

Kilpeck Parish Council

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Kilpeck Parish Council
held at The Bridges Childcare Centre
on Monday 9th March 2020

No KPC/MW/162

Councillors Present

Councillor Mrs J Davies Chairman

Councillor Mr N Eynon

Councillor Mr D Howie

Councillor Mrs M Lloyd

Councillor Mr G Statham

Councillor Mr D Thompson

Councillor Mrs B Wood

Clerk Mr M Walker

Also Present

Ward Councillor Mrs Christy Bolderson and one further members of the public

Prior to the start of the Parish Council meeting Councillor Mrs J Davies Chairman said that sadly Mrs Renee Howells, a local resident of Wormbridge and an active member of the community had recently passed away

**The Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council was formally opened
by the Chairman at 7.30pm**

1.0 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillor Mr M Parsons Vice-Chairman and Councillor Mr D Roden (Lengthsman/Contractor)

Mr James Howell Locality Steward and Police Representatives not present

2.0 Declarations of Interest & Dispensations

2.1 To receive any declarations of interest in agenda items from Councillors

No Declarations of Interest were received

2.2 To consider any written applications for dispensation

No new written applications received

3.0 Minutes

The Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting No **KGPC/MW/161** held on Monday 10th February 2020 were unanimously confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman

4.0 Financial Report

4.1 Receipts

No receipts received

4.1i Field Agreement for 2020/2021

The Parish Council unanimously resolved for Sunderlands to proceed with the April 2020 to March 2021 Agreement with the Annual Rent of £850.00 (approximately £90.00 per acre) including water charges.

The Farm Business Tenancy Agreement from Sunderlands signed by Clerk Mr M Walker and witnessed by Councillor Mrs J Davies Chairman ready to be returned to Sunderlands

4.2 Invoices for Payment

Mr M Walker additional printing for NDP £23.36

Cheque No 000982

Mr M Walker refreshments for NDP Open Day £38.15

Cheque No 000983



Herefordshire Council Parish Freighter Service 20/06/2020 11.00am-1.00pm	£414.00
Cheque No 000984	
Clerk's Salary March 2020 Gross	£585.24
Mileage	£25.20
Postage	£3.15
TAX £83.60 NIC £0.00	
Nett pay	£529.99
Cheque No 000985	
HMR&C 4 th ¼ Payment January February March	£251.20
Cheque No 000986	

All payments were **Unanimously Approved**

4.3 Bank Balances as per statements

@ 4 th February 2020 Bank Statement Treasurers Account No 25	£3,135.81
Internet printed Bank Statement dated 8 th March 2020 £4,735.39	
Bank Reconciliation £4,735.39 dated 09/03/2020 signed by the Chairman	
@ 5 th February 2020 Bank Statement Business Bank Instant Account No 17	£20,984.92
Internet printed Bank Statement dated 8 th March 2020 £18,485.84	
Bank Reconciliation £18,485.84 dated 09/03/2020 signed by the Chairman	
Reconciliation / Finance Sheet signed by Councillor Mrs J Davies and copies given to all Parish Councillors present	

5.0 Reports

5.1 Kilpeck Village Hall Committee

Councillor Mrs B Wood reported on the following:-

A successful Chilli and Quiz Night had been held on Saturday 29th February 2020

The last Tuesday in the month the Village Hall Coffee Morning restarts, first one is to be held on 19th March 2020

Crafts @ Kilpeck to take place Saturday 25th April 2020

A new fire alarm panel had been installed

Field Fund stands at £426.80

5.2 Ward Councillor Mrs Christy Bolderson

Christy report sent by email

“Flooding

I unfortunately have received many emails from concerned residents in relation to flooding since October last year. I have raised the issue with the Cabinet Member of Housing, Infrastructure and Transport and I am in the process of meeting with key Council Officers to discuss the flooding and what can be done to reduce the likelihood of future flooding events within Wormside. The next Parish Council summit on Thursday 2 April 2020 will also include the opportunity for discussion around flooding and building resilience in local communities and all Parish Councillors are invited to attend.

As of 3 March 2020, 405 residential and 102 business properties within Herefordshire are understood to have been affected by February's flood event with the cost of repairs following Storm Dennis currently estimated to be around £10m. Herefordshire Council has received emergency government funding by way of the Bellwin grant to support residents and businesses directly affected by the recent flooding and this week a three month extension to the Bellwin period has been requested to account for the scale of flooding and assessing its impact. The [open letter to Prime Minister Boris Johnson](#) has been published on the Herefordshire Council website. Flood Recovery support includes:

- Community Flood Recovery Grants of £500 for residential properties: Households can apply for £500 of financial assistance to help support any short term needs if flood water has entered the habitable areas of their property or their property is considered unliveable for any period of time due to flooding. The grant can be applied for at: www.herefordshire.gov.uk/floods.



