

CLERK'S INFORMATION SHEET FOR  
PARISH COUNCIL MEETING ON 13 JUNE 2019

- 4.1 Get in touch: Tel: 101 to talk to your local SNT or report a crime. Email: kw.snt@westmercia.pnn.police.uk  
Website: [www.westmercia.police.uk](http://www.westmercia.police.uk) Facebook /Twitter @NHfdShireCops  
**Useful information:** Please find the links to the Fly Tipping prevention guides, currently viewable on the NFPG website. Always worth a read if you ever have the misfortune to encounter such waste.  
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 PC 07773 053846  
Emma Dune PCSO 07971 051474  
Felix Rawlingson PCSO 07971 051480  
Report a crime Police 101 Ext 61216

**Alerts and information**

**Appeal for further information regarding an assault in Hereford**



West Mercia Police is appealing for further witnesses or information following an assault on Union Street in Hereford on Saturday 2 February 2019. At around 2.30am, a man was attacked in the street and suffered some serious injuries as a result. Investigating officer PC Hunting said: "Over the past few months we have spoken to a number of people about the incident and followed up on several lines of enquiry however we would like to speak to anyone else who may have witnessed the incident or who has any information that can help with the investigation. We would especially like to speak to anyone who recognises the woman in the photos."  
"If you can help, please call me at Hereford CID on 101, quoting incident number **104s of 22 Feb 2019.**"  
Alternatively, information can be given anonymously to the independent charity Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111 or via their website.



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JUNE 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

Firstly can I thank the 930 electors of the Arrow parishes who took the time to support me on 2<sup>nd</sup> May. It is a great pleasure and privilege to represent the communities I have known all my life and to continue to work for you all in the future. There has been a change to the administration of the Council to an Independent, It's our County, Green coalition with Cllr Sebastian Bowen from Bircher ward being elected as Chairman and David Hitchiner from Madley as leader. Only 24 out of 53 of the elected councillors were on the previous council. While the faces change the challenges remain the same and those of you who are watching the Panorama programmes on Somerset County Council social care will have a good grasp of what faces all local authorities with responsibilities to vulnerable adults and children. Although we didn't have any Parish Council elections, as there were no more nominations than seats in each of the parishes, all the Parish Councillors have had to sign their declaration of office and registrable interests. I believe County and Parish councils were established in 1894 with women able to vote in those elections. In Shobdon the original declaration book is still being used. Lord Bateman was the first to sign it and looking through it we discovered the first female parish councillor was Martha Griffiths who joined in June 1919. I think she is the first elected female parish councillor in my ward. Last week I arranged a meeting of all my Parish Clerks, planning officer, Balfour Steward and Community Police member to encourage good networking, shared experiences and local knowledge. I am pleased to report that following the completion of the new play area in Shobdon we are looking at a draft date to upgrade the pedestrian crossing to a lights crossing at the beginning of this year's summer school holidays. I will be submitting my representation to the planning inspector for the hearing on the new houses at the Balance Farm Titley and supporting the local community and emerging neighbourhood plan in urging it is refused. I have declined to sign off the expansion of the Pembridge turnpike site with four new pitches due to my lack of confidence in its management. However the council may still continue with the project. Congratulations to my younger residents who were in the Eardisley Young Farmers Club production which who won the NFYFC National Entertainments final in Leamington Spa. I was in the audience to see them beating teams from Cornwall, Derbyshire, Cumbria and Montgomery with their production of Down the Garden Path. They are performing the production for the last time in Eardisley on 7<sup>th</sup> June at the Diary Farm in the middle of the village. In this update I return to the regulations on private septic tanks, seek volunteers for our vergers, update you on my work with the Local government Minister and some recent local activities I have attended. As ever if I can be of any help please do hesitate to contact me.

**ROGER**

### Residential septic tanks

Following a resident enquiry I contacted our officers regarding the rules on septic tanks. In 2015 the Environment Agency issued new rulings on discharges from septic tanks directly to surface water not being allowed. If you have a septic tank that discharges directly to a surface water you will need to replace or upgrade your treatment system by 1 January 2020. Where properties with septic tanks that discharge directly to surface water are sold before 1 January 2020, responsibility for the replacement or upgrade of the existing treatment system should be addressed between the buyer and seller as a condition of sale.

If the Environment Agency finds evidence that your septic tank discharging to surface water is causing pollution, you will need to replace or upgrade your system earlier than 1 January 2020. You will usually have to do this within 1 year, although this will be agreed on a case-by-case basis. There are also increased controls for the protection of ground waters etc. referred to as designated protected areas which require a permit which can be refused if the discharge is considered inappropriate. The enforcement of these requirements rests with the Environment Agency, not the Local Authority, therefore your concerns would better be directed to them.

The legal frameworks to require owners of problematic septic tanks have been available for many years with powers available to the EA under the rules for the protection of Controlled Waters. My advice is not to panic but be aware of the situation and check any discharge into the system. The publicity of this is very poor and to date the EA do not seem to be prioritising private residents.

### Highways

This time of year sees the growth of our verges and the first cut of the vegetation. Many people are concerned about this and want to see the natural verge allowed to flourish. Junctions and corners must always be cut for safety reasons.

However I am interested to hear from any individuals or groups who would like to 'adopt' a section of verge to oversee a pilot scheme and see the bonuses and pitfalls of delaying first cut till late July.

