

CLERK'S INFORMATION SHEET FOR
THE MEETING OF MARDEN PARISH COUNCIL ON 8 MARCH 2021

- 3.1 West Mercia Police Safer Neighbourhood Team – PS Darren Ball; **PC** Josh Kitchen, 07773 053436, 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

 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

Crimes reported in January within parish – from West Mercia website

X1 defined as theft, x1 defined as other crime – no further information available. However, a dog napping has been highlighted on parish social media.

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.**

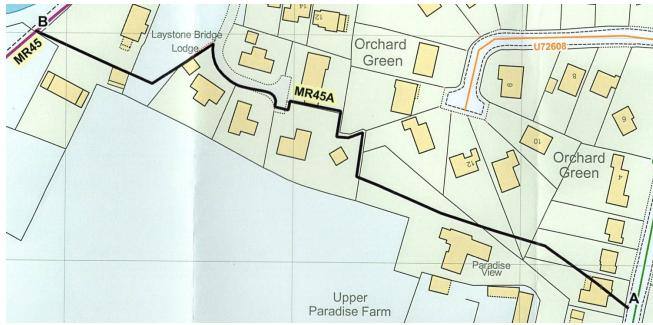
Crime Prevention Newsletter on parish website (updated as new edition received), copy link to access the news post <https://www.mardenherefordshire-pc.gov.uk/crime-prevention-newsletter/>

- 7.1 Work undertaken in February: Strim round grit bins and remove rubbish from inside as required; Check Drain Tops and Grips through parish (Small Ashes down to Old School House and all village roads, Burmarsh, Litmarsh, Sutton Lakes, The Vauld, Venns Green, The Vern), clear as required.
Second kerb clearing from drainage grant funds, grant reclaim submitted. Installation of kissing gates on MR38 as agreed on 12.10.20.
Work due in March: Signs and splays safety cut, first mow, strim/cut either side of Laystone bridge
- 7.2 Other drainage grant work undertaken: jetting and CCTV check of drains from Small Ashes to Old School House – see separate briefing note for report
- 7.3 Winter report:
MR44 – part flooded, landowner dug ditch by stiles that easy to step over, fence being replaced and hopefully stile mended, way markers sited, vegetation clipped;
MR45 Laystone Bridge to church – flooded by church in January, public walking across private land by church, new finger signs and new stile with dog access installed, farm manager advised to site 'Private' sign where no public access;
MR17A – new stile installed but too high, Locality Steward liaising with landowner;
MR17 – stile needs repair/replacement with kissing gate, ivy removed, way markers sited;
MR22 – way markers sited; MR20 - ?width too narrow will be checked, way markers sited;
MR30 – way markers sited, owner needs stile kit for wobbly stile, reported so Locality Steward can contact direct;
MR32 – new finger sign and way markers sited, new stile to be installed, new finger sign and way markers sited;
MR16 – new way markers sited;
MR34 – landowner worked on area, usable path round tree stumps, way markers sited;
MR21 – steep bank down to kissing gate on C1124, PFO will speak to landowner re steps or grab pole, new finger sign and way markers sited;
MR4A Urdimash – nettles and branches cut back, finger sign visible, way markers sited;
MR4A Monmarsh – hinge on gate adjusted, way markers sited, finger sign visible, stile footplates waiting installation;
MR4A near junction – stile waiting installation;
MR38 – gate and kissing gates installed, way markers sited;
MR33 – finger sign on barn, way markers sited but more to be placed, damaged bridge reported online;
MR18A – stile waiting installation;
MR22A – new finger sign reported and waiting replacement, way markers sited;
MR37 – badly damaged bridge re-reported online and blocking of PROW with electric fence also reported.
- 7.4 2 architects, CSH and CBW, interviewed. Recommendation from CF Group – Recommendation from the CFG is that CBW should be appointed on the basis that the Group has confidence that this company can bring the project to a finished build within budget and on time, when the build is finally able to start. However, both companies said a redesign would be needed to achieve the budget. Therefore the CFG requests the PC to fund a fixed cost design study fairly soon to consider what changes in design are needed to get build within budget

and start process of CFG and CBW working together. Approx. cost of study £3k, CBW based fees on assumption that redesign would be needed so whatever is paid now would come off overall fee bill for architect. Recommendation allows Group to work with architects slowly to ensure have proper case for the Business Plan to put to the community. Also allows work with MVT to ensure building is viable and will make money, hire fees and running costs will be part of the Business Plan.

