

CLERK'S INFORMATION SHEET FOR
EARDISLAND PARISH COUNCIL MEETING ON 28 April 2016

- 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: PC 3911 Jo ELLIS Mobile 07977 098394; 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
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The fire brigade attended the recreational area in Kington due to a report of a wooden climbing frame being on fire. It appears that there was a pile of burnt paper piled behind the climbing frame and at some point during the night this has been lit and has smouldered, causing slight damage to the wooden climbing frame.
Weobley:
Criminal damage has been caused to the play area in Weobley.
Persons unknown have caused damage to a wooden see-saw causing it to snap, broken parts were located in a nearby field.
News from the blues:
A large cannabis grow (plants) was discovered on the outskirts of Kington after police were alerted by concerned community members. If you have any information regarding persons growing cannabis, you can call us on 101, or anonymously to crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.
1 male arrested for disqualified driving. 1 male arrested for cannabis cultivation. 5 local males are due to be sentenced early next month for fraud. 1 male cautioned for a public order offence.
On Monday 11th of April a traffic operation was carried out on the A44 and A438, tickets were issued for document offences.
PACT SURGERIES: Thursday 19th of May, Eardisland 3.30pm – 4.00pm
Your Safer Neighbourhood Team is holding FREE Overt Property Marking events.
Bring all your power tools, hand tools and pedal cycles to Kington Cattle Market. On Thursday 28th of April 11:00am until 12:00.
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>
For daily updates on incidents in your area register for our Dotmailer service via www.westmercia.police.uk
Useful Contacts:
Victim Support - 01432 347208
Childline - 0800 1111
Domestic Violence Helpline - 0800 7831359
National Drugs Helpline - 0800 776 600
National Neighbourhood Watch Association - 02079 630160
Herefordshire Road Safety Hotline - 01432 364582
Website: www.westmercia.police.uk
Hfd Neighbourhood Watch: www.communicate.co.uk/here/hfdsneiwatch/
- 4.2 Roger Phillips, Email: rjphillips@herefordshire.gov.uk
A large congregation attended the Easter Communion service in Pembridge which was Brenda's last service as rector of the Arrowvale parishes. The night before a large group of us went to the New Inn for a more informal farewell and with the power cut that night the candlelight added to the occasion.
Last month saw the sudden death of Paul Simner who was an Eardisland Parish Councillor. Paul had recently joined the PC was one of my youngest councillors and committed to his community which makes his passing even more tragic.
I attended the exhibition for properties affected by flooding in Eardisland which gave information and practical solutions to help prevent or lessen the impact of homes flooding.
This month I give a summary of the meeting I arranged for my Parish Councils and local large highway users, information for Ash tree owners and details of the [new waste transfer site in Kington opened this Saturday](#).
As ever if I can be of any help please do not hesitate to contact, Roger
Highway operative and Parish Council meeting
Last month I arranged a meeting with local large hauliers, agricultural business and my parish councils. We exchange the projects, problems and issues faced by business and residents living in our rural communities and the impact on our highways. Kingspan and the Quarry being large companies have some control over their sub-contractors and wish to be informed of bad practice. In addition to the tachographs which all HGVs must have many of the new vehicles also now have cameras in the cab which can also further check on the driver. I continue to work with our Balfour steward and my Parish Councils on maintenance issues and I enclose the website connections for reporting and information.
<https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/transport-and-highways/maintenance/potholes>
<https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/transport-and-highways/footpaths-byways-and-bridleways/cg-report-prow-problem>
Ash die back
Everyone must have heard of the disease called Ash die back that is sweeping the country. There are several thousands of Ash trees in my parishes and the Forestry commission indicate that most trees will die. I have been alerted that if killed they will become dangerous including threatening buildings, highways or overhead cables. It is the responsibility of the owners to remove them. Check your insurance cover and the best defence is to remove a disease Ash trees quickly.
New Waste Transfer Site in Kington
The new Household Recycling Centre situated on Old Eardisley Road, will open 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 will also allow easier access for customers; removing the need to climb steps to access the recycling skips and for HGVs servicing the site. The new site will be open three days a week (Friday, Saturday and Sunday 8 am to 6 pm) the HRC would 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.

