

CLERK'S INFORMATION SHEET FOR
THE MEETING OF MARDEN PARISH COUNCIL ON 10 AUGUST 2020

- 3.1 West Mercia Police Safer Neighbourhood Team – PS Gareth King, PC Bart McDonagh, PCSO Skye Jenkins
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Useful Crime Prevention Newsletter on parish website, copy link to access the news post

<https://www.mardenherefordshire-pc.gov.uk/crime-prevention-newsletter/>

- 7.1 Work due in July: Mowing x1; splays and signs safety cut; strim/cut MR24, round gates on MR21, MR45 Laystone Bridge to church; strim/cut either side of Laystone Bridge after bridge repair complete.
Work in August: Mowing x1; strim/cut MR24, round gates on MR21, MR45 Laystone Bridge to church; strim/cut either side of Laystone Bridge; check and clear drain tops through village.

Area 3 mowing – opposite The Volunteer is mown once a month by Balfour Beatty during season. Suggest remove area from Lengthsman mowing.

Recommendations for mowing next year:

Area 1, triangle of grass at Marden/Moreton road junction; **Area 2**, grass verge on C1120 from bridge over brook to brick wall leading up to church; **Area 3**, grass with bus stop in it opposite The Volunteer – ?remove from schedule; **Area 5**, grass verge on C1125 on right at C1124 (Small Ashes) junction – Cut at end of February, in late May and monthly thereafter in growing season, only cut to 3 inches height not below

Area 4, verge under hedge from school to New House Farm entrance – Cut at end of February, in late May and monthly thereafter in growing season, only cut to 3 inches height not below; From farm entrance to shop on wide strip, leave metre under hedge and cut only annually.



Area 1



Area 2



Area 3



Area 4



Area 5

- 7.2 Sally Postlethwaite has volunteered to be the PFO (Parish Footpath Officer) for Marden and will start once the Locality Steward confirms. Sally will: keep an eye on all of Marden's footpaths; check any areas that have been reported as a problem and liaise with the Locality Steward and Parish Clerk; talk to landowners when necessary and pass on information gleaned and would await notification of required action; clip around styles to ensure they are accessible and other minor tasks.

Stiles x3 on MR32 – reported to PFO via Locality Steward.

Update re complaints about MR22 and MR30 – S&A tenant contacted, if unable to reinstate due to workload then S&A will undertake.

- 7.4 Membership of Herefordshire Green Network (HGN) usually £50/pa. Offer of membership for remainder of 2020 for £25.

Cllr Bennett participated in the workshop 'Opportunities as we move toward Zero Carbon Herefordshire' held on Thursday 16th July 2020. A zoom event part presentation and part discussion. The presentation was given by Richard Priestley, a well-known local writer who gives talks and classes nationwide and online. His writings and workshops usually focus on how we can have a more ecologically sustainable and socially just future. 15 attended and it appeared that most were HC councillors, three of whom were on the planning committee voicing the difficulty in pushing eco housing etc., basically impossible at the moment.

The presentation was interesting but really at a high level. Some of the highlights being:

1. Transport - future is electric short to medium term and then hydrogen. Cities (including Hereford) should ban cars altogether and have electric buses. Rural communities will still need cars but encourage public (electric) transport and electric bicycles where possible, or walk. We will have to significantly reduce the world's air travel if targets are going to be met
2. Farming - radical change required - will come post Brexit as it is thought that, without change, up to 50% of Herefordshire farmers may go out of business. Mixed farming, both arable and grazed farms i.e. multi crop or multi animal on same land
3. Planning - the ideal is for all new houses to consider environment and be as near to Passivhaus as possible. This needs government and developer attitude change. Little we can do locally to influence this unless the law changes which seems unlikely at the moment

The next workshop was held on Wednesday 5th August from 5.30-6.30 pm.

Find out more about the Defra funded River Wye and Lugg Natural Flood Management (NFM) Project (www.herefordshire.gov.uk/nfm), which is working with landowners and communities within the seven priority sub-catchments in Herefordshire, looking at the ways we can use natural processes to slow the flow of water and reduce the flood risk to downstream communities.

HGN has been successful in a bid for funds from a charity and will make use of the funds to develop interactive platforms which will work alongside parish council websites. The locally focused platforms will encourage individual households on their journey towards zero carbon, whilst guiding and supporting the development and uptake of local zero carbon initiatives.

It will trial the project with Fownhope Parish Council in the Autumn / Winter of 2020. HGN will then coordinate with HALC to ensure good uptake for the website around Herefordshire - and then with NALC to extend the offer to parish councils around the UK. It plans to have the platform resource available for local use across Herefordshire by Spring 2021 and request: 'We hope your parish would like to be involved and we would be pleased if you could express your desire to do so as soon as possible in the coming weeks'.