- 7.5 Plan submitted to Herefordshire. However, the following email has been received. Unfortunately it means the NDP is now on hold and cannot be progressed to regulation 16 Consultation and onward to Examination and referendum.
Email from Samantha Banks, Head of Neighbourhood Planning at Herefordshire Council:
We are aware that the parish council are in the process of preparing for Regulation 15 submission of the revised Marden NDP.
However, I am writing to update you regarding the Council's latest advice to parishes whose area fall within the River Lugg Catchment Area of the River Wye Special Area of Conservation ("SAC"). For a Neighbourhood Plan to be adopted/ made, the Council is required to ensure that the plan meets the 'Basic Conditions', one of those conditions being compliance with The Conservation of Species and Habitat Regulation 2017 ("2017 Regulations"). Unfortunately since the publication of the revised Regulation 14 draft of the Marden NDP, the advice on the ability for NDPs within the River Lugg Catchment Area to meet these requirements has changed. Although the neighbourhood plans themselves do not grant planning permission for development, they are subject to compliance with The Conservation of Species and Habitats Regulations 2017 meaning that unless it can be demonstrated that the making of a plan is not likely to have a significant effect on a European Site (SAC is listed as a European Site in the 2017 Regulations) and that there will be no adverse effects on the integrity of the River Lugg Catchment Area as a result of the proposed allocations or proposals within the neighbourhood plan, the Council is unable to continue to promote a neighbourhood plan which allocates sites for residential development and cannot make/adopt a neighbourhood plan.
Consequently until water quality conditions improve sufficiently and measures and/or treatment works are in place, through the Nutrient Management Plan and water quality testing to conclude that there would be no adverse effect on the River Lugg Catchment Area, the neighbourhood plans within the River Lugg Catchment Area will fail the 'basic conditions' test.
As a result and in accordance with Regulation 15 the parish council would be required to submit a Basic Condition Statement which indicated how the NDP policies and proposal meet the requirements of the basic conditions. At the present time, due to the failing water quality levels in the River Lugg Catchment area, it is not possible for the parish council to demonstrate that the Basic Conditions can be met. It will also not be possible to produce a HRA report which can demonstrate that there would be no likely significant effects on the River Lugg catchment area. Whilst the parish council could still submit, we would strongly advise to consider whether to proceed to Regulation 16 as the plan would not meet the Basic Conditions at examination.
I understand that this will be of concern to the parish council and we will keep you updated on any resolutions to the issue.
Please find attached a copy of the position statement (*available on the parish website NDP page or from the Clerk*) relating to advice to parish councils with an NDP within the River Lugg Catchment Area and links to the general position statement on the progress being made to address these issues.
- 7.7 The new PC website is prepared, ready for councillors to check and send comments back to the Clerk by 19 March. Plan is to go live with the split from the current site on 1 April.
Changes suggested for the home page of the new Community website – [see below](#)
Suggested text for home page –
We are delighted to welcome you to this website, which showcases the village, hamlets and surrounding countryside of the beautiful Herefordshire parish of Marden. We hope you will find all the information you need about the parish, but please use the contact form and let us know if there is something extra that we could add, we value your feedback.
Information about Marden Parish Council is now available on the separate parish council website ***link to PC website*** where you can also read local news posts and sign up for News Alerts form the parish council via MailChimp. Useful contacts and FAQs can also be accessed on the home page of the parish council website, for example how to report potholes, noise and other nuisances.
- 7.8 Cost of A5 version of News & Views, 24 pages, black and white with colour covers – x650 is £153, current cost for x650 A4 black and white is £217. Not moving forward with format change at present.
- 7.9 Funds left from Covid grant is £190.97. Could purchase carry bags for the 5 iPads for £59.96 +VAT and External Apple mouse, either x2 for £104 +VAT or x3 for £156 which would need £25 from Contingency. But will probably have to be paid on Clerk's personal card at Currys, as will not be able to go to the shop to pay cash.

7.11



MR45A extinguished from Orchard Green to junction with MR45.

7.12



Ballpark figure from BB Commercial Team of £1,323.14 + VAT for the supply and installation of 9no 'Caution, horses' signs to be placed at the locations indicated on the map. This would include new posts to be sited at an appropriate distance from the carriageway. This is an **estimation and is subject to change** should the Parish wish to go ahead with the works.

