

CLERK'S INFORMATION SHEET FOR
THE MEETING OF MARDEN PARISH COUNCIL ON 14 SEPTEMBER 2020

3.1 West Mercia Police Safer Neighbourhood Team – PS Gareth King, PC Bart McDonagh, PCSO Skye Jenkins

Get in touch

☎ **101** to talk to your local SNT/report a crime

✉ herefordrn.snt@westmercia.pnn.police.uk

🌐 www.westmercia.police.uk

 /  @HerefordCops

Only call 999 in an emergency, when a crime is in progress or life is in danger. If you would prefer to report a crime anonymously please contact West Mercia CRIMESTOPPERS 0800 555 111. For all non emergency reports please call 101. For all other enquiries please email herefordrn.snt@westmercia.pnn.police.uk

Useful Crime Prevention Newsletter on parish website, copy link to access the news post

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



The police would really love to speak to the driver and passenger in this vehicle.

The vehicle appears to be getting around villages in the early hours (this was 3am) and then the occupants get out with torches looking at vehicles on driveways.

What is that sign on the door?

Any thought or suggestion no matter how tenuous you think it may be, would be very welcome.

The Rural & Business Crime Team

Sarah Smith, John Meek & Paul Crumpton work across Herefordshire as part of a larger

dedicated problem solving team we are supported, not just by Special Constables and volunteers but also by members of the public. Their message to you is: *“Please, please, please report suspicious activity, people or vehicles.”* No matter how insignificant you might think it is, if it is suspicious to you, it probably is so let us know at the time.

For a confidential conversation with Sarah, John or Paul contact them directly on:

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3.2 **Covid-19 Update**

There have been three cases of Covid-19 confirmed at one address which met the definition of a new community outbreak about two weeks ago; residents are self-isolating and their contacts are being traced. Otherwise, there have been no confirmed outbreaks in Herefordshire since Rook Row farm during July. The farm outbreak will remain 'live' for 28 days since the last confirmed case, but all remaining workers tested negative in the last round of mass testing on the 5th August and there have been none linked to the farm since then.

- There have been no new confirmed outbreaks in care homes since June, as well as no further COVID-related deaths of Herefordshire residents in the latest published ONS data (occurring by 14th August and registered by 22nd August), so the total remains at 127.

Hereford – Temporary Transport Measures

As shops re-opened, people returned to work and visitor numbers increased, temporary travel measures were introduced in Hereford and the market towns to give pedestrians and cyclists the space they need to maintain social distancing and travel safely. The measures, which include temporary barriers and signage to widen footways, partial road closures and dedicated cycle lanes, allow more space to walk and cycle in busy areas, helping pedestrians and cyclists feel safer where space is shared.

Following feedback from businesses and individuals on the initial measures in Hereford, a number of revisions have been made:

- The temporary barriers to widen footways on Bridge St, King St and Broad St are being replaced with planters to enhance the appearance of the measures in these historic streets
- Parking bays have been reintroduced in Broad Street as parallel bays (disabled and pay and display bays)
- Temporary advisory pickup bays have been introduced in King St, which traders have identified as important in current conditions
- Taxis will be able to travel northbound across the Old Wye Bridge from Saturday 22 August to support this alternative to private car use
- The proposed bus and cycle lanes on Newmarket St and Blueschool St will not be implemented.

You can provide your feedback on the temporary travel measures at:

<https://herefordshirecovidactivetravel.commonplace.is>

New Booking System for Hereford and Leominster Recycling Centres

The pre-booked system will be introduced for Hereford and Leominster household recycling centres on Monday 14th September, with residents able to book their slots online from Friday 4th September. The household recycling centres are only open to Herefordshire residents, and appointments must be booked online in advance. Residents will be able to book up to four slots every two weeks and will receive a pass before visiting. An address and vehicle registration number will be needed to secure the booking. Residents unable to access the online booking system can call the customer services team at the council on 01432 260000 who will be able to book a slot for them. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, a limited number of residents are allowed on site at any one time. This has caused traffic congestion around the Hereford site in Rotherwas and Bridge Street in Leominster. It is hoped that the booking system will prevent queues leading up to the sites.

Anyone who is self-isolating or has Covid-19 symptoms must not visit a household recycling centre.

Herefordshire Council also continues to offer a bulky item collection service. Please call 01432 260051 to arrange a collection.

