockey. Richard who's family have lived in the ward for over 80 years has been runner up to A P McCoy for 16 years so his achievement is long overdue.
Spring is a lovely time of the year when, with the lighter nights our countryside really starts to bloom and if you listen carefully you can hear the cuckoo. Great time for a spring clean and I hope many of you have been able to use the new waste transfer site at Kington.
This time of year brings our Annual Parish Meetings and this year elections for the Police Commissioner for West Mercia on Thursday 5TH May.
We have a new planning officer Simon Rowles who has come from Malvern District Council and I have driven him around the parishes to introduce the area to him. If you have any thoughts about a planning application please contact him and arrange pre application talks. Although you will be charged for this you will get advice from the planning officers who determine the application and therefore their advice is valuable.
In this update I cover Highways, planning, the latest news on the Hereford Bypass, repeat of information on new Kington recycling centre and ward contacts.
As ever if I can be of any help please do not hesitate to contact.
Roger
HEREFORD BY PASS
Following the planning inquiry in the early 90s which refused the eastern bypass on environmental grounds and the removal of any scheme from Government Programmes in 1998, Herefordshire Council has regularly pushed for a reinstatement of the project. In 2008 when I was Leader we managed to get the Rotherwas access road built to support the Rotherwas and Skylon Business parks with over 2,000 jobs. This had considerable opposition but as a result we gained Enterprise Zone status. The building of any highway around the City still gets enormous protest while I sure the silent majority would wish to support such a project.
The Planning Core Strategy last year confirmed the need to deliver a western route to support the future development of the City. The Strategy requires 6,500 houses to be built in Hereford City by 2031 and new infrastructure will have to be built to support.
In June the next phase will be going to the planning committee for consideration. This is from the A49 to A465 (Abergavenny) and has the financial backing of the Government. Following this the plan for the delivery of the rest of the road is as follows:
Option considerations: October 2016
Business Case: February 2017
Alignment consideration: June 2017
Application submitted: April 2018
Public examination: Sept 2018-March 2019
Construction: 2020.
The highway will run from Belmont across the river Wye through Breinton, cutting across Kings Acre road and coming between the new Livestock Market and the Mobile Home site at Three Elms, before turning right to the A49. Current cost estimates are £110 and would be financed from Government, Infrastructure Levy and additional revenue from new homes. Without it the City and County will not be able to cope with the extra housing, existing business could not expand, the large military presence in the county would be frustrated, and the expansion and job creation at Rotherwas restricted severely. Perhaps afterwards we can turn attention to our local villages!
HIGHWAYS

I have had a frustrating month with many problems with Balfour. The lack of resurfacing in this year's programme and poor reactive works on drainage is concerning me. Working with our Balfour locality steward we have managed to get the section on A44 outside the Ovals near Kington Show site included in the resurfacing programme but sadly no movement on Pembridge, Shobdon and Staunton villages. I am holding a joint meeting with my neighbouring councillor and two Parish Councils on safety issues on the A44 from Monkland to Pembridge including the Golden Cross crossroads. Last year this section had more serious accidents than any other parts of my ward.

Working with Lyonshall PC we are identifying local parish highway priorities that given the tight county budget can be financed from future local housing developments. Balfour Beatty surprisingly are not being supportive but we have the Cabinet Member for highways Cllr Paul Rone on our side. I hope to work with my others PCs on identifying their local priorities.

Please report any problems on highways or footpaths using the links below

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

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

PLANNING

The Governments changes to planning on rural agricultural buildings is significant and I am now seeing applications granted on properties that previously would not have been given approval. I have discussed this with our local planning team and given the recent planning appeals that indicate the County lacks a 5 year housing supply of identified sites, there does seem to be a presumption in favour of building, including on the edge of our main village settlements.

NEW WASTE TRANSFER SITE IN KINGTON

The new Household Recycling Centre situated on Old Eardisley Road, opened on Saturday 9 April 2016.

The Household Recycling Centre will help residents recycle and divert more materials from landfill including items such as rubble, cardboard, wood, metal and electrical goods (TVs, monitors, fridges and freezers). The split-level site allows easier access for customers; removing the need to climb steps to access the recycling skips and for HGVs servicing the site.

The new site is open three days a week (Friday, Saturday and Sunday 8 am to 6 pm), the HRC will be able to recycle up to 2,000 tonnes each year. The rules on commercial vehicles not entering the site apply to Kington as they do at Leominster.

Waste material accepted

Re-usable item container – including bicycles

Batteries; books/CD/DVD; cans; car batteries; cardboard; chemicals (including non-toxic paints); clothes/textiles; engine oil; Fluorescent tubes; foil; fridges and freezers; garden waste; glass bottles; low energy light bulbs; LPG containers; mobile phones; paper; plastic bottles; ink jet printer cartridges; scrap metal; soil and rubble; televisions; tyres; small electrical appliances; wood; general waste (including water based paints)

Material not accepted

Asbestos; cooking oil; plasterboard; printer toner cartridges.

WARD CONTACTS

If you want to discuss a planning matter please contact simon.rowles@herefordshire.gov.uk

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

13.1 Lengthsman work in May – Richard Mills

13.2 Annual report – Despite personal issues getting in the way we have managed to make some progress with footpaths this year. 2 new kissing gates were installed on ED2 (path from the Village Green towards Burton Court Lane) making it a much more pleasant and accessible walk.