- 100% Council Tax discount for three months: For those households who have been awarded the Community Flood Recovery Grant, three months of Council Tax discount will be automatically applied to their account which will be reflected in the council tax bills being sent this month
- Community Flood Recovery Grants of £2500 for businesses: Small and medium enterprises can apply for £2500 of financial assistance if they have experienced a loss of trade due to flooding. The grant can be applied for at: www.herefordshire.gov.uk/floods
- Business rate relief: Businesses who have been awarded the Community Flood Recovery Grant will automatically have three months of business rate discount applied to their account which will be reflected in the business rate bills being sent this month
- Property Flood Resilience Recovery Support Scheme [2020]: Central government has announced that flood-hit homes and businesses will be able to receive up to £5,000 to help protect them from future flooding. The grant is to fund property flood resilience through community-based measures which make the property less likely to flood in the future, or reduce the impact if flooding does occur. The Council will publicise details of these grants as soon as possible

In addition to the above, the Council has also offered free collection of flood damaged items from houses and waved the usual trailer permits to deposit flood households debris to transfer sites. If your home or business has been impacted by the recent flooding please go the website below and get the latest information. <https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/info/200196/roads/345/flooding/3>. The website has information about clean-up & disposal, financial support, users of septic tanks and private water supplies, sandbags, emotional support, insurance and how to stay up-to-date with future information.

Additional resources have been deployed across the county to expedite road cleaning and inspection and assessment of the condition of roads and bridges. Surveys using specialist equipment are being carried out. There are at least 71 locations across the highways network where repair work is required and of these 51 require extensive work to remedy the damage caused. Whilst work to repair damage has commenced, several roads and bridges will require longer term attention and investment to fully address flood damage and secure their resilience. Please can I encourage you all to report any EMERGENCY defects and potholes by phone 01432 261800 or for non-emergency defects, by logging on the Herefordshire Council website

<https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/info/200196/roads>

Coronavirus

Herefordshire Council are working closely with colleagues in Public Health England and the local NHS to ensure we have robust systems and processes in place to respond to the coronavirus situation in the county as it emerges. Information received from the Council indicate that we are well prepared for any confirmed UK cases, that there are tried and tested procedures to prevent further spread and that the NHS is extremely well-prepared and used to managing infections. The key messages from the Council's director of public health are:

- **Wash hands regularly with soap and water for a minimum of 20 seconds**, especially before cooking and eating; after using the toilet and using public transport. We have sent posters to public buildings in our communities. If more posters are required, email Karen.wright@herefordshire.gov.uk
- **'Catch it. Bin it. Kill it'**: If you sneeze or cough remember to catch it with a tissue; bin the tissue and kill it by washing your hands or using a hand sanitiser that contains at least 60% alcohol if soap isn't available
- **Follow public health's returning traveler advice**: There are some countries and areas where there's a higher chance of coming into contact with someone with coronavirus. If you have returned from travelling outside of the UK within the last 14 days please check and follow the public health England specific [advice for returning travellers](#).

For the latest, reputable sources of information about this coronavirus please visit the following websites:

- Health advice about coronavirus: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>
- Latest information: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/wuhan-novel-coronavirus-information-for-the-public>
- Frequently asked Questions: <https://publichealthmatters.blog.gov.uk/2020/01/23/wuhan-novel-coronavirus-what-you-need-to-know/>

Full Council

Herefordshire Council has an annual budget of £380m which is used to deliver services to over 187,000 residents. These services include maintenance of over 2,000 miles of roads, collection of over 85,000 residential bins, safeguarding around 1,000 children (including 354 in the council's care) and providing care and support to 2,500 vulnerable adults.



Full Council on 14 February 2020 approved the 'County Plan 2020-2024 and associated 2020/21 budget, Capital Programme, Medium Term Financial Strategy and Treasury Management Plan. An increase to Herefordshire Council Tax rates was approved at 3.9% in order to achieve a balanced budget. We also managed to win an amendment by one vote to put aside an additional £2 million for Unclassified and C roads including drainage.

