

# Kilpeck Parish Council

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Kilpeck Parish Council  
held at The Kilpeck Village Hall  
on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2019

No KPC/MW/153

## Councillors Present

Councillor Mrs Joyce Davies  
Councillor Mr Nic Eynon  
Councillor Mr Dave Howie  
Councillor Mrs Margaret Lloyd  
Councillor Mr Mark Parsons  
Councillor Mr Dave Roden  
Councillor Mr Gerald Statham  
Councillor Mr Dave Thompson  
Councillor Mrs Beth Wood

Clerk Mr Malcolm Walker

## Also Present

Wormside Ward Councillor Mrs Christy Bolderson and three further members of the public

Prior to the opening of the Annual Parish Council Meeting  
all members completed their Notice of Registrable Interests Forms and  
signed their Declaration of Acceptance of Office of Councillor Forms

**The Annual Meeting of the Parish Council was formally opened by  
the Chairman at 7.35pm**

### **1.0 Election of Chairman & Vice-Chairman**

Councillor Mrs Joyce Davies having been nominated unopposed was unanimously elected to the post of **Chairman** for the year 2019-2020 and duly signed the appropriate Acceptance of Office Form  
Proposed by Councillor Mrs M Lloyd and  
Seconded by Councillor Mr G Statham

Councillor Mr Mark Parsons having been nominated unopposed was unanimously elected to the post of **Vice-Chairman** for the year 2019-2020 and duly signed the appropriate Acceptance of Office Form

Proposed by Councillor Mrs M Lloyd and  
Seconded by Councillor Mrs B Wood

### **2.0 Apologies for Absence**

No apologies were received as all Parish Councillors were present  
Balfour Beatty Living Places (BBLP) Locality Steward and Police Representative not present

### **3.0 Declarations of Interest & Dispensations**

#### **3.1 To receive any declarations of interest in agenda items from Councillors**

Councillor Mrs Joyce Davies Chairman signed the Declarations of Interest book for Item 14.0

#### **3.2 To consider any written applications for dispensation**

A written application was made to the Parish Clerk to request dispensation on issues related to the Whitfield Estate due to the fact that the Parish Council would be unable to function if said members were to withdraw from the chamber.

Councillor Mrs Joyce Davies Chairman

Councillor Mr Mark Parsons Vice - Chairman

Councillor Mr Nic Eynon

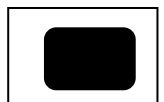
Councillor Mr Dave Howie

Councillor Mrs Margaret Lloyd

Councillor Mr Dave Roden

Councillor Mr Gerald Statham

The proper officer of the Parish Council agreed to the application on the grounds as stated.  
Dispensation enabled until the next Ordinary Elections scheduled for 2023



#### 4.0 Minutes

The Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting No **KGPC/MW/152** held on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2019 were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

#### 5.0 Election of Delegates & Roles for Councillors

*(Each working group will require a minimum of three to be quorate)*

##### **Kilpeck Village Hall Committee**

- 5.1 Councillor Mrs J Davies Chairman, Councillor Mr M Parsons Vice – Chairman and Councillor Mrs B Wood were nominated as Parish Council Delegates to the **Kilpeck Village Hall Committee**

##### **5.2 Kilpeck Parish Council Finance Working Group**

Councillor Mrs J Davies Chairman  
Councillor Mr N Eynon  
Parish Clerk Mr M Walker

Councillor Mr M Parsons Vice – Chairman  
Councillor Mr D Howie

##### **5.3 Kilpeck Parish Council Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP)**

###### **Steering Group Representatives**

Members remained the same with the addition of Councillor Mr Dave Howie, Councillor Mr Gerald Statham and Councillor Mr Dave Thompson

##### **5.4 HALC / SAM Representatives & HALC Executive Committee Representatives**

Councillor Mrs J Davies Chairman and Councillor Mr M Parsons Vice - Chairman  
**HALC SAM Representatives**

Councillor Mrs J Davies Chairman and Councillor Mr M Parsons Vice - Chairman nominated as the Parish Council's prospective representatives to the **HALC Executive Committee**

Councillor Mr M Parsons Vice - Chairman

nominated as the Parish Council's prospective representative to the **HALC Finance Committee**

#### 6.0 Orders, Policies & Regulations

##### **6.1 To adopt Kilpeck Parish Council Standing Orders**

The Parish Councillors received a copy of the 2019 Standing Orders which were unanimously adopted and signed by Councillor Mrs J Davies Chairman and Councillor Mr M Parsons Vice – Chairman and witnessed by the Clerk

