

CLERK'S INFORMATION SHEET FOR
THE MEETING OF MARDEN PARISH COUNCIL ON 14 SEPTEMBER 2021

- 3.1 West Mercia Police Safer Neighbourhood Team – PS Darren Ball; PC Josh Kitchen, 07773 053436; PCSO Adam Westlake, 07773 052580; **PCSO Christina Howard, 07773 052529** (new member of team).

Get in touch

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

 herefordrn.snt@westmercia.pnn.police.uk

 www.westmercia.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 July within parish and ward – from West Mercia website

No crimes reported in Marden parish; Sutton parish – Violent and sexual offences x4, Criminal damage and arson; Moreton parish – Violent and sexual offences x3, Burglary x1, Other theft 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 by police – 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/>

- 9.1 Work undertaken in August: Mow x1: Check Drain Tops and Grips through parish; P3 strim/cut – MR24, gates on MR21, MR45 to church; Strim/cut either side Laystone Bridge.

Work due in September: Mow x1; Splays and Signs – safety cuts & clean up.

- 9.2 MR45 – landowner has put tree trunk in place where huge drop from stile; MR19 and MR22– complaints about hinges dropped and vegetation on new horse-rider gates, S&A informed; MR17A and MR38 – Locality Steward and BB PROW Officer dealing with landowners directly; MR12 from MR19 to Urdimarsh – long grass overhanging PROW left due to abundance of butterflies, brambles and nettles cleared; MR32 to Hawkersland Farm – exposed rusty pipe at knee level by stile, reported to landowner for action; MR13A – verbal abuse to landowner from male walkers, advised to inform police, BB and Community Protection team; MR21 from Burmarsh to Marden road – landowner will make improvements when time allows; MR33 – bridge still broken, re-reported online.

Unfortunately there have been recent antisocial acts by walkers or other users of PROW in the parish. A wire fence was cut next to a stile, apparently to allow dogs through. More recently a hosepipe running across a PROW to provide hydration to stock was cut either side of the path. The landowner was advised to contact the police.

- 9.4 Maintenance required on parish notice boards:

- At end of Church Lane – post is loose and frame needs varnishing
- Main bus stop by Rudge Grove – locked PC side of board is too small and needs complete new pinboard, ideally needs new board altogether solely for PC and locked, with separate community board elsewhere; frame needs varnishing and new pinboard on open side
- Burmarsh – frame needs varnishing
- The Amberley – frame needs varnishing but suggest left as will be removed/re-sited when conversion of skittle alley done
- The Vault – frame needs varnishing
- Urdimarsh at entrance to Urdimarsh Farm – vegetation needs cutting back and frame needs varnishing
- Kitten Gate by start of The Vern – vegetation needs cutting back and frame needs varnishing.

- 9.7 Prizes for Halloween pumpkins – 10x £10 vouchers. 3x prizes for children 11 and under, 3x prizes for 12-16's and 4 prizes for adults.

Wreath prizes as last year, £100 as well in prizes.

Christmas Lights. which was £100, £50 and £25 respectively.

Total £275.

9.8 Report with figures still awaited.

9.10 Email from Sam Banks, Head of Neighbourhood Planning:

If you withdraw the Reg14 revised NDP, then it will not be considered in planning decisions and will have no weight. At the moment the Reg14 version has limited weight.

With a 5HYLS the made NDPs are now considered to have full weight as para 11d and 14 of the NPPF are not engaged.

If you have two concurrent plans the decision maker will refer to both plans and attribute the weight accordingly. They will be minded that the parish council have produced a revised plan and the direction of travel that plan is moving in but because it has not reached submission it was still only be given limited weight.

9.11 Saturday 9 October, 9.30-12.30. Venue to be arranged.

9.13 Next Parish Council summit 6.12.21, 7-8.45pm by Zoom. Apologies given for meeting taking place on 14 Sept.

Cllr Bennett attended the first Parish Council Reference Group meeting:

The meeting recognised that the Parish Summit was becoming much more a top down information giving meeting, held 4 times a year. Given the number of consistent / common issues being raised by parishes it was recognised that HC has some issues in consistency of approach and communication, hence the need to have open discussions around identified topics. The current suggested aim is that the Parish Council Reference Group will work through common issues and report back to the Parish Summit.

The first meeting of the Reference Group had 24 attendees with 16 parish councils represented, the meeting being chaired by Cllr Jenny Bartlett who has cabinet responsibility for Talk Community. Paul Smith (chief exec) also participated in the meeting. The aim of the meeting was to discuss a draft terms of reference for the group and agree next steps. The has been sent out to all parish councils (presumably for comment) prior to the next meeting planned to be held in October.