- 7.1 No Lengthsman work in March. Drive-round on Tuesday 26 March identified defects as on tabled document.
- 7.3 Eardisland in Bloom – The team have managed to work each Thursday over the last month, with volunteers working on different projects. These include refurbishing the boat, weeding most of the gardens and starting to create a new garden along the front of the Manor House wall. The latter will take a number of weeks if not months to complete but should eventually give even more colour to the centre of the village. The annual Plant Sale will take place in the village hall on 14th May.
- 7.4 Play Area – Weekly inspections continue to show no faults.
- 7.6 Although the Clerk has the list of threshold levels, which are given in metres above ordnance datum (AOD is sea level at Newlynne, Cornwall), to relate an individual level to a useful marker we need to know the AOD for various points in the parish – the river, the main road by The Swan, the entrance to School Lane etc. If we mark up a plan with where we want the levels Parsons Brinkerhoff could extract the flood levels for the different events and provide them in a table. They suggest they also provide a plan indicating the general flow direction which may help to determine which is the most relevant level to use for each property. But this would be about 2 days work, including project admin, therefore the charge would be around £900 (exc VAT).
- 7.8 Email to Balfour Beatty from PC – The pooling that is now occurring outside Swandrift is the direct result of the resurfacing undertaken in 2014 by Balfour Beatty or its subcontractor. Therefore what is required is not new work but correction of a situation caused by work undertaken. It does not seem acceptable that any corrective work must now wait until 2017-18, especially given that this issue was first drawn to the attention of Balfour Beatty in November 2014, within about a month of the resurfacing being done!
Email to PC from Balfour Beatty – I appreciate the remarks that have been made. We have a list of defects county wide, with Parish Councils voicing similar requests. We rank the schemes on the basis of risk. The issue is not driven by defective workmanship, instead it has arisen due to the use of a non permeable paving layer installed to a modern specification
Joel Hockenull, Senior Drainage Engineer Balfour Beatty
- 7.9 Work on redoing the website continues, the Clerk will be approaching businesses for small amounts of sponsorship shortly.
- 7.10 Ward Cllr is arranging a joint meeting of Monkland and Eardisland Parish Councils to discuss highway safety on A44. Need to discuss possible dates and representatives.
- 7.11 PC has been approached to arrange a sign near the recreation ground on Church Lane, as some hall users are coming round the corner or up School Lane rather fast and concern has been raised with young children in the area and others crossing to the recreation ground.
Sign would have to be sited on private property not highway.
- 7.12 Balfour Beatty is now responsible for emptying all public waste bins. However, they will not empty dog waste bins. The options are: remove the bin and put a general waste bin there but this would have to be emptied through PC funding as BB would not take it on as an asset; or remove the bin altogether.
- 7.13 Defibrillator cabinet is due to be sited in the old telephone box and electrical work done free-of-charge by AC Electrics. But no earth feed in place, discussions taking place to resolve issue so installation can proceed. Clerk still talking to West Midlands Ambulance Service about the actual unit and training.
- 7.14 See over
10. Correspondence – received as follows:
- From HC – Website alerts to planning applications and determinations
 - From HC – Community technology grant
 - From Herefordshire Rural Hub – E-news
 - From HC – Home Front Open Day 7 May 10.00-16.00
 - From HC – Custom and self-build register