##### **6.2 To adopt the Kilpeck Parish Council Financial Regulations**

The Parish Councillors received a copy of the 2019 Financial Regulations which were unanimously adopted and signed by Councillor Mrs J Davies Chairman and Councillor Mr M Parsons Vice – Chairman and witnessed by the Clerk

##### **6.3 To adopt revised Code of Conduct**

The Parish Councillors received a copy of the 2019 revised Code of Conduct which were unanimously adopted and signed by Councillor Mrs J Davies Chairman and Councillor Mr M Parsons Vice – Chairman and witnessed by the Clerk

##### **6.4 To receive the Kilpeck Parish Council Risk Assessment Schedule**

The Parish Council reviewed their Risk Assessment Schedule and to be updated as required

##### **6.5 To review and update as required Parish Council's Health & Safety Policy**

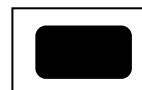
The Parish Council reviewed their Health & Safety Policy with no amendments and signed by Councillor Mrs J Davies Chairman

##### **6.6 To approve and update as required Asset Register**

The Parish Council reviewed their Asset Register and resolved to approve it at the next full Parish Council meeting after updating

Agenda item for the next full Parish Council meeting

{Councillor Mrs Beth Wood left the meeting due to ill health}



## 7.0 A465 Speed Indicating Devices

To receive update and agree any new actions required

SID Bases x 2 have now been installed by Balfour Beatty Living Places (BBLP)

SID Units x 2 have been ordered and are awaiting delivery and installation

Clerk to investigate “locks” for units

## 8.0 General Power of Competence

To consider the eligibility of Kilpeck Parish Council to adopt the General Power of Competence

The Parish Council considered its eligibility for self-accreditation of The General Power of Competence.

1) Total Parish Councillors as at Election on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2019 = 9 (2/3rds of 9 = 6 therefore eligible)

2) Clerk has the relevant CiLCA qualifications

The Parish Council having duly considered the criteria unanimously agreed to accredit Kilpeck Parish Council with the General Power of Competence.

{Councillor Mr Dave Thompson left the meeting due to work commitments }

## 9.0 Financial Report

9.1 Clerk to present end of year Accounts for Ratification

Unanimously approved

Proposed by Councillor Mr Mark Parsons Vice – Chairman and Seconded by

Councillor Mr Gerald Statham

Signed by Councillor Mrs J Davies Chairman and witnessed by the Clerk

9.2 Parish Council to agree Section 1 of the Annual Governance Statement

Unanimously approved

Signed by Councillor Mrs J Davies Chairman and witnessed by the Clerk

9.3 Parish Council to approve Section 2 of the 2018-2019 Accounting Statement

Unanimously approved

Signed by Councillor Mrs J Davies Chairman and witnessed by the Clerk

Certificate of Exemption – AGAR 2018/19 Part 2

Signed by Councillor Mrs J Davies Chairman and witnessed by the Clerk

Notice of Public Rights and Publication of Annual Governance & Accountability Return  
(Exempt Authority) Accounts for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2019 – Friday 26<sup>th</sup> July 2019

### 9.4 Confirmation of Receipts

Notification received from Herefordshire Council £8.800.00

Precept Reference 2546597 1<sup>st</sup> instalment 18<sup>th</sup> April 2019 BACS payment

HMR&C BACS payment reference XHV126000100573 £693.64

01/04/2018-31/03/2019

\*Sunderlands Field Rent 01/04/2019-30/03/2020 £850.00

Paying In Slip 500068

Sunderlands Kilpeck Parish Council Grass Keep Agreement returned and signed 25<sup>th</sup> April 2019

Moneysoft contribution from Abbeydore & Bacton Group Parish Council £45.33

Paying In Slip 500069

Moneysoft contribution from Kentchurch Parish Council £45.33

Paying In Slip 500070

### Invoices for Payment

\*Sunderlands Professional Fees Invoice No 42456 £141.00

Paid Contra

\*\*Mrs Janet Watson Internal Auditor’s Fee KPC 19/05/01 £40.00

Cheque No 000924

WordPress.com Invoice 37633684 £13.85

Domain Name

Cheque No 000925



Clerk's Salary May 2019 Gross	£559.24
Mileage	£17.10
Postage	£5.89
TAX £78.60 NIC £0.00	

Nett Pay	£503.63
Cheque No 000926	
***Came & Company Parish Council Insurance 3067652	£346.95
01/06/2019-31/05/2020	
Cheque No 000927	
{Premium for 2018-2019 £362.58}	

