

CLERK'S INFORMATION SHEET FOR  
PARISH COUNCIL MEETING ON 19 JULY 2018

- 4.1 Get in touch: Tel:101 to talk to your local SNT or report a crime. Email: kw.snt@westmercia.pnn.police.uk  
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Householder - <http://www.tacklingflytipping.com/Documents/NFTPG-Files/NFTPGAdviceforHouseholders.pdf>  
• Businesses - <http://www.tacklingflytipping.com/Documents/NFTPG-Files/NFTPGAdviceforBusinesses.pdf>  
• Landowners - <http://www.tacklingflytipping.com/Documents/NFTPG-Files/NFTPGAdviceforLandowners.pdf>  
Dean Wall 07773053846  
Emma Dune 07971051471  
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Report a crime Police 101 Ext 61216

4.2 **Information on Proposed Development in Mortimer Forest**

- Forest Holidays have exclusive rights to develop Forestry Commission land and work with the Forestry Commission on planning applications and public consultations.
- Forest Holidays are backed by a Private Equity Company which has a xx share
- The Forestry Commission has a 14% share.
- The Forestry Commission provides Forest Holidays with a 125 year lease which is virtually a sale. A lot can happen in this time!
- Whilst it's a good thing to promote tourism in the area, this may not be the right place for a development of 68 cabins, on-site shop, restaurant and cycle hire facility.
- The area is valued precisely because it is tranquil and undeveloped. A village of this size would change the nature of the area.
- Mortimer Forest is home to many unusual and rare wildlife, some of them endangered, this development would destroy habitat.
- The much- trumpeted boon to the local economy at Forest Holidays' presentations seems to be overstated since visitors are encouraged to stay onsite.
- Not ecological. The large cabins have hot tubs which are water hungry. (120,000 litres per day.)
- This is a national issue and we are part of a groundswell of opposition. There have been articles in The Times and The Guardian as well as features on Midlands Today and You and Yours.

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JULY UPDATE

PEMBRIDGE, SHOBDON, LYONSHALL, EARDISLAND &  
TITLEY GROUP PARISHES

From your local County Councillor

Roger Phillips. Email: [rjphillips@herefordshire.gov.uk](mailto:rjphillips@herefordshire.gov.uk)

Dear Residents,

Well summer is really here and it is the high season for parish events with this weekend seeing the Shobdon Food and Flying Fair and at the end of the month Pembridge Show.

It is also high season for resurfacing and I pleased to say that several sections of highway in the parishes will be done in the next few weeks including some work through Staunton village and the awful section traveling out just past Shobdon



cemetery. Details of dates and timings are in the highway section. Last month as my selfie shows I was stewarding in the main arena at the Royal Three County Show and caught up with many local residents competing and exhibiting there. I am pleased to see two new CSOs Emma Dune and Felix Rawlingson joining Dean Wall to look after us. They will be re introducing the monthly village surgeries and in the meantime will be doing speed monitoring in our villages – so you have been warned!

Following on from last month's great news about the Queens Voluntry award to PiPs (Pride in Pembridge) more success for our locality with two local businesses nominated for the Rural Business Awards regional finals. CXCS the agricultural company I featured earlier in the year and Discovery Parks (which includes Pearl Lake Shobdon and Arrow Bank Eardisland leisure parks have been nominated. The regional judging will take place this month, with winners announced in

October going forward to the national finals. I am pleased to report that we are in the final stages of granting a contract to Airband to provide a fibre/ radio hybrid broadband solution to parts of Staunton on arrow and Stansbactch.

Recently WISherefordshire.org website was lunched which has a huge amount of information on various subjects including specialist advice on many sensitive issues like caring, welfare, mobility etc. It really is a first stop advice resource that I thoroughly recommend to you all. In addition to the Highway surfacing update I also include a summary of proposed capital

investments in the County. At a time when there is a real focus on reducing plastics in our world I make a timely visit to Edward Bulmer organic paints at the Court of Noke.

As ever if I can be of any help please do not hesitate to contact me

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### **HIGHWAYS**

I appreciate that these closures will be inconvenient and mean diversions but they are necessary. The work being done varies from significant resurfacing to patching and in all cases the work is hoped to be included within the deadline dates.

#### **C1031 Noke Bridge, Pembridge**

Resurfacing works

Monday, 23 July 2018 to (and including) Wednesday, 25 July 2018. Road closed 09.00 hours to 17.00 hours daily

#### **C1082 Upper Hardwick, Eardisland**

Resurfacing works

Thursday, 26 July 2018 and Friday, 27 July 2018. Road closed 09.00 hours to 17.00 hours daily

#### **B4362 Between U92414 and U92415 Junctions, Shobdon**

Resurfacing works

Monday, 30 July 2018 to (and including) Friday, 3 August 2018. Road closed 09.00 hours to 17.00 hours daily

#### **Shobdon village resurfacing**

I am pleased to report that this work is scheduled for the 28/31<sup>st</sup> August as it is needed to be done before the schools returns. I am grateful for the co operation of local businesses and recognise the inconvenience and impact on them.