Hereford Transport Strategy

The Hereford transport strategy review will include an assessment of the proposed Hereford Bypass and Southern Link Road, alongside alternative options. The review is expected to be completed by 31 July 2020 and feedback received by 31 March 2020 will be considered in the review. I would encourage as many of you as possible to take part and submit your comments via <https://travelinhereford.commonplace.is/>

Student Accommodation

Working with Hereford College of Arts and a range of private sector partners and investors, the Council has enabled the development of a £19 million, 178 bedroom student accommodation development in Hereford which should be complete in time for higher education students to move in for the academic year starting September 2020. Delivery of 127 modular 'pods', will be transported as large loads, some with escort vehicles, and delivered to the site over four weeks, starting on 10 February 2020 until w/c 9 March 2020. There will be six deliveries each week day (seven on the final day) between 9.30am and 3.30pm. These bedrooms and study spaces have been built off site using an innovative construction method and will be assembled as they arrive.

Hereford Cultural Partnership

The Herefordshire Cultural Partnership is looking for a new Chair. Do you know anybody who might fit this role? The role of the HCP is to:

- Champion Herefordshire's cultural strategy and cultural ambition
- Identify and support initiatives, which attract funding and investment for creative and cultural activity
- Oversee the development and delivery of the Cultural Strategy 2019-29, producing an annual action plan with specific objectives and targets
- Support strategic programmes and identify key initiatives to deliver the Cultural Strategy action plan
- Take collective responsibility for ensuring that cultural funding is allocated properly and against agreed priorities
- Monitor activity against the Cultural Strategy's Strategic Objectives and Key Actions and publish an annual review
- Examine and respond to local, regional, national and international environments and policies to ensure that the Cultural Strategy's vision and objectives remain valid

Herefordshire Libraries

Children aged five and under can join Squirrel's reading club and collect beautiful character stickers with every library visit. Designed by local illustrator [Iain Welch](#), the special woodland stickers create a magical picture of Squirrel and his woodland friends. Once children have collected four stickers, they can choose their very own story to keep, personalised with a Squirrel Club bookplate featuring the child's name. Children's reading charity [BookTrust](#) has donated 2,500 picture books to give to children as a reward. The Hereford Library is also running Early Hurlly Burly, a fun, free and creative music, story and drama sessions for children under five. It will run every Thursday 1.45-2.45pm from 5 March to 2 April.

Also, as part of this year's [World Book Day](#), Herefordshire Libraries is inviting younger readers (and book loving adults!) to vote for their favourite 2019 story book. Voting runs from 5 – 12 March and can be cast through Twitter @HfdsLibraries

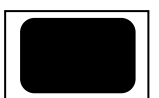
Defibrillators

Based on a constituent enquiry, the location of the two defibrillators within the Parish were confirmed at Bridges Community Centre and within the telephone box near the Kilpeck Inn. It was confirmed that both were registered with the ambulance service. Could I also ask that the Parish Council consider the registration of each defibrillator on the Heartsafe website which appears to be the main register available to the public.

<https://www.heartsafe.org.uk/AED-Locations>

Adult Mental Health

This year Healthwatch are focusing on the topic of adult mental health and people's experiences of this within their GP surgery; including how mental health support is delivered, who you would like to be seen by for your mental health as well as the effects of physical ill health on your mental health and vice versa.



The new transformation fund for the next two years will see an additional £5 million invested to pilot new models of delivering services for mental health in primary care across Herefordshire and parts of Worcestershire, as well as a general increase in NHS funding (The Mental Health Investment Standard).

The Council are trying to reach people from all over the county who have or are experiencing poor mental health, and are encouraging as many people as possible to take part in a survey so they can gather feedback to influence how services can best serve the public. <https://www.surveymz.com/s3/5312442/Mental-Health-2019-2020>

Energy for Waste Tour

Over the last few months I have visited both the recycling centre and also the energy for waste plant. If any Parish Councillors wish to visit the Energy for Waste plant, there may be a few spaces left on an early summer weekend tour (most likely June). Please let me know if you are interested.

Road Safety

Next Didley Road Safety Meeting is scheduled for Monday 16 March at 10.30. Cheers Christy”

Didley Road Safety Site Meeting arranged for Monday 16th March 2020 10.30am Didley lay-by on the A465, then Mr and Mrs George and Jean Jones’s home
Ward Councillor Mrs Christy Bolderson, Herefordshire Council Officers, Parish Councillors and Clerk to attend

5.3 Locality Steward Mr James Howell not present

All reports sent by email to Parish Councillors

5.4 Lengthsman Report

Mr Dave Roden not present but report sent by email

“Hello Malcolm, Firstly apologies but I will not be able to make the meeting this evening as the clutch has gone on my vehicle.