All payments were **Unanimously Approved**

**Bank Balances**

**Bank Balances as per statements**

@ 4 <sup>th</sup> April 2019	Treasurers Account	Statement No 15	£3,568.36
<i>End of Financial Year 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019 Balance £3,568.36</i>			
@ 3 <sup>rd</sup> May 2019	Treasurers Account	Statement No 16	£14,673.16
Bank reconciliation 13 <sup>th</sup> May 2019	£6,265.16		
to agree with Internet Printed Bank Statement 09/05/2019 £6,265.16			
@ 5 <sup>th</sup> April 2019	Business Bank Instant Account	Statement No 7	£21,475.90
<i>End of Financial Year 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019 Balance £21,475.90</i>			
@ 3 <sup>rd</sup> May 2019	Business Bank Instant Account	Statement 8	£18,476.74
Bank reconciliation 13 <sup>th</sup> May 2019	£26,476.74		
to agree with Internet Printed Bank Statement 09/05/2019 £26,476.74			

**9.5 Consider Internal Auditors Report 2018-2019 and agree any required action**

There were no actions required from the Internal Auditor's Report for 2018-2019

**9.6 Confirmation of Scope of Internal Audit for 2019-2020**

The Internal Audit Plan was agreed and signed by Councillor Mrs J Davies Chairman

**9.7 To approve internal audit payment and the appointment of Mrs J Watson as Internal Auditor**  
Re-appointment of Mrs J Watson was unanimously approved

\*\* See Item 9.4 Invoices for payment approved

**9.8 To consider any required update of the Lloyds Bank Mandate**  
No updates required

*Cheque Signatories are Councillor Mrs J T Davies Chairman  
Councillor Mr M Parsons Vice-Chairman  
Councillor Mrs M A Lloyd and Councillor Mr G T A Statham*

**9.9 Parish Council Insurance review for 2019-2020**

Came & Company Parish Council Insurance reviewed by the Parish Council

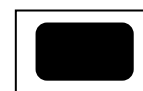
\*\*\* See Item 9.4 Invoices for payment

**10.0 Wormside Ward Councillor Report (if available)**

To receive a report from Herefordshire Council's Wormside Ward Councillor Mrs Christy Bolderson  
Christy congratulated all returning Parish Councillors and new member Councillor Mr Dave Thompson

Ward Councillor Report Kilpeck Parish Council  
(Kilpeck, Kenderchurch, St Devereux, Treville, Wormbridge)

The Wormside Ward is approximately 80km<sup>2</sup> with around 45 people per km<sup>2</sup> – so a large rural area.  
Leading up to the election, I knocked on as many doors as possible to understand how people were feeling about the area and any concerns they may have in relation to council services.



On the whole, everyone I met was very pleasant and they were generally happy with where they lived and the local environment. However, there were a variety of issues raised by residents, with five key areas of concern common across all parishes. In no particular order, these concerns included:

Potholes, road condition & drainage

Road safety including speeding and the provision of footpaths/cycle ways. Many wanted to see 40m/h signs extended to include the housing estate south of Wormbridge and Howton Grove Barns.

Planning applications. Many were interested in the Whitfield planning application with comments received on sewerage, access and possible pedestrian crossing over A465.

Fly tipping

Southern Link Road and/or Bypass. There were various responses to this topic, however based on the people I spoke to, I noted that more people were in favour than against.

As a new Ward Councillor, I may not be able to immediately address all your concerns on the above topics, or other matters that may particularly interest you. However, I am undertaking certain steps to ensure I get up to speed as quickly as possible.

All new and returning Ward Councillors must complete a series of induction training sessions which are being delivered by Council officers.

I am meeting with Jon Johnson (previous Ward Councillor) in June to have a full handover of activities. Jon has also been very helpful during the transition period with all my ad hoc enquiries.

I am arranging meetings with other individuals such as the Locality Steward and PCSO

If you would like to discuss any matters with me, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Christy Bolderson Councillor for Wormside (Parishes: Allensmore ; Callow, Dewsall, Grafton, Haywood, Kenderchurch, Kilpeck, Kingstone, Much Dewchurch, St. Devereux, Thruxton, Treville, and Wormbridge) [Christy.Bolderson@herefordshire.gov.uk](mailto:Christy.Bolderson@herefordshire.gov.uk)

#### **11.0 Public Question Time**

Designated maximum period of 10 minutes to accommodate members of the public who may wish to either raise or ask the Parish Council questions

No matters raised

#### **12.0 Neighbourhood Development Plan**

Neighbourhood Development Plan Consultation and Open Day Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2019

10.00am – 4.00pm at Kilpeck Village Hall

Steering Group Members, Parish Councillors and Claire Bradley Kirkwells Planning Consultant will be attending

Information to be included in the Parish Council Annual Report plus, notice boards and the Parish Council's Website