Access to ED 12 (Bearwood to Pembridge) from the Bearwood side was cleared and the stile improved with funding provided by the PC. The farmer has been asked to keep the footpath clear of crops this year and we liaised with the Pembridge footpath officer who volunteered to take action to improve the stile where ED12 meets the Pembridge section of the path (PM61). These measures have opened up a lovely walk between Bearwood and Pembridge, affording some beautiful views.

The new Balfour Beatty Locality Steward Lara Edwards met us to provide us with official BB certification as voluntary footpath officers. With her help and that of the Parish Clerk we are currently implementing improvements to ED 1B from Burton Court Lane, across the A44 to the Roundhouse near Lower Burton. We aim to have the full length of ED1A, ED 1B, ED2 and ED3 as a circular walk, incorporating C roads, making it fully accessible to all as soon as possible.

Once this has been completed we intend to respond to complaints regarding ED7 as this path to Pembridge beyond the Weir becomes difficult to follow and needs clearer demarcation.

Work on the footpath map is continuing, albeit slowly and we are hoping to find time to update footpath information on the Eardisland website.

May report – We walked from Pembridge to Eardisland on PM59 which joins ED7 to make a pleasant countryside walk as mentioned quite recently in the Hereford Times. We have had some complaints about this walk as it is quite difficult to find the correct path and there are few places for waymarkers as the fields are very large. We have also had complaints about the safety of one of the stiles.

Put waymarker at the beginning of the path way in Pembridge as original one faded. Path difficult to distinguish. Footpath crosses Eardisland boundary. Trodden down route suggests people walk by the river rather than the correct PROW. The actual path is obscure. Finger post would help but this could disrupt farming. Could we put a waymarker on the telegraph pole or site a finger post very close to telegraph pole to minimise impact on farming.

Path becomes very obscure level with Twyford but a fence post to the left offers opportunity for a waymarker. Or even better a finger post near a tree which again would minimise impact on farming.

Reached a sturdy bridge across deep ditch with metal gates either end. Trimmed back vegetation. Put waymarkers in less exposed but more visible places as previous markers bleached by the sun.

There is currently a very clear path across field because crops are growing and a wide track has been left. This may be less obvious when there are no crops. Next stile slightly wobbly and step very low but not a cause for concern. A gate preferable when funding available. Trimmed back vegetation. Continues across second field with well demarcated path between crop.

Next stile in appalling condition as reported by walkers. Still waterlogged despite dry spell. Ground drops away. Rough wood placed on pathway. Step itself solid and top and bottom bar safe but nothing to support climbing over. Safety risk as far too high, with wire blocking the foot tread and insufficient support. Needs fixing as a matter of urgency. Ideally replacing. Very muddy area on East side covering over 3 metres. Trampled by cattle and someone has placed a precarious pile of logs to cross the mud and standing water, which actually makes it harder to step down off the stile.

Crossed next field to a low sturdy stile. Waymarker on both sides. Top bar broken and lying on floor. Crossed another field. Next stile quite low and safe. Improvised handle using webbing put there by someone else. Seems safe. Waymarker already on W side and we put one on E side. We now reached the weir and the rest of ED 7 is easy to follow with good access through gates and kissing gates.

Apart from the dilapidated stile the main issue is certainly the size of fields which make it difficult to see the next stile or gate. We will make enquiries about the possibility of erecting finger posts in areas which minimise impact on farm work. If this is too expensive we will check where extra waymarkers are allowed. Eg fence post, telegraph poles.

Jo Watson and Sue Wallis



Possible site for a finger post?



The stile reported by walkers & in urgent need of attention



Which way now? Pembridge looking towards Eardisland but no obvious path

- 13.3 Eardisland in Bloom – The E Team continue to create a new garden in front of the Manor House wall. Progress, although slow, is progressing well. The boat has been fully refurbished and will soon be re planted. Two new planters have been purchased and placed outside the village hall, with the old tired plastic tubs removed. Help has been given to Ben Woodcock, the Children's Allotment manager, in ensuring the plot could open on 21st May ready for the youngsters to sow seeds. The Plant Sale, held on 14th May, was a resounding success. The public turned out in huge numbers and virtually everything that was for sale was sold. A profit of £435 was made, beating last years record profit by £100.
- 13.5 Play Area – Equipment is checked weekly and all appears in good working order.
- 13.7 Steve Hodges at Herefordshire Council contacted re threshold levels in Flood Alleviation report, no answer yet.
- 13.10 The defibrillator cabinet is due to be installed on Thursday 26 May, now that the electricians have obtained the correct information from Community Heartbeat. After much discussion with West Midlands Ambulance Service, Wendy Priday has been assured that the actual defibrillator (Lifepak CR+) is completely suitable for community users and has agreed, following discussion with the Clerk, to accept the free unit, so that there is a community defibrillator in place quickly. This will be installed in the cabinet on Friday and by early next week the unit should be live and available for use. A number of people have agreed to be trained volunteers and Wendy will arrange free training from WMAS as soon as possible. Decisions needed on whether to get an emergency phone – which relies on mobile signal – or get a phone number for a cascade system that rings volunteers in an emergency. Costs and efficiency being investigated.
15. Correspondence – received as follows:
- From HC – Neighbourhood Planning update
 - From HC – Grants information update
 - From Clerks and Councils Direct – May edition
 - From Balfour Beatty – Letter re no PROW materials available
 - From Centenary Fields – Programme to protect green spaces given as memorials
 - From Community First – Elmley Grants info
 - From HC – Community Governance Review document