7.5. New timetable to include informal consultation as follows:

- 11 August – 1 September – Call for Sites
- PC meeting 14 September to sign-off informal consultation
- 17-30 September informal consultation
- 14 October or extra PC meeting 19 October to sign-off Regulation 14 draft
- Regulation 14 consultation 20 November – 8 January 2021
- PC meeting 8 February to sign-off Regulation 16 draft, Basic Conditions and Consultation Statements
- Regulation 16 consultation 12 February – 23 March
- Examination April-May
- Referendum end of May

May need extra PC meeting will be needed on 19 October to achieve timetable – to sign-off Regulation 14 draft.

If unable to submit for Regulation 16 by end of March 2021, may have to return some of grant. Cost to be covered by PC from reserves approx. £3,000.

7.6 See last page for suggested sites.

Current proposal:

- 1m wide on west side and 30cm wide on east side on C1120 before Church Road



- 50cm wide both sides on C1122, far side of Laystone Bridge



- 30cm wide on north side and 1m wide on south side of C1124 – 2 possible sites, either by The Old School or near PO – The Old School shown here



Quotes are for 3 pairs of plastic gates as above.

Vinyl Fencing £950; JACS £1,901 (for straight gates) ; installation by Lengthsman £525.

Pictures below are examples.



On left – Scalloped gates with finials on posts from **Vinyl Fencing** – gate in picture is 60cm wide including posts
Gate of 50cm probably have 2 middle struts, 30cm have 1 middle strut

On right – Sloped gates from **JACS** (can only be 50cm and over and more expensive)

Below – Straight gates from **JACS** – as quote (approx 1m)



Quote for signage – 2x aluminium signs with a Snail and legend of '20 is plenty' – £40 each.



- 7.7 Cllr Bennett participated in the Parish Council Summit meeting held on 23 July 2020, 90+ participated via Zoom. Amy Pitt (Talk Community Assistant Director) gave an update on the response within the county to the Covid 19 pandemic, the briefing notes supplied were sent with the Parish Council agenda. The aim of the presentation was not just to praise all those who have worked tirelessly to support communities, but also looked to draw out those best practices that should be used if a second wave arrives. Additionally, and not surprisingly, the hope is that many of those who volunteered at a local level will continue in non COVID activities in future. It is likely we will hear more on this in the future.

The second presentation was mainly a detailed overview, by Karen Wright (Director of Public Health Herefordshire) on how Herefordshire will manage to control future outbreaks and hopefully avoid a second wave. Karen also stressed what all Parish Councils should do:

1. Report immediately any potential COVID issues
2. Encourage, through publicity, the need to get tested immediately an individual has symptoms along with the need isolate straight away.
3. Publicise the need to obtain a flu jab and to get up to date with any other jabs / health reviews that may have been missed. Before winter.
4. Keep ramming home the basic needs: hand washing, social distancing, face masks where required etc. etc.

9. Draft to introduce colour coding for each car park and different charging levels as follows:

Work & Stay (long stay parking for Commuters, day or overnight visitors)	Eat & Visit (central parking for workers and visitors)	Stop to Shop (convenient parking for short stay visits)
Hereford £1/hr, £5/day, on street pay & display - £1/30mins, £2/1hr, £4/2hrs	£1.40/hr, £7/day	£1.60/hr
Ledbury, Leominster, Ross - £1 & £3	£0.80/hr, £4/day	£1/hr, £6/day
Kington – Free	£0.50/hr, £2/day	N/A

Various concessions on Sundays, Active Wednesdays, Evenings for Eating and Christmas Presents.

10. **Correspondence – significant items received as follows:**

From parishioners –

- Emails with responses to amended plans for planning application 201300
- Email re concerns of governors and Academy re traffic in village
- Email re moving flagpoles
- Emails from MVT chair – asking if PC has considered what it can do to facilitate return of groups using the community centre
- Email suggesting expenses for a PFO
- Email re parish freighter – informed waiting for HC to restart service and give a date
- Email and phonecall with possible PFO
- Email re clearing of vegetation needed round defibrillator – asking academy
- Phonecalls re drainage/sewage problem in Walkers Green – Welsh Water attended and resolved issue, wet wipes in sewage, letter being sent to local households
- Email re footpath issues again – relevant details passed to landowner or reported online
- Email – re Laystone Bridge asking for further escalation of concerns about use of the bridge by HGVs and agricultural vehicles
- Email – thanks for gift vouchers from Coronavirus Group co-ordinator

From other sources –

- From Herefordshire Council (HC) – Free Stop online loan sharks training sessions
- From HC – summer activities on WISH website
- From HC – information on Carers' Leave consultation by government
- From Police and Crime Commissioner – annual survey
- From HC – annual canvass starting
- From HALC – Information Corner and attachments
- From SLCC – Response to consultation on draft Model Code of Conduct
- From HC – transport strategy review update
- From Locality Steward re footpath enquiry – passed to PFO
- From HC – car park charges review consultation
- From HC – Herefordshire Housing and Economic Land Availability Assessment (HELAA) 2020 - Call for Sites

Important items sent/calls made

- Letter to parishioner who has mown the war memorial green
- Phonecall and email to parishioner who runs environmental group
- Email to parishioners who use PC flagpoles re pruning required
- Emails to S&A re MR22 and MR30

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