Hard copies of Plan to be left at Kilpeck Village Hall, Wormbridge Garage and Shop, Bridges Childcare Centre, Kilpeck Inn and Three Horseshoes Public House

Letter Box in St Devereux bridge wall to be recorded in the Plan

Parish Freighter Kilpeck Village Hall Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2019 11.00am – 1.00pm

#### **13.0 Roads and Footpaths**

**13.1** To receive **new** information on any Parish Highway & Public Footpath Issues

A465 Hedges overhanging by Notice Board / Post Box at Didley to Locks Garage

Potholes Marlas Mill to Wormbridge

Below Gwerngenny to Withington House road broken up

Potholes – Pump House Corner; Trelough Junction; Station House; Wormbridge

**13.2 Parish Lengthsman Contract for Approval**

Parish Council's contract with Herefordshire Council / BBLP

Parish Paths Partnership (P3) and Parish Lengthsman Schemes

Contract between Herefordshire Council and the Parish Council was signed by Councillor

Mrs J Davies Chairman and Clerk Mr M Walker, with the amendments see page 2019-721



PART 2A

Core Public Realm Maintenance – Lengthsman activities

3. Highway minor works	As agreed through the annual maintenance plan	Removal of soils and detritus build up; clear minor storm debris discharged onto the highway as is reasonable and practical; cutting back vegetation overhanging the road or footway; clearing and siding out of footways; removing vegetation from structures and fences; verge cutting and strimming of visibility splays; <del>paint and repair fences.</del>
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4. Environmental	As agreed through the annual maintenance plan	Sweeping footways and public realm spaces; litter clearance and litter picking and bin emptying; removal of fly posting, graffiti and unauthorised signs; street name plates cleaning <del>and repair;</del> <del>repair of street furniture including litter bins, benches and bus stops</del>
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PART 2C

Public Rights of Way – Parish Paths Partnership (P3) grant funded

6. Public Rights of Way	Parish Paths Officer (PPO)	The parish must have least one Parish Paths Officer (PPO) in post, who will inspect ALL paths in the parish at least twice a year.
	As agreed through the annual maintenance plan	<del>Ensuring cutting back of vegetation (excluding crops) is carried out on ALL paths where necessary at least twice in summer months.</del> <del>Maintenance and installation of gates, stile crossing steps and other PROW furniture.</del> <del>Signposting and Waymarking.</del> <del>Purchase/hire/maintenance of tools</del>

Ready for submission to Balfour Beatty/Herefordshire Council

Site meeting to be arranged in Kilpeck with Locality Steward Mr James Howell

**14.0 Planning Application**

Planning Application 191156 Marlas Mill Replacing of existing building with proposed garage  
 “Kilpeck Parish Council considered at their Annual Meeting held on the 13<sup>th</sup> May 2019 application No 191156 Marlas Mill HR2 9DS

**Resolved:- Unanimously to support the application as presented”**

**15.0 Information Sheet** (Not covered by an agenda item and (FOR INFORMATION ONLY)

2nd May 2017 Application No 171547 Timber and Builders Merchant Pontrilas, Hereford HR2 0BE  
 Application for approval of details reserved by conditions 3, 4 & 15 attached to Planning Permission 142033

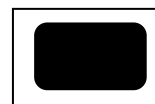
**Application Still Valid**

30<sup>th</sup> October 2018 No 183445 Pool Wharf, Much Dewchurch HR2 8DR  
 Proposed access track and dryer unit  
 Planning Permission

**Application Still Valid**

29<sup>th</sup> March 2019 No 191004 Gwerngenny Wormbridge Hereford  
 Proposed livestock building  
 Planning Permission

**Application Still Valid**



“30<sup>th</sup> November 2016 &  
19<sup>th</sup> December 2018 No 184666 Ince Cottage The Common Wormbridge Hereford HR2 9DQ  
Application for approval of details reserved by condition 10  
attached to planning permission 152794  
Approval of Details Reserved by Condition  
**Condition 10 Discharged 26<sup>th</sup> March 2019**

**SITE:** Ince Cottage The Common Wormbridge Hereford HR2 9DQ  
**DESCRIPTION:** Application for approval of details reserved by condition 10 attached to  
planning permission 152794  
**APPLICATION NO:** 184666  
**APPLICATION TYPE:** PP - Approval of details reserved by condition

I refer to the above discharge of condition application.

With regard to the conditions of the planning permission described above I would confirm the following:-

- Condition 10 – The submitted details in relation to the foul and surface water drainage arrangements are acceptable. For the avoidance of doubt, these are indicated on drawing titled ‘G M Clive Trust’ and ‘One2clean’ brochure.

I can confirm that there are no pre-commencement Conditions outstanding and this letter should be read in conjunction with those previously issued by the local planning authority dated 30 November 2016 and 19 December 2018.