Book a visit on the Herefordshire Council website www.herefordshire.gov.uk/hrcbooking or call 01432 260000

Library Information

Click and Collect library items - Order library books and audiobooks online to pick up from:

Hereford & Leominster

- Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday - 2pm to 4pm
- Thursday, Friday and Saturday - 11am to 1pm

You can ask for up to 20 books from the categories offered and library staff will select titles on your behalf. You will be notified by email when your order is ready for collection.

Re: Noise concern update

I have been in contact with both the Environmental Health Team and S & A Produce about the high pitched whine noise which was raised by Councillors at the previous Parish Council meeting. Therefore, I am currently awaiting to hear back from them.

Follow up on Footpath Officer meeting with Balfour Beatty

I asked for a meeting to be arranged (unfortunately, I was not able to be in attendance) but I hope the meeting was able to go ahead accordingly.

- 7.1 **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.
Work in September: Mow x1; road signs and splays safety cuts and clean up.

Drainage grant agreed for the following: **Item 1** – Clearing grips throughout parish once/yr – Lengthsman tasks – use mini-digger to clear grips; **Item 2** – Clearing kerb lines through Marden village and short stretch in Burmarsh twice/yr – Lengthsman tasks – use equipment to clear kerbs of vegetation and debris, dispose of in skip hired by PC; **Item 3** – Jetting of drains followed by CCTV survey of all drains – Contractor tasks – Jetting and CCTV survey of drains on C1120, C1124, C1125 at Small Ashes and culvert on 72606/C1120. Now need to commission items.

- 7.2 Various PROW checked since started role at end of July, summarised as follows:

In good or reasonable state, though may need finger posts or way markers or other signage – MR46, MR24, MR26 up to MR24, MR45 Laystone Bridge to church, MR21 by chapel, MR22, MR3, MR20, MR32 to Hawkersland Farm, MR13A, MR35, MR30, MR16 to Holbach Road.

Need clearing/or unable to find + may need finger posts or way markers or other signage – MRMR44, MR45 Brook Farm to Laystone Bridge, MR19, MR17A to Venns Green, MR17, MR5, MR7A, MR12 from MR19 to Urdimarsh, MR21 to Burmarsh, MR18B, MR30, MR7A to Norton Court, MR8 to Litmarsh, MR33, MR34 to Amberley, MR16A to Holbach Road.

Various landowners have been contacted and have undertaken clearance. Various other landowners need identifying and contacting. Meeting with Locality Steward, Clerk and S&A planned for 18 September. So far no landowner that has been contacted wants to have kissing gates installed rather than stiles.

- 7.3 The PC has had responses from MVT, Academy and Pre School in relation to its proposal following the request by the Chair of the MVT to document the PC's current view on how the new facilities would be managed. Two of the organisations have responded favourably to the documented ideas but the MVT has asked for some further clarification. The intent is that the CFG will review all three responses over the next month and a report will be given to the PC at the meeting in October.
- 7.4 A grant of £9,400 has been approved to cover the work to end of community consultation plus the Call for Sites. The Grants Officer at Locality has stated 'This would leave £8,600 which you could apply for in a second application once the above work has been completed and end of grant reporting has been submitted.' Therefore it should be possible to continue the process to referendum.

The planning officer considers that it is worth continuing the process to have a new NDP adopted and therefore gain 2 more years protection, as the latest 5yr housing supply for Herefordshire has been assessed as 3.69 yrs. Once new NDP has reached Reg 14, planning can give weight to housing policies and then further weight as process continues.

Paragraph 14 of the revised NPPF (2019) refers to paragraph 11d whereby it states in situations where the presumption applies ...'where there are no relevant development plan policies, or the policies which are most important for determining the application are out of date', it is expected that permission is granted unless there are other material matters. Therefore the presumption applies to applications involving the provision of housing, **the adverse impact of allowing development that conflicts with the neighbourhood plan is likely to significantly and demonstrably outweigh the benefits, provided all of the following apply:**

- The neighbourhood plan became **part of the development plan two years or less** before the date on which the decision is made;
- The neighbourhood plan contains **policies and allocations to meet its identified housing requirement;**
- The local planning authority has **at least a three year supply** of deliverable housing sites (against its five year housing supply requirements, including the appropriate buffer as set out in paragraph 73); and
- The local planning authority's housing delivery was at least 45% of that required over the previous three years.