With regard to matters that should be on the next meeting agenda the 21 June Parish Summit workshop summary themes were agreed as the starting point. Communication in general along with S106 and planning were seen to be the issues raised most often by parish councils. Poor communication was seen to have a significant impact on all specific issues and, if improved, may solve some. It was recognised and agreed that discussions around communication would be difficult at best so, with the full support of Paul Smith, it was agreed that the first topic would be the S106 process. The meeting would take on a grass roots review of the current process, its aims, how it is managed and how it is communicated to parishes. This was seen to be a test item for the group as well as an indication as to how open HC will be to recommended changes.

Parish Council Reference group. Terms of reference – draft

Membership

Attendees at meetings will be the cabinet member and / or support member of Adults and Wellbeing and appropriate officer support from Herefordshire Council.

Parish and town councils will each be entitled to send their nominated representative and their Clerk to the meetings.

Additional officers of Herefordshire Council will attend meetings as necessary to advise and assist discussion as required.

Either the cabinet member or the support member will chair each meeting.

The Parish Council Reference Group is a partnership meeting and not a public meeting.

Depending on level of interest it may be appropriate to consider area based Reference Groups.

Purpose

The Parish Council Reference Group will provide an opportunity for parish councils and Herefordshire Council to work together on issues of common interest, identified by either party (parish/town councils either individually or collectively), to develop a joined up approach and a shared understanding.

The Parish Council Reference Group does not replace the Market Towns Forum, which is a separate parish grouping.

Items of relevance are likely to be those:

- That have direct impact on all, or a significant number of, parish/town councils
- That support an effective working partnership between tiers of local government
- Where a collective view from parish and town councils would be helpful

Items that are not likely to be relevant for the Reference Group meetings include;

- Those that relate to a single, or small number of, parish/town area(s)
- Those for which other effective channels of communication exist

Working arrangements

Meetings will be on a six weekly basis (8 each year).

Items discussed at the Parish Council Reference Group will be reported back through the quarterly Parish Council Summits and the Reference Group will also help shape the discussions and agendas of those events.

Working Groups may be established if the Reference Group considers it necessary to help take items of work forward.

Agenda setting

The agendas will be set by agreeing key themes / items of common interest by members of the Parish Council Reference Group.

A limited number of issues will be focused on at any one time in order to achieve tangible results.

Actions will be agreed with timescales for completion. An action tracked work document will be kept up to date and reviewed at the start of each meeting.

Zoom meeting with officer re care provision – Fri, 17/9/2021 10:00–11:00. Currently Cllrs Bennett and Haywood and Clerk attending.

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

From parishioners –

- Emails re problems with website access
- Complaint to PFO re abuse from walkers and lack of control of dogs on footpaths – advised to report incidents to police, BB and HC Community Protection team
- Email re consultation and results on CF option 3b and PWL
- Email re hedge needing cutting
- Email from shop re moving PC notice board from Rudge Grove to shop
- Emails requesting and thanking PC for personal alarm
- Email – copied into email sent to N&V re use of hall
- Emails re PC response to application at post office
- Email from landowner of pond
- Email from parishioner with Neighbourhood Watch newsletter

From other sources –

- From BB – Parish briefing and Q&A
- From HALC – Information Corner
- From AgeUK Herefordshire – New Hereford Veterans Dementia Meeting Centre opened
- From HC – Bus survey
- From HC – 5yr housing supply figures
- From HC – Parish Council Summit handout
- From Victim Support – request for donation
- From S&A – response to PC email re late communication during May Covid outbreak
- From BB – Confirmation that MR48 now added to Definitive PROW map
- From BBC and others – re request for information and report on Sutton Walls
- From HC – Budget consultation with parishes
- From police – new messaging update service
- From HC – next Parish Council summits 14.9.21 and 6.12.21
- From HC – free workshop from Midlands Energy Hub
- From Herefordshire CPRE – Herefordshire Hedgerows and Verges leaflet
- From HC CE – officer (Paul Smith) directed to liaise with PC re domiciliary and residential care in county
- From police SNT – new quarterly newsletter – uploaded to website
- From Police & Crime Commissioner – plan for 2021-25 (uploaded to website) and Neighbourhood Matters website
- From BB – Updated ‘Guidance for Ward Members & Parishes – Riparian Owner responsibilities’ and ‘Good practice for watercourse maintenance – Guidelines for riparian owners’
- From NALC – Levelling up the environment through biodiversity net gain seminar 27.10.21 by Zoom, 12.00-12.15
- From NALC – Queen’s Platinum Jubilee Beacons on 2 June 2022
- From BBC researcher – re Sutton Walls tip
- From various sources – copied into numerous emails re Sutton Walls

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