One of the holds ups has been the removal of the BT duct on the bridge by the Bateman Inn. I have had to get our MP Bill Wiggin to write to the chairman of BT to get some action on this. The reply from BT clearly demonstrated they didn't know their left from their right in their own organisation.

If BT have not removed the ducts over the bridge by the end of August we will have to rearrange a later single date to complete the operation. The quickest solution for BT is to use the existing very narrow pavement on the bridge which I contend will make it even more unsafe to use. The Parish Plan identified and the Parish Council has been working with local private landlords to install a safe footbridge. I will work with the County Council and Parish Council is getting a solution. The resurfacing will be from the bridge to the Moor meadow entrance and will require the reinstatement of the pedestrian crossing. Given concerns about the existing crossing it is our aim to upgrade this to a pelican crossing with traffic lights when funds allow. I have requested that the designs and preparatory work are done now. The cost of this is being meant from some of the remaining Bateman 106 development funding which currently stands at £15,265.21.

#### **Pembridge village resurfacing**

This work is scheduled for Monday 17<sup>th</sup> September to Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September between 8 am to 5 pm.

This is the most significant work to be done in the village for 20 years extending from the Telephone exchange in the east to the speed limit in the west. The works include the removal of top surfacing, the laying of a binder foundation to give added strength to the highway with a quality surfaced with a duration of 25 years. Access outside the work times will be allowed but clearly on a temporary surface.

I am in discussions with the engineers and Parish Council if we should re instead white lines down the middle of the main road. In three sections the highway it is not wide enough and there are indications that the lack of a middle line helps reduce vehicle speeds. Regrettably at this time there are no addition funds to enhance the two A44 entrances to the village but I will work with the PC and engineers on those being installed from money from residential developments in the village. Clearly this work will cause disruption to residents, the school and businesses but these dates were chosen after consultation.

#### **HEREFORDSHIRE MEANS BUSINESS – Edward Bulmer Natural Paints**

Set in the traditional farm buildings of the Court of Noke just off the Rhyse lane, Edward Bulmer an interior designer for 30 years, frustrated by the quality of paints in this county set up his own paint manufacturing company five years ago. Today with wife Emma they employ 12 people in the marketing and processing of their organic paints in the 19<sup>th</sup> century set of farm buildings. Importing a base product they mix and create over 70 stunning colours to the highest environmental standards. Virtually all our paints in this country are plastic based with strong odour issues frequently causing headaches. Edward's paints are carbon neutral, use no harmful solvents or acrylics and declare all their ingredients.

Edward says "mixing my own paint colours using traditional materials I soon realised how different and superior they are to dull modern equivalents". Originally he developed his paints to help in the restoring of historic homes, but with an ever increasing awareness of harmful modern production processes there is a growing interest in natural paints and the quality finish they give. The business is another example of an expanding company in our parishes which mellows into our countryside but provided valuable employment. For more details go to <https://www.edwardbulmerpaint.co.uk>

#### **Capital investment recommendations to be considered by Full Council in July**

The Council meeting in July will discuss £12.827m for investment in local developments over the coming year. This is in addition to the £92.4m already identified in January for 2018/19. In local government finances revenue and capital budgets are separate but with any borrowing costs for the capital Programme being met in the revenue account. Frequently capital projects are totally financed by the Government or need to be match funded by local councils. The funds have been identified following a review of the capital programme - the money the council expects to spend on key projects over the coming year/s. Of the additional £12.8m considered for 2018/19, £6.7m is from increased grants and external funding.

Most notably, recommendation was given for the following additional investment:

£931,455 for pothole repair following the harsh winter weather (giving a total allocation of £1.253m in 2018/19)

£3.5m (£2m of which is a short-term loan) to support the development of a Cyber Security Centre by University of Wolverhampton to be based at Hereford Enterprise Zone, providing accommodation space for up to 20 cyber businesses, specialist research, training and educational facilities for businesses and organisations. The centre, which is due to be completed in 2020, would help the growth of a wide network of cyber-based businesses and institutions attracting national and international business investment.

£1.116m additional funding for Hereford Enterprise Zone 'Shell Store' refurbishment (£294k of which is from external contributions), to create a centre for research, start-up and scale-up engineering and technology businesses and, through the NMIITE University, provide space for students to interface with businesses.

