

CLERK'S INFORMATION SHEET FOR
THE MEETING OF MARDEN PARISH COUNCIL ON 13 JULY 2021

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

Crimes reported in May within parish – from West Mercia website

Violent and sexual offences x1.

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/>

New service launched – We are delighted to launch Neighbourhood Matters, our brand new community messaging service. Through Neighbourhood Matters you can sign up for local police alerts; receive information about crime in your area, find out about drop-in sessions, answer surveys, and more.

You can choose exactly what type of alert you want to receive and how you receive them, whether it be via text, email or phone call. Sign up now <https://neighbourhoodmatters.co.uk/>

- 7.1 Work undertaken in June: Mow x1; P3 strim/cut – MR24, gates on MR21, MR45 to church; Strim/cut either side Laystone Bridge; Drain tops.

Work due in July: Mow x1; Splays and signs safety cuts; PROW strim/cut, MR24, MR45, MR21; Strim/cut either side of Laystone Bridge.

- 7.2 Quote for 3 more gates: supply and installation - £1,466.50 +VAT.

Various issues now resolved and PFO very grateful to landowners, who have addressed issues quickly when requested. PFO and her team working hard clipping nettles etc to get PROW network as clear as possible for summer holidays. MR38 and MR17A – ongoing issues being dealt with by Locality Steward and BB PROW officer.

- 7.3 CFG meeting

Action Plan from CBW considered and architect asked to check as follows:

- Check whether Mechanical & Electrical included a Zero Carbon Report within CWB's agreed costs for the project, if not then will obtain quote for report
- Ask QS for budget for phosphate costs
- Check that Landscape Study included within CWB's agreed costs for the project, if not then will obtain quote for report

2 possible amended plans + suggestion from Group member discussed; architect asked to also consider previous option 3b (smaller footprint building supported by parish at consultation on 7 December 2019) when working out costings – as this may be only way to stay in budget of £630k. Agreed that no recommendation on layout/size can be made until costings available.

Response from CBW:

- CBW plan (1 storey) technically within £630k budget **but** ever changing issues with materials and phosphate problem require contingency sum over and above that in the original budget – therefore will not be within the £630k budget
- Studies/reports required to take project forward – QS firm building estimate £1,650 +VAT; Thornley Lumb Zero Carbon Report £1,400 +VAT
- Both sums included within the overall fee **but** only if that particular plan goes forward – otherwise if plan changed will be charged as extra
- So if PC considers that going back to option 3B is only solution to being likely to stay within budget, then need to get studies done on that plan **not** plan submitted for Reserved Matters or CBW option

Fundraising Meeting

Zoom meeting held – 2 events proposed:

- Race Night on Saturday 21 August, 7pm for 7.30pm start – unless rained off – Saturday 28 August as backup

- Afternoon Tea on Saturday 11 September, 2-4pm – unless rained off.
- Possible Quiz Night on Saturday 23 October – to be confirmed nearer the time.
 Next meetings – Thursday 29 July and Tuesday 7 September at 7.30pm in Marden Chapel – all welcome.

- 7.4 Report from Rod Lees: To date I have not received any feedback or views from anyone on the Parish Council except those who are members of the subgroup on either the ideas I put forward about a way forward or the Great Collaboration Project. I would greatly appreciate any feedback or ideas on how we can move forward. If it would be helpful and provide focus, I can put together a questionnaire for Parish Councillors to complete. Regarding the way forward I have modified my views from the update I sent to the last Parish Council meeting. I still need feedback and commitment from Parish Councillors, but I now feel that we can use the launch of the Great Collaboration Portal as a tool to test the level of engagement with Parishioners. I am still very keen to run a face-to-face event in the autumn to promote the Environment and Sustainability Group and would like to use the event to help launch the Great Collaboration web portal along with gaining ideas for activities we should be involved in.
- I hope we have all had an opportunity to look at the portal and experiment with it. Beth has kindly made herself available to attend our meeting on the 13th and would welcome questions and thoughts. We need to decide on how we want it setup. Do we want to use Mad about Marden as a slogan? Are we happy with the introduction page? If you have not looked at it yet the links are below.
- The web site is <https://greatcollaboration.uk/> <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ez2K17u4faE>
- Finally, I attended a zoom call on how Parish Councils can get involved and help with supporting the achievement of the Climate and Biodiversity Emergency. I will forward you the extremely useful links that came out from the meeting separately.

Proposal for accepting the Great Collaboration Portal offer

Background

The Great Collaboration is a project supporting people to make simple changes which will have a big impact on reducing our carbon footprint. It has been designed and developed for Parish Councils and is designed to support the local community to help Herefordshire achieve net zero by 2030. This is a partnership project between Herefordshire Green Network, Caplor Horizons and Fownhope Parish Council working with HALC, supported by NALC and funded by MCS foundation. They have created a portal which has been trialled by Fownhope Parish Council who call it the *Fownhope 5*. We could be *Mad about Marden*.

What does it give?

It provides a web-based portal which is based on the 6 areas covered by the Herefordshire Net Zero plans. Underneath the plans are all sorts of information and actions people can take ranging from zero cost options to more expensive options. It allows you to choose a small number of these and work through them over time. More importantly for the Parish Council it will give us detailed information on areas that Parishioners are working on and areas where they need more support. For me it also provides a focus for the Environmental and Sustainability Group.

