


CLERK'S INFORMATION SHEET FOR
THE MEETING OF MARDEN PARISH COUNCIL ON 11 JANUARY 2021

- 3.1 West Mercia Police Safer Neighbourhood Team – PS Darren Ball; **PC Josh Kitchen, 07773 053436** (new PC), PCSO Georgina Boswell, 07971 395167; PCSO Adam Westlake, 07773 052580

Get in touch

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

 herefordrn.snt@westmercia.pnn.police.uk

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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/>

- 8.1 Work undertaken in December: Drain tops, check and clear. Blocked drains in Litmarsh and The Vault reported online by Clerk for clearing. Lengthsman – grips on C1124 leading out of village redug as blocked with silt and brash; drain outside Pikestye Farm silted up and now cleared.
Work due in January: No work scheduled

Email from Locality Steward re mowing of area opposite The Volunteer: Verge is cut twice a year as per HC Highways Maintenance Plan. During last season PC requested BB to reduce cut to promote biodiversity. Locality Steward inspects road monthly and if grass length is deemed a risk, works are raised to have it cut.

- 8.2 Various issues identified on MR8 and MR4 – mostly landowners' responsibility and most now addressed following discussion with landowners. 3 issues reported online. One parishioner will contact Lengthsman to get cost for wooden self-closing gate but if unable to fund himself would like to be added to list for kissing gate but understands will be low priority for PC to fund. Finger post for MR22A on C1120 broken, reported online for BB to replace.
Issue with vehicles being sent by SatNavs down MR12 bridleway – leading to danger to vehicles and horses and damage to path. Advice is put sign up either end on private property. Cost in region of 190.
- 8.3 8 tender envelopes were sent out to firms – Due to problems with post and with Covid and Brexit, an extension to submit to 10.00 on Monday 11 January has been agreed with the companies who expressed an interest. There will be a meeting of the CF Group on 20 January to consider the tenders. The tenders will now be considered at the February PC meeting and the parish consultation will be in March at the earliest.
- 8.4 Regulation 14 consultation finishes on 15 January. NDP Review Group to meet on 28 January to consider consultation responses and actions required, draft NDP, Basic Conditions and Consultation Statements for submission for Regulation 16 for PC to review and action at February meeting.
- 8.7 Speedwatch restarted following lockdown being lifted in early December but only for a short time and will resume when Covid restrictions allow.
- 8.9 Suggested sites for signage:
On C1120 at entrance with MR20 by The Manor – the bridleway comes out right on that bend, also a bit further along that road but for traffic approaching from the opposite direction
On bends on roads round Litmarsh, Urdimmarsh, The Vault – a lot of horses are ridden around this "block" and there's some pretty nasty blind bends etc
On C1124 near junctions with MR19 and MR22 bridleways
On C1125 near The Saltbox and Small Ashes – where Three Rivers Ride bridleway comes out
On C1125 by junction with Wyatt Road
On C1129 bend by Sutton Lakes Farm
On C1125 by The Whymm – straight road and dangerous junction to come out onto as cars going fast

To take this forward, an application through Community Commissioning Model will be needed. An assessment will be done by Balfour Beatty about what and where signage is possible in terms of road safety and a cost will be given for signs and installation.

Cost for assessment has been requested from BB and the information received as follows: advice on initial suitability of signs is free; if proceed then any detailed work would need to be done by Design & Build and charged accordingly; usually only consider installation of signs if transient hazard likely to be encountered by a regular driver of particular road on significantly regular occasions; if not significantly likely that a driver might encounter hazard on significantly regular occasions, then signing becomes redundant as drivers will ignore signs and not alter their speed etc if they never encounter the hazard depicted; normally used if large stables in vicinity meaning high likelihood of encountering a horse in road; if Parish confident that significant number of horse riders use certain section of road, will see if room for required signs; not recommend signing over long lengths of road, most effective on short specific lengths where significant chance a regular road user will encounter a horse.

- 8.10 The Gardeners' Association has offered to run a seed swap from the BT box.
- 8.11 Following the article in News & Views in December/January edition by a parishioner, no communications have been received by the Clerk.
- 8.12 Grant of £1,500 obtained from The Herefordshire Foundation (where previous Coronavirus grant from) for tablet for CV Volunteer Co-ordinator rather than having to use personal media and more tablets that can be used for community training sessions in future and keeping parishioners in touch for now.
Cost of 5 Apple 10.2" iPad (2020) 32gb classic silver-grey is £1370.85 +VAT.

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

From parishioners –

- Phonecalls re dog getting loose at Small Ashes
- Emails re danger spots for horse riders, where signage is needed
- Emails re costs of architects and Clerk's costs and progression of new community centre project
- Email re misconnection of sewer and additional houses to network
- Email re names of people submitting land for allocation in NDP not known
- Email re delivery of scalplings and pothole filling on MR17A
- Emails (copied into) re Sutton Walls toxic dump queries
- Email re information for Judicial Review re 201300
- Emails (copied into) re Planning Committee re 201300
- Email re PC checking ownership of pond
- Phonecall re killing of chickens by dog off lead getting into shed, CCTV available of person with dogs – advised to report to police

From other sources –

- From Herefordshire Council (HC) – Early Help Hub support for 0-19yr olds
- From HC – flood survey for affected property owners
- From Police and Crime Commissioner – Zoom meeting
- From HALC – November Information Corner and attachments
- From Bill Wiggin MP – with response from Luke Hall re email sent in July to Robert Jenrick re Council Tax grants
- From HC – Information on changes to Licensing Policy, Our Community Can and Knife Angel visit
- From HC – Hereford Transport Strategy review
- From HC – consultation on waste and recycling in future and gov. survey on rural transport
- From HC – Census 2021 and Census heroes
- From BB – dedicated PROW Locality Steward role
- From HC – copied into email re Corporate Complaints team will investigate parishioners' complaints re Planning Committee re 21300
- From BB – info on signage for horses
- From HALC – Zoom training sessions Jan-March

Important items sent/calls made

- Phonecall to PCSO re dog getting loose
- Emails to parishioners re 21300
- Email with requested data on architect's and Clerk's costs for CF project so far

NB. 21300 is the planning application for 5 houses in Litmarsh, recently approved by Herefordshire Council Planning Committee.