In addition, £1.5m was recommended to support the conversion of Hillside rehabilitation centre to provide a nursing home facility for older people with complex mental health needs (such as dementia) in response to rising demand for this type of

care. Work to look at the feasibility of converting Hillside for this purpose is in the very early stages, and so the funds identified are only indicative at this time.

**Please report** any problems on highways or footpaths using the links below or phone 01432261800.

<https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/transport-and-highways/maintenance/potholes>

<https://myaccount.herefordshire.gov.uk/report-a-pothole>

<https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/transport-and-highways/footpaths-byways-and-bridleways/cg-report-prov-problem>

if you wish to make a claim as a result of damage to your

vehicle [https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/info/200196/roads/206/highway\\_claims](https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/info/200196/roads/206/highway_claims) please use

Report fly tipping it will be dealt with in a much quicker time frame. by either calling the Contact Centre on 01432 261800 or

by logging the fly tipping via the council website on the links below as your enquiry

[https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/info/200226/report\\_a\\_problem/98/fly\\_tipping](https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/info/200226/report_a_problem/98/fly_tipping)

#### DATA PROTECTION ACT

The Data Protection act places obligations and responsibilities on any company, organisation and individual who hold and process personnel information. The new General data protection regulations (GDPR) that supersede the Data Protection act comes into force on the 25<sup>th</sup> May 2018. I hold a list of emails of local people that I have built up over the years which I retain and use on my council computer and email. I can give you all the reassurance that I do and will not share those email addresses with any third party. In seeking legal compliance I am requesting that if anyone is unhappy with me holding your email contact please advise me and I will remove you from the list. Otherwise I will retain your email contact and continue to send you monthly updates and occasional key information.

The above paragraph will in future appear on the bottom of all my updates and has been signed off by the Herefordshire Council Monitoring officers.

If you want to discuss a planning matter, please contact [Adam.Lewis@herefordshire.gov.uk](mailto:Adam.Lewis@herefordshire.gov.uk)

If you have an enforcement concern, [mttansley@herefordshire.gov.uk](mailto:mttansley@herefordshire.gov.uk)

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Titley Group – [rachaeljones.titleyipc@gmail.com](mailto:rachaeljones.titleyipc@gmail.com)

#### 7.1 Work in June/July:

Defects identified on drive-round:

1. Church Road/School Lane (93028/90312) – x2 by Stephens Cottage, x1 near give way, x2 by the churchyard, x1 by The Cross – logged for BB
2. Give-way white lines – wait until see if being resurfaced, otherwise instruct Richard Mills to do
3. Church Road – Hitrees strim along churchyard wall
4. Church Road – Holmlea hedge opposite lych gate needs cutting back
5. Footpath (ED1A) – Overbush hedge needs cutting back
6. Lyme Lane (93014) – leakage from Staick House from broken pipe – monitor. Ditch needs strimming
7. Lyme Lane (93014) – hedges on caravan park, The Oaks, Lyme Cottage and Crabtree Cottage need cutting back. Hedge and ditch both sides on Lyme Farm need cutting back and ditching
8. Burton Lane (C1085) – national speed limit sign – Hitrees change angle
9. A44/ED1B stile – Hitrees take out stumps and strim by stile across road
10. ED1B – by water lagoon – ask Eardisland Memorial Walks team to put post in on edge of bramble bush, way marker both sides – landowner provide post
11. School Lane (93012) – hedges on Old Vicarage, Earslaen House and The Latchetts need cutting back

- 7.2 On 27th June the new gate marking the beginning of ED7 in the Village was officially opened. It was attended by a number of villagers and the Last Post was played, making it a very moving tribute. This was followed by a walk as far as the Weir. The route was quite difficult to walk in parts, being very rutted because of the dry weather. This, combined with the narrowness of the path, contributed to two children falling and hurting themselves. The crops are growing very close to the path making it narrower than the statutory width which should be over a metre - wide enough for two to walk side by side. The official PROW lies diagonally across the field but the landowner has always preferred to leave a path around the edge, so although it is a permissive path, the landowner is responsible for making it wide enough. Attempts are being made to contact the landowner to ask if this can be done. As the land is leased out, this may take some time to organise. Concerns had also been raised regarding a gate on ED7, where the path crosses a ditch. The latch was sticking and could only be released with brute force! The landowner has now fixed the problem. A new post marker is to be positioned on Burton Court Lane and this will be provided by the landowner.

- 7.3 An aim for the project developing since its inception is to link Eardisland Memorial Walks (EMW) with neighbouring parishes, not least because several walks – all circular - pass through them. Happily, the Walks concept has inspired interest both in bordering parishes and further afield.