Priority 1: Action within next 3 months
Priority 2: Action within next 12 months (unless otherwise stated)
Priority 3: When funds permit

| Area of Parish | Tree no. | Tree description | Recommended work | Comments by assessor | Work undertaken/ comments |
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| Hay Bridge | T2 | Alder | Prune the lower branch back to the main trunk. Priority 2 (within the current growing season) | Lower branch over waste bin, weight on right hand side of trunk which leans towards road | Not done, ?really needed |
| | T5 | Willow | Pollard to create a feature of 8-10 metres, retaining ivy. Within the next 3-6 months | | Pollarded, 1 lateral removed |
| Recreation Ground | T6 | Birch | Undertake formative pruning during the summer 2016. Priority 2 | | Pruning done |
| | T8 | Sorbus | 15-20% crown thin would be beneficial. Priority 3. Re-inspect 2 years | | Dead wood cut out |
| | T9 | Sorbus | Fell and replace. Priority 2/3 | Unlikely to respond to pruning, preferable to replace to provide an attractive specimen | Dead wood cut out Don't fell |
| | T12 | Sorbus | No work required. Re-inspect 2 years | | Cross branch cut out |
| | T17 | Malus | Undertake formative pruning during the summer 2016. Priority 2 | | Pruning done |
| | T18 | Beech | Undertake formative pruning during the summer 2016. Priority 2 | | Pruning done |
| | T19 | Thorn | Fell and replace | Poor specimen, thorn tree on recreation ground not appropriate, replace with suitable species | Not done, ?really needed |
| | T20 | Maple | Fell and replace | Pruning take several years, liable to branch failure if no action | Broken leader cut and pruning done Don't fell |
| | T22 | Sorbus | Reduce laterals by about 2/3, as funds permit. Priority 2/3 | No safety issue | Needs work |
| | T23 | Sweet chestnut | Re-inspect during the summer of 2016 when the tree is in leaf, and undertake a vigour assessment using chlorophyll fluorescence. Priority 1/2 | 20% larger branches showing signs of decline | Dead wood & split branches cut out ?Vigour assessment |
| | T24 | American oak | Re-inspect during the summer of 2016 when the tree is in leaf, and undertake a vigour assessment using chlorophyll fluorescence. Priority 1/2 | Signs of decline | Dead wood & split branches cut out ?Vigour assessment |
| | T26 | Oak | Re-inspect during the summer of 2016 when the tree is in leaf, and undertake a vigour assessment using chlorophyll fluorescence. Priority 1/2 | Signs of reduced branch vigour | Branches overhanging playing field cut out Different landowner |

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| The Dovecote | T27 | Sorbus | Undertake crown clean within the next 12 months. Re-inspect within 2 years. Priority 2/3 | Some branch decline, crown clean to remove dead wood & crossing branches | Tree Warden & Cllr Thomas will review later in year |
| Riverside by bridge | T28 | Cherry | Fell and replace. Priority 2/3 | No safety issue | Dead wood cut out Don't fell |
| | T29 | Weeping willow | Remove dead wood. Re-inspect within the next 12-15 months. Priority 2 | | Some dead wood cut out Needs work on high dead wood |
| | T30 | Cherry | Fell and replace. Priority 2/3 | No safety issue | Dead wood cut out Don't fell |
| Re-inspection recommendations | | | | | |
| | T10 | Birch | 12 months | Recreation ground | |
| | T11 | Birch | 12 months | Recreation ground | |
| | T1 | Alder | 12-15 months | Hay Bridge | |
| | T4 | Alder | 12-15 months | Hay Bridge | |
| | T16 | Ash | 12-15 months | Recreation ground | |
| | T29 | Weeping willow | 12-15 months | Riverside | |
| | T3 | Alder | Within 2 years | Hay Bridge | |
| | T7 | Sorbus | 2 years | Recreation ground | |
| | T8 | Sorbus | 2 years | Recreation ground | |
| | T13 | Birch | 2 years | Recreation ground | |
| | T14 | Birch | 2 years | Recreation ground | |
| | T15 | Birch | 2 years | Recreation ground | |
| | T21 | Oak | 2 years | Recreation ground | |
| | T25 | Beech | 2 years | Recreation ground | |
| | T27 | Sorbus | 2 years | The Dovecote | |
| | T31 | Black pine | 2 years | Riverside | |
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