This letter should be attached to the decision notice to avoid any doubt as to the nature of the approved scheme.  
Yours sincerely, MR SIMON WITHERS DEVELOPMENT MANAGER”

#### Correspondence

24<sup>th</sup> April 2019 Herefordshire Archive Service  
Minutes KGPC/MW/095 13<sup>th</sup> January 2014 -  
KGPC/MW/105 8<sup>th</sup> November 2014  
Minutes KGPC/MW/106 12<sup>th</sup> January 2015 -  
KGPC/MW/116 14<sup>th</sup> December 2015  
Minutes KGPC/MW/117 11<sup>th</sup> January 2016  
KGPC/MW/131 10<sup>th</sup> April 2017  
Minutes KGPC/MW/132 8<sup>th</sup> May 2017  
KGPC/MW/138 18<sup>th</sup> December 2017

#### **April 2019 Golden Valley Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT) Newsletter**

**Your team, based at Peterchurch.**

**PC 164 Roger Bradley 07976 938 755 [roger.bradley@westmercia.pnn.police.uk](mailto:roger.bradley@westmercia.pnn.police.uk)**

**PCSO 6173 Fiona Witcher 07773 054582 [fiona.witcher@westmercia.pnn.police.uk](mailto:fiona.witcher@westmercia.pnn.police.uk)**

**PCSO 6378 Pete Knight 07773 053919 [peter.knight@westmercia.pnn.police.uk](mailto:peter.knight@westmercia.pnn.police.uk)**

**Crime Trends 1st - 31st March 2019** Overnight on Tuesday 5th/Wednesday 6th March, 25 wooden planks were stolen from a building site in **Clehonger** Incident ref 262-s-060319

Damage was caused for the second time to the zip wire seat on **Clehonger** playing fields by a male allowing his dog to jump up and repeatedly bite the seat. This happened around 6pm on Sunday 10th March, and the dog was described as a sandy coloured Staffordshire bull terrier. The seat had just been repaired at a cost of £200, if you have any information please get in touch Incident ref 546-s-100319

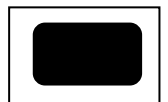
A quantity of hand tools including spanners, a socket set, wrenches and screwdrivers were stolen from a farm yard in **Cockyard** on Tuesday 12th March between 12.45 pm and 2pm Incident ref 496-s-120319

A Honda 125cc motorcycle, registration number **DK55GZJ** was stolen from a front garden in Pennyplock, **Madley** overnight on Thursday 14th/Friday 15th March Incident ref 67-s-150319

More items were stolen from a building site in **Clehonger** sometime between 12 noon on Saturday 16th and 8am on Monday 18th March.

This time it was a quantity of stair rails and spindles Incident ref 271-s-180319

3000 roof slates awaiting installation at the primary school in **Peterchurch** were stolen from within the school grounds between Friday 22nd and Monday 25th March. Excellent detective work by PC Bradley led to the discovery of all the stolen tiles and the three males responsible who are ‘assisting with enquiries Incident ref 235-s-250319



A workshop at a property near **Clifford** was broken into sometime overnight on Monday 25th/Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March, and two Stihl chainsaws were stolen Incident ref 218-s-260319  
 If you have any information regarding any crime you can contact police on 101, in an emergency please dial 999.  
 You can also contact Crimestoppers on **0800 555 111** to report any crime or criminal activity anonymously

**TV Licence Scam** Fraudsters are sending the public fake TV Licensing emails to steal their personal and financial information

Victims who click on the link are led to a convincing looking TV Licensing website – where fraudsters can obtain bank account details and commit identity fraud.

The increase in reporting was identified in September 2018, following publicity the same month around a security issue with the TV Licensing website. Reporting to the NFIB has increased month on month since then. Since April 2018, **926 crime reports** have been made to Action Fraud, with a **total loss of over £830,000**. The highest single recorded loss is **£50,000**.

Reports made to Action Fraud identify that the current TV Licensing phishing emails are part of a larger scam where criminals call individuals claiming to be bank employees. This is how the scam works:

1. The victim receives a TV Licensing phishing email with links to a convincing-looking website that steals personal and financial details.
2. Within a week or two, victims will receive a phone call from a fraudster claiming to be from the fraud department of the victim's bank. The fraudsters are able to convince victims they are genuine banking staff by providing some of the personal details that were obtained using the fake TV

Licensing emails and websites The fraudster states that the victim's account has been compromised, possibly by a phishing scam they may have fallen victim to recently, and states that they need to transfer their money to a new 'safe account'. **The average age of a victim is 54 and that 65% of victims are female**