During the next few months there will be surface dressing on the highways that were resurfaced in the past few years. This will strengthen the integrity of the surfaces for over a generation. The highways include sections of Broome Lane, Green Lane Tittley, Rhyse land by Court of Noke and Knill. I continue to press for surfacing and repairs on other highways.

### Working with the Minister for Local Government: Rishi Sunak MP

In January 2016 I was appointed by the then Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government Greg Clark MP to Chair the Scheme Advisory Board of the Local Government Pension Scheme and report directly to the Minister of Local Government. The scheme is the only major public sector scheme in the UK to be funded (All the other public sector schemes NHS, Defence, Civil service, Teachers, MPs etc have no funds and pay out the annual pensions from the contributions received). The Scheme Board oversees the governance and administration of the 89 Local authority funds of England and Wales which have 5.8 million members - active, retired and deferred. The combined assets of the 89 pension funds are 275 Billion pounds making us the largest funded scheme in the UK and one of the top ten internationally.

The scheme has 15,000 employers including all local authorities and most of their sub-contractors, all non-teaching staff in schools, other education establishments and a large number of voluntary, sporting and other public bodies.

The average pensioned paid is approximately £7,000 per annum as the scheme has some of the lowest paid public sector workers with a high proportion of part time workers. My role as Chairman is to work with the Employer and employee representatives, and between the Civil service and individual Funds. We have a small team of staff and my post receives no remuneration other than travel expenses and no pension!

One of the most important projects we have been working on is the Code of Transparency. This forces all the investment managers and companies to disclose every single charge they place on the investment. This has resulted in an exposure of the true hidden costs the City and investment institutions take from investments. We have over 90% of all our investments now covered by the Code in the space of just two years with a clear transparent understanding of what we are paying for. Those of you with your own pension or company schemes need to challenge the hidden costs that you are unaware of and refer to our ground breaking work.

I have reported to Rishi Sunak, the MP for North Yorkshire (William Hague's old seat) at a recent pension conference where we were both speaking. As he is also responsible for the Government funding to local authorities he is a useful contact to have when discussing rural pressures. Representing a rural sparsely populated county similar to ours he knows the extra costs of delivering services over a large geographical area with a lack of population. Working with other rural authorities we provided him with the evidence to support additional funding which for us meant Rural Grant to Herefordshire of five million pounds this financial year.

### Local projects

Several Eardisland residents and myself attended the unveiling of the Stanley Hughes kissing gate on a sunny evening adjoining the river Arrow. As many of you will recall this is a special project which has identified the 13 local men who lost their lives in the first World War to the footpaths in Eardisland. This gate is on the footpath between Pembridge and Eardisland and is made from an oak tree from Twyford farm. Brought up at Little Broome Farm Stanley joined the Irish Guards and died in a campaign to defend Serbia and is buried in a commonwealth cemetery in Greece.

Also during May saw the completion of the new children's play area in Shobdon and the Pembridge Tapestry festival with the Dean blessing the new village map created by the talent needlework ladies.

Did you know that can get tweets automatically to [@HfidsStreets](https://twitter.com/HfidsStreets) 24/7 to let road users know when conditions are bad and we will be out gritting. Get family, friends and colleagues to follow so they know when to take extra care.

[Herefordshire Council website](https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk) is the one-stop-shop for up to date information

Go onto Herefordshire Council website and download the pothole App to help report potholes

Maps and timetables for grass cutting and pot holes are now available on the Council's website.

**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 please use

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

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)

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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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 Regulation (GDPR) that supersedes the Data Protection act came 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.

- 9.1 Work in May: to be noted at meeting.
- 9.3 Once again the last month has seen several rain interruptions, although these have not hindered our hardy group who continued to work through the rain. Most of the planting is now in place with one or two areas still requiring a little attention. The new trellis arch outside alongside the Manor House garden should be completed next week and will be home to clematis climbing plants.  
EIB was pleased to assist with a £244 sponsorship grant towards the new Children's Allotment and is delighted with the results produced.
- 9.6 HALC has confirmed the NALC advice remains in force: that parish councils are strongly recommended not to give grants to churches or other religious organisations for maintenance or upkeep, until the legal position is clarified. Parish councils are reminded that if they make a grant and are challenged by an elector, the council insurance will be invalid.
- 9.7 Following a communication from the Dovecote Trust to remove the boxes of leaflets from the Dovecote and how many to leave in the leaflet dispenser in the shop foyer, as well as information on how to place notices, leaflet dispensers have been placed in both pubs, Rita's tearooms, the caravan park and the old phone box. Clerk is contacting all accommodation providers in the parish to ascertain how many more dispensers can be placed.
- 9.10 Clerk working with website manager to undertake necessary changes to website, cost will need to be paid from reserves please – for both – as will take extra time, approx. £400-500 in total. Some changes can be done by Clerk, others need webmaster changes to code.
11. Correspondence – received as follows:
- From parishioners x2 – Footpath to church needing strimming
  - From Balfour Beatty – Information on temporary event signage
  - From Historic England – Listing of war memorial
  - From Dovecote Trust – request to remove stored boxes of parish leaflets (actioned) and management stated for display of PC documents on noticeboard in the Dovecote
  - From Onside charity – call for volunteers
  - From Community Shop – Awarding of Queen's Award for Voluntary Service to all shop volunteers – email of congratulations sent on behalf of council

Alison Sutton – Parish Clerk

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