What are we being offered?

Free use of the Great Collaboration Portal to Marden Parish

Supply of a free marketing plan so the tool can be successfully rolled out to the community.

Administrator will be available to provide continued support and advice and work with us to develop a realistic but stretching energy reduction plan for the community.

There are no deadlines, but other Parish Councils are waiting if we do not wish to go ahead with it.

This is a long term project which should hopefully provide us with a platform for our environmental plans for the foreseeable future.

How would we implement?

I see this as something the Environmental and Sustainability Group can work on and implement.

Probably the best thing for you to do is to try it yourself and watch the u tube video and come back to me with questions, comments or challenges. The web site is <https://greatcollaboration.uk/>
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- 7.5
1. Area behind shops on Walkers Green: Email sent to presumed landowner and response received that they will contact the owners of the land behind the shops and report back.
 2. Owners of the land in front of the shops: Still not possible to identify owners of most of area, Clerk informed that it is divided between the premises, however only one shop has an area of carpark on its deeds.
 3. No response yet from owner of pond.

Gigaclear site visit now happened and go-ahead given by them for planned planting scheme at The Volunteer – previously agreed as OK by Cadent Gas. Email approval given by Balfour Beatty officer and Clerk has invoiced S&A for sponsorship funding.

Gardeners' Association asked by BB officer to produce new plan for Rudge Grove scheme in line with requirements of Cadent.

- 7.6 Speedwatch sessions suspended by West Mercia Road Safety Team for now, due to excessive speeds through village. Upgraded to area of community concern and all monitoring now carried out by police using mobile enforcement. All speeding drivers caught this way will be prosecuted.
- 7.7 Final quote for work is £1,632.69 +VAT. Original ballpark estimate was £1,323.14 +VAT.
- 7.8 S&A has provided the following information of when there will be exceptional agricultural activity during the year, which means there will be extra vehicle movements during these times: Removal of old crop and reinstatement of new crops – January, July and August, November and December; Asparagus harvest – April, May and June.
- 7.9 Information received from ADL Traffic: BBLP are also in the process of commissioning us to look at lowering the existing 40mph on the eastern approach to the village as part of its funded annual plan, which my colleague Will Wilson will be in touch with you about shortly to arrange a meeting on site to discuss the request with the local stakeholders prior to beginning the scheme assessment phase.

Quote for proposed study due by Monday 12 July.

- 7.11 Email from PC Kitchen suggesting the following for contract with Marden: email contact monthly with the Clerk and attendance at 2 meetings a year (minimum). Does the PC want any other contact?
- 7.12 Email from HC: Following the recent decisions on housing provision Herefordshire Council would welcome the opportunity of engaging with all Parish Councils from across the county to understand the housing requirements for your area.
In particular, the Council would like to gain greater understanding of the local opportunities and challenges that your local areas are facing. With the aspiration of increasing the housing stock available to potential tenants and homebuyers, enabling them to get onto the property ladder, please could we discuss your local needs.
As a suggestion, using your local neighbourhood plans and utilising your local knowledge, the Council are also exploring other options through third party sites that are currently planned or have received planning permission but have not yet commenced. The aim would be to understand potential opportunities to collaborate or help facilitate housing delivery in your parish that would meet your local needs for the future.
- 7.13 Cost of new correctly sized flag for new flagpole – including delivery £42.17 +£8.43 VAT.
8. A Parish Council Summit was held virtually on the 23rd June 2021. The Chair and Vice Chair attended on behalf of Marden Parish Council along with 60+ other parish, town and HC councillors and Clerks. The focus of the summit was around developing a new Parish Council Charter which outlines the joint commitment and guiding principles for how best to work together for the benefit of our residents and community. The last Charter was agreed in 2011. The new Chief Executive, Paul Walker, introduced himself and described his vision & objectives for the future, the remainder of the Summit being based on workshops which split the participants into smaller groups. These groups were asked to answer three questions. 1) what went well over the last 18-24 months, 2) what did not go so well, 3) how can the interaction between HC and PCs be enhanced. The three most popular answers given were 1) the volunteer response to Covid and the interaction with HC was very good, 2) understanding of S106 needed improvement as did the delivery of agreements, 3) HC needed to allow more time for PC's to respond to consultation document.

The next Summit is planned for September. In the interim it is proposed that a Parish Council Reference Group will be formed to discuss shared issues and provide cross council support. The first meeting is planned for late July at which time the objectives of the group will be agreed.

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

From parishioners –

- Email re damaged litter bins
- Email re new flagpole
- Email re new SID for Bodenham
- Email re approved application in Litmarsh
- Email from MRGT re planning application submission for ball stop fencing
- Emails re new flagpole management
- Email re contacting planning for advice

From other sources –

- From Herefordshire Council (HC) – Leader's Letter June
- From HC – Affordable Housing Supplementary Planning Document adoption
- From BB – advice re assessment for traffic calming measures
- From HC – cessation of parish freighter service
- From Rail and Bus for Herefordshire – Vision Statement
- From police – suggested contact intervals

- From HC – email re Strategic Housing Provision
- From HC – Parish Council Reference Group
- From HC – Talk Community Newsletter
- From HC – Leader's letter

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