### Simple Steps to Avoid on Line Bank Fraud

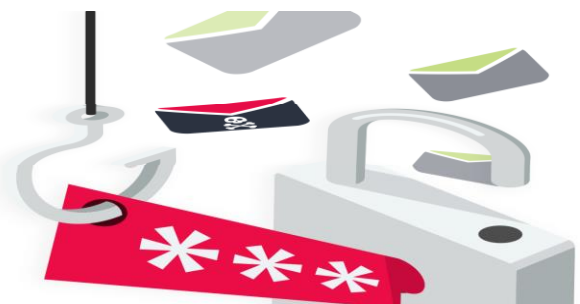
**STOP AND THINK**

Your bank or the police will never:

- 1 Phone and ask you for your PIN or full banking password.
- 2 Ask you to withdraw money to hand over to them for safe-keeping.
- 3 Ask you to transfer money out of your account.
- 4 Send someone to your home to collect cash, PINs, cards or cheque books.



Don't click on the links or attachments in suspicious emails, and never respond to messages that ask for your personal or financial details.



**Arrests** A 38 year old male from **Peterchurch** was arrested in Hereford for causing Criminal Damage, he has been released under investigation.

A 48 year old male from **Kingstone** was arrested in Kingstone for assault and driving with excess alcohol. He has been released on police bail.

### Speed Enforcement Marathon - Police urge motorists to 'Slow Down'





With a European-wide speed enforcement campaign taking place this week, West Mercia Police are urging all motorists to stay safe and keep speeds down.

The campaign is run by TISPOL, the European Traffic Police Network - established by police forces across Europe to improve road safety and law enforcement

The campaign is encouraging motorists to think about their speed and to remind drivers to always travel within the speed limit. It is estimated that across Europe speeding contributes to as many as one third of all collisions that result in fatality and is the most important contributory factor to road deaths. Speeding, as well as inappropriate speed can have a devastating impact on the safety of road users, increasing the risk of a collision and the severity of the consequences.

Over the past 3 years in West Mercia 123 people have been killed and 929 seriously injured in collisions where speeding or use of inappropriate speed has been recorded as a contributory factor.

The Safer Roads Partnership, local policing teams, special constables and community speed watch volunteers will be out and about in local communities taking part in a mixture of enforcement and educational initiatives. Roads Policing Inspector Jem Mountford for West Mercia Police comments: "Supporting this Europe-wide campaign with local activities is an important way of raising the issue and highlighting the dangers of speeding. There are many local residents across our region whose quality of life is affected by people speeding through their community and families that unfortunately know far too well the devastating consequences that speeding and collisions can lead to. We'd like to take the opportunity to remind people of the consequences of speeding. Apart from the obvious consequences if you are involved in a collision, if prosecuted for speeding, the minimum penalty is a £100 fine and 3 penalty points. You could be disqualified from driving if you build up 12 or more penalty points within a period of 3 years".

Speeding is one of the 'FATAL FOUR' and has been evident in many of the Road deaths within our County and beyond. Please watch your speed and help keep Herefordshire Roads Safer.

**How to Contact Us**      **101** to talk to your local SNT or report a  
[crimecrimegoldenvally.snt@westmercia.pnn.police.uk](mailto:crimecrimegoldenvally.snt@westmercia.pnn.police.uk)      [www.westmercia.police.uk](http://www.westmercia.police.uk)      **@GValleyCops**  
Only call 999 in an emergency, when a crime is in progress or life is in danger.

**News from your local Fire Crews** Carelessness in the kitchen can cost lives 25 March 2019 in News

Each year cooking causes more accidental fires in the home than anything else and Hereford & Worcester Fire and Rescue Service (HWFRS) is supporting the Fire Kills Cooking Safety campaign.

Station Commander Amy Bailey from the Community Risk department, HWFRS said: "More than half of all accidental fires in the home start in the kitchen so it's essential to take care, especially when cooking with hot oil." Station Commander Bailey urged anyone who is cooking to take note of the following safety tips:

- Keep your cooker and grill pan clean, burnt food and fat causes fires
- Turn off all electrical appliances and pull out the plugs when not using them
- Cooking becomes dangerous if you drink alcohol, you could become drowsy and not be as safe as you think
- Do not use a toaster under a cupboard
- If you use a chip pan, never fill it more than a third full and stay with it all the time
- Never leave a pan unattended when the heat is switched on and NEVER attempt to move the pan if it should catch fire
- Do not take risks.

If a pan should catch fire, turn off the heat only if it's safe to do so. Never throw water over the pan.

