

CLERK'S INFORMATION SHEET FOR
THE MEETING OF MARDEN PARISH COUNCIL ON 12 OCTOBER 2020

- 3.1 West Mercia Police Safer Neighbourhood Team – PS Darren Ball; PCSO Georgina Boswell, 07971 395167; PCSO Adam Westlake, 07773 052580

Get in touch

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

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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

Reporting an incident of bad/dangerous driving, you can report it online **at the time or soon after** and upload a photo or video that includes the number plate details to <https://www.westmercia.police.uk/police-forces/west-mercia-police/areas/west-mercia/campaigns/campaigns/2019/operation-snap/>
If a road is blocked by such an incident, **you need to report it at the time to 101.**

Useful Crime Prevention Newsletter on parish website, copy link to access the news post
<https://www.mardenherefordshire-pc.gov.uk/crime-prevention-newsletter/>

- 5.2 Cost for Business Plan Update, Budget and Precept document - £146.

- 8.1 Work in September: Mow x1; road signs and splays safety cuts and clean up.
Work due in October: Final mow; strims round MR24, MR21, MR45; strim either side of Laystone Bridge; check and clean out rubbish from grit bins; digger for all grips – from drainage grant.

- 8.2 Latest observations: walked MR25, 28, 21, 29, 26, 4A, 36, 38, 39,41 – nettles clipped etc, some need more work. Identified sites of missing finger posts, to be reported online as BB have to do, though will be low priority. Placed lots of way markers. Making progress identifying landowners.

Landowner for MR38 (from MR39 to Burmarsh) – would like 2 kissing gates please.

Issue raised by Marden Court Farm – wish to put up ‘keep dogs on lead’ and ‘take dog waste home’ as 2 cows recently aborted following dog waste left on fields.
Also walkers using stile by church to access river, thought was only for Anglers Association.

- 8.3 Detailed costs study as follows:
- Develop the strategy for progressing the project from where we are now to completion.
 - Provide an overview of the current project status along with setting out fees incurred to date.
 - Look at evolving that into a scope/brief for developing the project from here based on recent discussions.
 - This can also include an outline programme for each stage moving forward too (or at least a timescale for each stage that your internal timescales can be combined with).
 - This can then also include an assessment of which consultants would need to be in place to support completing the work - and which consultants might be best placed to do so.
 - This can then be used as the basis for Architype and the Design Team members to provide fees against - and as part of this work I can approach those consultants for fee proposals on your behalf too.
 - This should provide a clearer plan for the procurement of a contractor too.
- Intention is to do this on an hourly rate basis, upper limit £1,500 +vat

Meeting of CF Group – Agreed way forward for community consultation to go out from PC with support of MVT on spending next tranche of money to get to tender and loan/grant application stage and taking out loan of £500k for extended footprint and eco features.

- 8.7 Email with ideas – could be run by Fundraising Group mostly:
- October Pumpkin Carving. Display in windows or at end of drive. Judged and prizes given. Spot The Pumpkin Walks around the Village (like the Teddy Bear Walks early on in Lockdown). People could submit photos of their pumpkins to be put up on the Marden community FB Page. Smiths £10 vouchers to Top Ten Pumpkins.
- Christmas Lights. Decorating house for Christmas. Lights etc, maybe get people to go to town to decorate and put up lights. People submit photos to the FB Page for judging (so even if live in Burmarsh/Litmarsh could win). Lights up by 15 December for judging. Social Distanced Christmas Walks around the village. 1st place £100 M&S Voucher, 2nd Place £50 voucher, 3rd place £25.

Similar contest for Christmas Wreaths. Most traditional, Most Nature Inspired, most Modern, Wackiest etc. Children could do this competition, WH Smiths £10 Vouchers for Top Ten. Christmas tree and lights – quotes obtained by Clerk. Lights would be £275 +VAT and a tree would be £190 at most and maybe less depending on size the PC want. Allow 2-3ft in ground, 17ft £190, 16ft £170, 15ft £150. S&A approached for sponsorship as discussions with company last year about this – awaiting answer.

