

CLERK'S INFORMATION SHEET FOR
THE MEETING OF MARDEN PARISH COUNCIL ON 9 MAY 2022

- 7.1. West Mercia Police Safer Neighbourhood Team – PS Darren Ball; PC Josh Kitchen, 07773 053436; PCSO Adam Westlake, 07773 052580; PCSO Christina Howard, 07773 052529.

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

Reporting crime anonymously Crimestoppers UK, call 0800 555 111 or fill in the online form

<https://crimestoppers-uk.org/give-information/forms/give-information-anonymously>

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.**

New service launched by police – 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/>

Other Useful Information

Power cut: Call 105 <https://www.powercut105.com/>

BT phone line issues: <https://downdetector.co.uk/status/bt-british-telecom/>

Gas leak: 0800 111 999 <https://www.wvutilities.co.uk/services/smell-gas/>

Welsh Water: [0800 052 0130](tel:08000520130) (Water emergencies) or [0800 085 3968](tel:08000853968) (Sewer emergencies)

<https://contact.dwrcymru.com/>

Severn Trent water: [0800 783 4444](tel:08007834444) <https://www.stwater.co.uk/in-my-area/check-my-area/>

Report a tree down, flooded road or highway obstruction- BBLP : 01432 261800

Flood alerts: Floodline 0345 988 1188. Sign up to get [Flood Warnings from gov.uk](https://www.floodwarnings.gov.uk/) by phone, email or text message. If you live by a river or stream, keep a watch on current and expected water levels. You can see the [actual water levels at different locations in the county](#)

More information and advice can be found here: www.herefordshire.gov.uk/storm

- 12.1. Work done in April: Check Drain Tops and Grips through parish (Small Ashes down to School House and all village roads, Burmarsh, Litmarsh, Sutton Lakes, The Vault, Venns Green, The Vern), clear as required P3 strim/cut – MR24, gates on MR21, MR45 to church.
Work due in May: Mow x1; P3 strim/cut – MR24, gates on MR21, MR45 to church; Strim/cut either side Laystone Bridge; Splays and Signs – safety cuts & clean up.
- 12.2. Due to the drainage grant being oversubscribed, the fund has been distributed throughout all applicants. Therefore a grant of £4,339 only is available.
Work put forward for grant as follows:
Ditching works and digging out of grips on roads in the parish – £3,807.50.
Jetting/sucking out of road drains on roads in the parish – £18,384.50.
Is PC happy to accept drainage grant for £3,807.50 for ditching and grips?
- 12.3. MR5 – Measurements taken for two small self-closing gates. Landowner will install them. Kissing gate suggested to replace rotten stile, two steps need to be made in steep slope to road and a hand rail could do with being installed. Awaiting quote and approval from the Council. Due to the rapid deterioration of the stile the Landowner is happy to reroute the footpath temporarily along his drive. HC has confirmed this is acceptable. MR12 and MR19 – have now dried up leaving deep ruts which were caused by 4x4's using the paths regularly at night. Anyone who sees any vehicles using the path illegally is asked to report it to the Police and get an incident number to give to Hereford Council. Collapsible bollards have been suggested. Work is needed to some areas to ensure that it is usable during the winter months.
MR36 – 3 kissing gates are needed to replace wobbly stiles at some time in the future.
MR17A – Complaints still received about its closure. People are keen to know what the plans are. The Landowner has agreed to be added on the list for 3 kissing gates.

Cost for gates and items for MR5 – £1,582 +VAT.

- 12.4. Ashgrove Croft – agent appointed by landowner. The agent had arranged to visit with view to submitting details of outstanding conditions. The officer has chased for an update.
Pikestyle Farm – Officer currently trying to locate the original planning application red line map and approval details for the change of use to Holiday lets. He has spoken with the historic building officer Conor Rutledge and discussed the case and has asked for the original approval documentation to be located, to date the decision notice and the application forms located. Officer has visited HARC but they have no further documents. This is ongoing, The owners have been advised they need to treat the barn as a Grade II listed building.
Amberley Court all weather arena – Officer closing the case, the lighting at the site is as per the plans and approval. With regard to the issue of them being on outside of hours, he has visited each time there has been a complaint, the first time it was agreed they were and they stated this would not happen again, the second time it was strongly denied, the clocks have gone forward and it shouldn't be a problem until the winter months. The case will remain open until the planning application for discharge of conditions 220617 is determined.
Amberley workshop – Officer has carried out two site visits, the gates are padlocked and there has been no sign of anyone on the premises, further site visit arranged for this week with a colleague and Officer intends to gain access to the yard area and get a better idea if someone is residing there.
- 12.8. The PC suggested a legal document to stipulate the term of the renting and conditions and would like a term of 10 years with 1 years notice on either part.
 The landowners would prefer to look at a 5 year contract with a view to renewing every 5 years as long as circumstances don't change on either side.
- 12.9. First meeting on 25 April attended by 5 Cllrs and 1 parishioner who joined Group and 2 members of public. 2 parishioners gave apologies and will join Group.
 Next meeting on 23 May – all welcome to either join Group or attend as a member of public.
- Although grant funding is available of £18,000, all monies received since 2015 have to be included. Therefore only £1,576 grant available for this review.
- 12.10. The work has been identified by HC and a budget allocated for the work. Locality Steward has suggested verge markers could be installed in areas of the parish where the verges have been damaged by heavy agricultural traffic, particularly on narrow single track roads. He would supply for Lengthsman to install.

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

From parishioners –

- Email re PC contact with Enforcement
- Email re delivery of Jubilee invitation
- Email/letter re meeting with organisations and CFG
- Email re chairing of NDP Group

From other sources –

- From Herefordshire Council (HC) – Rural Settlements Services and Environmental Survey
- From Herefordshire Community Foundation – Grants re fuel poverty, resilience and food banks
- From HC – Growth and development blog update
- From Hereford Community Foundation – Resilience grant, not for PCs
- From Balfour Beatty – Village Safety Initiative
- From Sutton St Nicholas PC – Modification to NDP consultation

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