Less happily, a mother and her two toddlers suffered an accident during a village walk commemorating one of our Fallen on 30<sup>th</sup> June. The incident would most certainly have been avoided had the path been the prescribed 1.5m wide. It was of course unfortunate, and the chances are that the contractor preparing the field for planting was unaware of the requirement to leave sufficient space for two people to walk side by side around the edge of the field.

The 'Benefits' slide of the presentation to the PC at the start of the project included a reference to 'best practice' for PROW. (Promotes Eardisland's reputation; Provides a long-lasting tribute to our fallen; Raises awareness of our village's history; Encourages the upkeep (best practice) of our PROW; Encourages tourist visits and consequential outcomes; Provides an imaginative means of promoting health and fitness, including for the less able; Educates and potentially inspires the young). For that aim to be achieved it will be necessary to ensure that lanes, and more often footpaths, are compliant with standards of access and safety laid out in Rights of Way Acts. While this is not the case on many paths in the district, Eardisland taken as a whole is not far off compliance, due evidently to the efforts of the Parish Footpath Officers. But that still leaves areas of

non-compliance and this gives rise to an opportunity for the parish to be an exemplar with little effort, a state at which other parishes will perhaps try to emulate. Achieving this will need education and advice however, in line with the national guidance as follows:

**Field-edge and cross-field public rights of way for landowners/occupiers**

You must not cultivate (eg plough) footpaths or bridleways that follow a field edge. The minimum width you need to keep undisturbed is: 1.5 metres for a field edge footpath: 3 metres for a field edge bridleway

You should avoid cultivating a cross-field footpath or bridleway. If you have to cultivate make sure the footpath or bridleway: remains apparent on the ground to at least the minimum width of 1 metre for a footpath or 2 metres for a bridleway, and is not obstructed by crops; is restored to at least the minimum width so that it's reasonably convenient to use within:

- o 14 days of first being cultivated for that crop
- o 24 hours of any subsequent cultivation, unless a longer period has been agreed in advance in writing by the highway authority

In cases of non-compliance and concurrent with the PFO/Locality Steward's procedures, please would the PC/other complainants also write to Herefordshire Council (or its contractor) requesting the Council to take any necessary actions under relevant Acts. This might be tedious, but like No Smoking or Dog Pooh behaviours, the threat of prosecutions, or actual prosecutions, have to be used as a tool to prevent antisocial activities. And it supports our PFOs!

The advantages of a network of properly kept footpaths across Eardisland and neighbouring parishes should not be undervalued. In terms of the EMW project where Remembrance calls for recognition of those who fought and died to ensure the freedoms we enjoy today, supporting ways and means to encourage physical well-being and mental health illustrates the intentions of the Benefits' slide perfectly.

- 7.4 The new landscaping outside the shop has now been completed, including new planters containing herbs. This now gives a flat and even surface and should be safer for all users. The hot, dry period has resulted in a great deal of evening watering, but thankfully it appears all the spring planting has survived. Work is continuing to refurbish the boat, which has seen the original paintwork flaking. Sheets of aluminium are being cut to shape and once fitted the boat will receive a paint over in an effort to keep the floral display going for another year or two.
- 7.6 There's an appetite in the village for an outdoor table tennis table. If the EVHMC could raise the money for this (via fundraising, grants and donations) would the PC allow us to site it on the recreation ground? We're only in the 'yes, wouldn't it be wonderful,' stage, but it seemed prudent to check that there would be potential before we got too excited! Also, it's been noted that some users of the village hall are cycling to the hall and leaving their bikes in the corridor alongside the kitchen. This is unsafe as it blocks the fire exit, and also makes access difficult, especially to those with mobility issues. Signs are largely ignored. Would the PC consider fitting an external bike rack?
- 7.7 The EVHMC would like to host an informal, fun village rounders match on Saturday 21st July at 2pm on the Recreation Ground. The hall would be open for toilets and refreshments. The event will last approx 1.5 hours. I imagine we'll have fewer than 20 people attending. Would you mind asking the PC for permission to use the recreation ground?
- 7.9 6 volunteers trained on 25 June and first sessions undertaken, noting speeds between 35 and 40 within the 30mph zone.
9. Correspondence – received as follows:
- From Clerks and Councils Direct – July update
  - From parishioner – re hedges on Lime Lane
  - From parishioner – re use of recreation ground for parking
  - From Speedwatch co-ordinator – re European Speeding Week of Action 6-12 August, emphasis on Speedwatch groups operating on 7 August
  - From Herefordshire Council (HC) – slides of budget presentation and consultation
  - From HC – Annual Canvass for electoral register commenced, please return forms

Alison Sutton – Parish Clerk

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