- 8.8 Email from parishioner: The flagpoles could be better sited or trees thinned and pruned and yes, the PC did learn that retrospective planning permission would be required. But is that sufficient reason to take them down with no plan as to where to put them other than somewhere near the new community centre at sometime in the future?

Many local people and some businesses paid for the flag competition in entirety, including the cost of the Parish's flag. It was not unreasonable for them to assume that the Parish flagpoles would be both legal and accessible for the foreseeable future rather than to suffer them being taken down just 14 months after the flag competition took place.

May I ask that the Parish Flag Pole be put back where it was and retrospective planning permission be applied for? I would like to hope that this could be accomplished in time for the Union Jack to be flown on Remembrance Day and subsequently, to enable the Parish to fly its flags appropriately until such time as there is a suitable place available to site it or both flagpoles.

Parishioner emailed all sponsors, entrants etc of flag project, Clerk copied in. Information on removal of flagpoles in PC copy in September News & Views. Clerk has received emails from 3 parishioners. Contact made with suppliers of poles, base plate might be able to be removed and installed elsewhere or if new plate needed cost approx. £118 but would need checking that pole will fit. Advice from suppliers is poles too high for this site, 10m poles only used for corporate HQ sites, 6-8m size would be best. Contact made with planning, unable to turn round planning application in time for Remembrance Sunday; would have to make application, reinstate one pole close to date and then remove until approval given, if retrospective on same site.

- 8.9 Advice from EA given to parishioner by Ward Cllr is to report issue on EA hotline at time of problem.

Email from EA officer to HC:

Looking at the bigger picture here, this could be one of a sewerage capacity issue. Flows from the Marden pumping station have to be passed forward to Moreton on Lugg STW's. The sewerage system around Moreton on Lugg also appears to be struggling with capacity issues during rainfall events with manholes also reported to be blowing in the field adjacent to Moreton. I have cc'd Martin Quine, Team Leader for the Wye Land and Water Team, as this is something that we will need to follow up with Dwr Cymru Welsh Water, particularly with the onset of further development proposed for both Marden and Moreton on Lugg that have the potential to impact further on Phosphate levels in the SAC.

- 8.10 August - 4 sessions; 412 vehicles monitored; 16 speeders recorded
September- 11 sessions; 1,296 vehicles monitored; 39 speeders recorded

12. Online Members Meeting on Thursday 15th October from 5.30pm to 7pm. This will be an opportunity to chat and share news of:

- what you and/or your group are doing and planning;
- current HGN projects and advocacy work and;
- consider what HGN can do for you.

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

From parishioners –

- Emails from parishioner re tractor traffic throughout day taking soil to and from S&A sites
- Email re 'saga' of the flag poles
- Email re planning application and re-erection of flagpoles
- Email re flooding of property by Laystone Bridge due to rain (surface) water going into sewage system and then overflowing the drains in rain
- Email re soil dumps at top of village seen from footpath and suggestion for flagpoles to be installed at war memorial
- Email asking sponsors, entrants to flag competition etc to complain to PC that flagpoles taken down
- Emails x2

From other sources –

- From SNT – PCSO Adam Westlake should be able to attend November meeting
- Emails from GM Watch – re Sutton Walls report from 2014
- Emails from agent – re sites submitted to Call for Sites
- Email from S&A – re Christmas tree and lights
- Emails from NCSC (National Cyber Security Centre) – passed to Orphans Press for action on .git folder on website
- Email from BB – attachment of PFO newsletter, forwarded to PFO

- Email from Marden Court Farm – re putting up signage, referred to PFO; keeping dogs on lead and taking dog waste away, 2 cows recently aborted from this issue; would like something on website
 - Email from HC – review of dealing with complaints process
- Important items sent/calls made
- Emails to submitters of sites
 - Emails to GM Watch – ARCADIS reports, minutes and presentation from November 2014
 - Email to S&A re movements of soil, suggested better PR if let PC and parish know beforehand another time

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