In the meantime, advice has been received from planning that when a planning application is for a site outside the settlement boundary, PC needs to show significant and demonstrable harm from non-conformity with other policies and evidence that harm. Also ask NHF developer for letter to confirm intention of delivering housing numbers on receipt of reserved matters approval.

- 7.5 Balfour Beatty officer not able to support village gates – as considers not enough space to install them. He has suggested other options as follows:

C1124, C1120 & C1122

Provision of a white 30 speed limit roundel on a buff patch together with dragons' teeth at both main speed limit terminal signs locations. This would also include sundry edge markings at the speed limit terminal signs. Plus provide a white 30 speed limit roundel at minor approach speed limit terminal signs location. Note that the current Herefordshire Council policy is to only use red surfacing at collision history sites and buff surfacing at all other applicable sites, such as speed limits etc. But information sheet supplied with email states 'buff material not suitable alternative for use with speed limit roundel due to limited contrast between the background and white marking. Also dragons teeth only used when there is a central white line, though we could approach Herefordshire and ask if can be used.

Also add a pair of white 30 roundels next to each speed limit repeater sign.

- Provide buff patch and one new white 30 roundel at 7.5m long next to existing speed limit terminal signs at each end of village, plus a set of white "dragons teeth" on the approach to the existing speed limit terminal sign locations on C1124 at the eastern end and southern end of C1120
- Provide one new white 30 roundel at 7.5m long next to existing speed limit terminal signs location on C1122 at western end of village
- Provide two new white 30 roundels at 4.3m long next to each speed limit repeater sign throughout village specifically along the C1124, C1122 and C1120

As a very rough estimate you could be looking at around £9,000 for the provision of roundels, buff patches, dragon's teeth as mentioned above.

If you were to do without the buff patches and just had roundels and dragon's teeth then the price may drop to around £6,200.

Another option could be to put white edge lining in where there is no centre line, as this narrows the perspective, but it would be expensive and would have to go through Community Commissioning process and would require some resurfacing work first.

- 7.6 Planning officer has confirmed that either retrospective application is required for flagpoles or they should be removed. If the poles (where they are more than 4.6 metres) are retained, then it would become a matter for Planning Enforcement to deal with. The poles are 10 metres high. If they are moved and reinstalled elsewhere, they will need planning permission. Cost of planning application might be £231.
- 7.7 Live Music (Indoors), Monday – Saturday 11:00 – 24:00; Sunday 12:00-23:00
Recorded Music (Indoors), Performance of Dance (Indoors), provision of anything of a similar description to live music, recorded music or performances of Dance (indoors), Monday – Saturday 11:00 – 24:00; Sunday 12:00– 23:30
Late Night Refreshment (Indoors), Monday – Saturday 23:00 – 00:30; Sunday 23:00-23:30

Sale/Supply of Alcohol (consumption on and off the premises), Monday – Saturday 10:00 – 00:30; Sunday 12:00-23:30

For all licensable activities mentioned above:

A further additional hour into the morning following every: Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday for May Bank Holiday, Spring/Whitsun Bank Holiday and every August Bank Holiday weekend; Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday for the Easter Bank Holiday weekend; Christmas Eve, Boxing Day. On New Year's Eve from the end of permitted hours on New Year's Eve to the start of permitted hours on New Year's Day

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

From parishioners –

- Emails submitting sites to Call for Sites
- Email re health coaching and volunteering in parish
- Email re whining noise from point on River Lugg
- Email re blocked drains – 2 reported online
- From MVT trustees re re-opening of Community Centre

From other sources –

- From Lord-Lieutenant for Herefordshire – Card thanking the parish and community – forwarded to Coronavirus volunteers
- Herefordshire Council (HC) – Memo re application for license for The Volunteer – see 8.8 above
- From HALC – Information Corner and various attachments
- From HC – Back to School Safely information
- From submitters – Call for Sites submissions
- From ALCC – Local government national salary award 2020-21
- From HC – Short breaks capital funding for children with disabilities
- From Clerks and Councils Direct – September update
- From HC – Alert on scam on the elderly

Important items sent/calls made

- Emails to parishioners and others confirming receipt of Call for Sites submissions
- Email to MVT re current advice re having virtual meetings rather than face to face meetings, plus questionnaire of requirements if going to use Community Centre completed and returned

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