- Keep children safely away from the cooking area
- Never tackle a fire yourself, but GET OUT, STAY OUT, CALL 999

SC Bailey concluded: "In addition to the above vital safety advice, I would urge people to test their smoke alarms are working on a weekly basis. If you require further advice on fire safety or would like to call the Community Risk department to see if you qualify for a free Home Fire Safety Check please call 0800 032 1155."

Further kitchen safety advice is available at [www.hwfire.org.uk](http://www.hwfire.org.uk) or visit @HWFireSafety

[May 2019 Golden Valley Safer Neighbourhood Team \(SNT\) Newsletter](#)

Crime Trends 1st – 30th April 2019 Clehonger: Sometime between 18th and 19th April, damage was caused to the bus shelter on the corner of Church Road, Old Clehonger and the B4349.

Hay On Wye: At around 1:30 to 1:45am on Friday April, the Co-Op in Newport Street, Hay on Wye, was attacked and the cash machine was stolen from the premises. A number of offenders and two vehicles were involved. If you have any information about this incident, please contact us here at Peterchurch and we will pass on the information to Hereford CID who are investigating.



If you have any information regarding any crime you can contact police on 101 in an emergency please dial 999 You can also contact Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111 to report any crime or criminal activity anonymously.

Rogue Traders are people pretending to be builders or "qualified" trades men or women needing to do 'urgent' repairs or sales people offering bargain products. Things to be aware of:

- They often pressurise householders to make quick decisions to have work done, pay in advance for materials or do poor work at highly inflated prices
- They will often cold call on vulnerable households and deliberately overcharge for unsatisfactory goods and services. This can include charging for unnecessary work, damaging property deliberately in order to obtain money, leaving work unfinished and intimidating householders
- Victims of this practice are often vulnerable or elderly and in the most serious cases, offenders will return to the same victim again and again until their savings are exhausted

Police work jointly with local authority trading standards officers and other agencies to target offenders who prey on vulnerable members of the community in this way.

The following advice will help tackling doorstep rogue traders:

- Close and lock your back door before answering the front door
- Use a spy hole, chain or window to have a look at the caller before answering the door. If you do not recognise them speak through the closed and locked door
- Never buy goods and services from people calling unexpectedly or unannounced at your door
- If the caller is selling something or offering work on your house or garden tell them that you are not interested and ask them to leave
- If they do not leave tell them you will call the police
- Always ask for proof of identity. Take it from the person (through the letterbox) and read it carefully
- Phone the company or organisation the caller claims to be from (use the number in the phone book) to confirm their identity

• If you have any doubt keep them out

Remember it's your home Don't be afraid to say 'No' and report anything suspicious to police

- If you do need to employ a tradesman, please remember these useful tips:
- Take advice from family, friends or reputable traders to check if the work really needs doing
- Avoid any cold callers that may turn up or ring unexpectedly or unannounced offering to carry out repairs
- Only use reputable workmen recommended by family and friends, or those who have worked satisfactorily for you before. Consider contacting your local Trading Standards who may run a registered traders scheme for advice on choosing a trades person.
- If you do decide the work needs doing, always obtain at least 3 quotes and make sure the quote you accept is in writing
- Ask traders to provide you with written contact details and ask about insurance backed guarantees
- Ask for details of previous satisfied customers and contact them. Go and see the work for yourself if you can
- Consumer law allows you a seven day cooling off period so you can change your mind about any service offered by someone who arrives uninvited or by appointment
- Keep back part of the cost until the repair job has been satisfactorily completed. This will provide an incentive for the trader to complete the job or put right any problems
- Report any unscrupulous traders either to police or trading standards.

Look Out For Your Neighbours Friends, neighbours and people who have regular contact with older and vulnerable people can help them to make their lives more secure. Research shows that fewer distraction burglaries are committed in areas where there is a supportive community.

You can help by: • Keeping an eye on people calling in the area or acting suspiciously

- Noting the registration numbers of vehicles parked in your area for a period of time
- Calling on vulnerable people regularly. If it is not too much trouble, help them keep their front garden tidy and find reliable trades people for any maintenance work that really does need to be undertake
- Inform the police to provide information about suspicious people activity or vehicles however insignificant it may seem.

Remember treat every stranger with caution

If you are suspicious about a caller inform the police on 101 or in an Emergency dial 999

Arrests A warrant was executed at a premises in Clehonger and two males aged 24 and 26 yrs were arrested on suspicion of Theft, and have subsequently been released under investigation.



At the same time two quad bikes and a trials bike were recovered suspected of being stolen.

A 13yr old youth was arrested in Kingstone, on suspicion of possessing a bladed article/knife. He was later released without charge.

New support service that gives victims a voice - Victim Advice Line As part of Police and Crime Commissioner John Campion's commitment to ensuring victims of crime receive an improved and more consistent service, a new support function in the form of the Victim Advice Line is launching in West Mercia.