10. Cost of SLCC membership for Clerk for 2021, pro rata (14/24ths) is £96.83 (last year £93.92).

11. Correspondence – significant items received as follows:

From parishioners –

- Email to Chair, further statements about the CF process, funding and consultation
- Email re water flooding down C1126 past Walls End and ongoing flood on C1120 past Moreton turn
- Email from parishioner to church via News & Views (copied in) – re flood defences at the church
- Emails from landowner affected by flood problem at Moreton/Marden turn
- Email re planning and tree planting in Burmarsh
- Phonecall re planning application and comments made at meeting
- Phonecall re land to go into Call for Sites – informed would be in open countryside and for HC to determine
- Text with photo of access to sites without planning approval
- Email re problem with link on website

From other sources –

- From Herefordshire Council (HC) – 5yr Housing Land Supply figures – now 4.22 yrs
- From Public Sector Executive – Free conference Net-Zero government: Addressing the climate change emergency on 10 March
- From HALC – Information Corner and attachments including new Model Code of Councillor Conduct
- From HC – Boundary Commission review
- From HC – Empty Homes Week flyer
- From HC – CHANGE IN POLLING STATION FOR MARDEN TO SUTTON VILLAGE HALL for 6 May elections
- From HC – see 7.5 above re NDP process being put on hold
- From Balfour Beatty – see 7.11 above, formal extinguishment of MR45A
- Phonecall with Internal Auditor used last year – confirmation that he is still available
- Email from person wanting to move into parish
- From HC – Information on helping parishioners complete the Census form

Important items sent/calls made

- Emails to landowner affected by flooding

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HOME HISTORY CHURCHES AND CHAPELS CLUBS & GROUPS PARISH COUNCIL COMMUNITY ~~7 Contact or the parish council link to PC website or remove~~

~~There will be a parish council meeting on Monday 8 March 2021 at 7.00 pm. All meetings are by Zoom. to attend any meeting please contact the Parish Clerk for log in details.~~

~~DON'T FORGET More~~

~~Sandbags for parishioners' use are stored at New House Farm. Please call Andy on 07792 827184 to arrange to collect sandbags.~~

~~Data Management and Accessibility~~

~~Click here to Data Protection (GDPR) page or Click here to see our Accessibility Statement~~

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~~News~~

- C1120 Moreton Road and C1122 Haywards Lane closed 22.2.21
- Sutton Walls Camp awarded Historic England Grant
- Keep Herefordshire Warm
- 2021 Censuses and Census 2021 Heroes
- Avian Influenza - new housing rules for ALL poultry keepers from 14 December 2020
- Calling all households flooded in October or February
- Keep Herefordshire Warm and Green Homes Grant
- Reporting bad driving through Operation Snap

Welcome to the website of Marden Community Parish Council in Herefordshire

~~Link to Review of Neighbourhood Development Plan~~

~~Link to the Public Rights of Way (PROW) page~~

~~? link to page on PC website or remove~~

~~Link to the Environment and Sustainability page~~

~~? link to page on PC website or remove~~

~~Link to Parish Council Coronavirus Information, Advice and Support~~

~~? link to page on PC website or remove~~

While Coronavirus restrictions continue, if you have no support and need help, please contact one of the Co-ordinators, Kate Ryan on kate.ryan@mardenherefordshire-pc.gov.uk, phone 07980 310696 or David Bennett on david.bennett@mardenherefordshire-pc.gov.uk, phone 07702 582584.

The pharmacy at Bodenham surgery is continuing to open as usual for you to collect prescriptions.

In the meantime, when you are called to have your Covid vaccination, we hope that you will take up the offer to protect yourself and your loved ones and the community of Marden.

~~We are~~

The Parish Council are delighted to welcome you to this website, which showcases the beautiful village of Marden and the surrounding parish in the countryside of Herefordshire. We hope you will find all the information you need about the parish, but please use the contact form and let us know if there is something extra that we could add, we value your feedback.

~~Herefordshire Council website is the one-stop-shop for up to date information. Road defects such as potholes or problems with drainage of roads, INCLUDING EMERGENCIES, can be reported on the Herefordshire Council website - <https://myaccount.herefordshire.gov.uk/report-a-pothole> or by phoning 01432 261800.~~

~~01432 260000 can be used to report issues with excessive noise or noxious smells and should be reported at the time of the event. For up to date information regarding Highway works in Herefordshire please take a look at [Roadworks.org](https://www.roadworks.org). Problems with sewage after rain or similar should be reported at the time on 01432 260000 or the Environment Agency hotline 0800 807060.~~

~~To report fly tipping go to <https://myaccount.herefordshire.gov.uk/report-fly-tipping> or phone 01432 261800.~~

~~The Rural & Business Crime Team work across Herefordshire as part of a larger dedicated problem solving team supported 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.~~

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