Wanting to know if victims of crime felt fully supported, Police and Crime Commissioner John Campion carried out a consultation with a number of people who gave a clear mandate for wanting things to be done differently.

The victims stated they wanted a single point of entry into support, they wanted quick updates on their case, and they also wanted to have greater ownership of their journey and help shape it themselves - as opposed to being labelled by a type of crime and having a 'one size fits all' support package.

The outcomes from the consultation have shaped all that the Victim Advice Line (VAL) is aiming to deliver when it goes live on 1st April 2019.

The VAL will be replacing the initial needs assessment function that has previously been provided by Victim Support and will remove many layers within the victim's journey, meaning they will have a clearer pathway of support and they won't need to repeat their story multiple times.

The Victim Advice Line will be made up of a team of expert and fully trained Victim Care Coordinators who will help the victim when they come through to the service, be it through police, third party or self-referral (the crime doesn't have to have been reported to the police). The victim may then be referred onto other specialist services, dependent on the level of support they may need.

This type of model is being seen as best practice and a flagship across the country in delivering support to victims, having already been adopted by other PCCs and police forces.

Police and Crime Commissioner John Campion said: "Whilst the contract we had with Victim Support was good, in order to provide victims with what they wanted we needed to make some fundamental changes.

"The Victim Advice Line will look at an individual and make sure they're getting the level of support they need.

They won't be given a pre-determined package, they'll be given support that is completely tailored to them. By doing this we hope to give victims greater confidence and satisfaction that will help in moving forward with their life." "The service will also allow better multi-agency working, such as with the police and other support services, which will ensure victims are supported throughout the entire criminal justice system from the very beginning of their journey through to the end."

Assistant Chief Constable Martin Evans said: "I have been working closely with the PCC's office for a number of months and I am delighted to see that the new Victim Advice Line will be going live on 1<sup>st</sup> April. West Mercia strives to put victims at the heart of what we do and the support that the Victim

Advice Line will provide alongside us will be invaluable.

"The majority of staff that will be working within the Victim Advice Line already have a great deal of experience in supporting victims of crime and their enthusiasm and determination to provide the best service possible is very clear to see."

### News from your local Fire Crews

Everyday activities near water can put you at risk of drowning 29 April 2019 in News

Half of accidental drowning's in 2017 happened when people didn't even intend to go in the water.

Activities such as running, walking, fishing and cycling near water can all put you at risk of drowning.

The potentially fatal dangers of water are highlighted in the National Fire Chiefs Council's (NFCC) Be Water Aware campaign.

Hereford & Worcester Fire and Rescue Service is supporting the national week-long campaign which runs from 29 April - 5 May 2019 and aims to highlight the risk of accidental drowning. In 2017:

- 255 people accidentally drowned in the UK
- around 50% of these people just happened to be near water
- about 85% of these fatalities were male
- in addition 75 UK nationals, mainly tourists, drowned while abroad in 2017

NFCC's Drowning Prevention and Water Safety Lead, Chief Fire Officer Dawn Whittaker, said: "Most people would be shocked to hear that those people who drowned just happened to be taking part in everyday activities near water, like going for a run or walk.

"They are unaware of the risks and are totally unprepared for the scenario of ending up in the water.



"By highlighting this issue and making sure simple safety messages reach them we hope to reduce the number of these needless and preventable deaths."

Hereford & Worcester Fire and Rescue Service's advice:

- if you are going for a walk or run near water stick to proper pathways and stay clear of the water's edge
- make sure conditions are safe, avoid walking or running near water in the dark, slippery or in bad weather
- if you've had alcohol don't enter the water, avoid walking alone and avoid routes near water
- never enter the water to try and help a person or animal - always call 999 and use any water rescue equipment if it is available
- if you are spending time near water - whether at home or abroad make sure you are familiar with local safety information and children are fully supervised

The fire service has successfully reduced the number of fire deaths by focusing on prevention work and now we must apply the same principle to tackling drowning.

Response is not enough - we must prevent drowning's.

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**16.0 Agenda of Next Meeting**

- Review of Council's Complaints Procedure
- Review policy for dealing with the Press/Media
- Updated Asset Register
- Churchyard Donations

**17.0 Confirmation of the Next Meeting Time, Date & Venue**

The next Meeting will be an Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council and is to be held on Monday June 10<sup>th</sup> 2019 in Kilpeck Village Hall and will commence at 7.30pm.

Meeting declared closed at 9.20pm

Signed..........

Councillor Mrs Joyce Davies Chairman Kilpeck Parish Council

Date 10<sup>th</sup> June 2019