During the last couple of weeks I have been clearing drains, clearing slips up Standard Lane. Cutting grips throughout the parish.. I have repaired the stile in Kilpeck Churchyard and the stile down from the pumping station. I have also had a lot of comments from local people with regard to the sink hole on the Kilpeck road just past Bridge Farm. People are asking why it has not yet been repaired. I have been down the Dewchurch road, Nolton road and standard lane and jetted the pipework.

Hopefully we have seen the worst of the severe storms and I will be able to do the ditching. I will be removing the tree on the crossroads at Kilpeck by the finger post in the next couple of days.

Many Thanks Dave”

The Parish Council unanimously agreed for a “Brown Sign” for Kilpeck Church to be situated on Kilpeck Green - Councillor Mrs B Wood to action

5.5 Safer Road Partnership Update

See Item 5.2

5.6 To note for report Highway Issues

Potholes

A465 South of Wormbridge bridge pothole edge of carriageway

Standard Lane bottom of hill Village Hall to Dippersmore

Oak Lodge and The Knoll – full length of “C” road requires resurfacing

Top Hill Road –Crosslyde requires resurfacing (Kentchurch parish)

Bridge Farm – barriers still in situ

Slip road main A465 at Didley pothole around drain grid

Priors Double gateway - Councillor Mr N Eynon to action

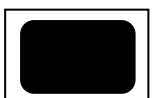
Church Lane requires resurfacing Dave Roden authorised 1 days work

Village Hall lone pothole outside Dave Thompsons

Mynws culvert - Councillor Mr N Eynon to provide costs, length of ditches etc.

Dave Roden to clear straw from Church Lane

Wooden Stile has had some remedial works allowing tourists / visitors to access Kilpeck Castle area with care



Herefordshire Council are awarding “Match Funding” for drainage projects
Councillor Mr N Eynon to provide figures for works Mynws and ditches

6.0 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

7.0 Neighbourhood Development Plan

*Neighbourhood Development Plan ready for Regulation 14 Consultation and Open Day
Arranged for Friday 21st February 6.30pm – 8.00pm and
Saturday 22nd February 10.00am – 2.00pm in Kilpeck Village Hall
Letter had been sent to all householders with the offer of transport if required*



7.1 Herefordshire Council Neighbourhood Planning Department had prepared Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Document and a Habitat Regulations Assessment (HRA) Document
Some Parish Councillors and Steering Group Members attended over both sessions of the Open Day
Weekend 21st & 22nd February 2020

Approximately 13 members of the public attended

Plans and Questionnaires available at Kilpeck Village Hall, The Kilpeck Inn, Forge Garage, Bridges
Childcare Centre, Three Horseshoes Public House and the Clerk

Consultation closes Friday 5.00pm 3rd April 2020

7.2 Core Strategy Settlement Hierarchy review 2020

Form completed at meeting ready for submission to Herefordshire Council

8.0 A465 Speed Indicating Devices

To receive progress report

Trees had been economically trimmed

9.0 Community Resilience Plan

Community Resilience Plan discussed and the Parish Council resolved to wait until the publication of
Regulation 16 Consultation of the Neighbourhood Development Plan is published and to include details in
the Newsletter

10.0 Information Sheet

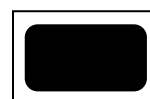
(Not covered by an agenda item and for information only)

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

“**3** Before the development hereby permitted is brought in to first use, a supplementary traffic management plan shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the local planning authority. The scheme shall include the following:

- a) Confirmation that the existing traffic management plan shall continue to be operated as agreed (or with appropriate written amendments to be submitted, if found necessary), and that the supplementary scheme will complement and enhance the Plan in accordance with section 7.5 of the submitted Design+Access Statement;
- b) Proposals and a scale drawing for amendments to the existing layout of the access junction with the A465, to include the existing lay-by adjacent to the site and new road markings to improve safe traffic flow for site visitors and onward drivers in both directions;
- c) Details of new directional road signage including a locational plan and scale diagrams of proposed signs;
- d) Timetable or schedule for completion, with provision for review if necessary.

The scheme shall be finalised in accordance with the advice of the Highways Engineering Manager and to the required highways standards. The scheme shall be implemented in accordance with the approved details and subject to completion of the relevant legal agreement with the Highways Authority. Please see informative 2 below regarding the necessary agreements for highway works.



Reason: In the interest of highway safety and to ensure free-flowing traffic in accordance with policies S2, DRS and T8 of the Herefordshire Unitary Development Plan and the requirements of the National Planning Policy Framework.

4 Before the development hereby permitted is brought in to first use a scheme for dust suppression shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the local planning authority. The scheme shall be based on a preliminary assessment of dust arisings from the existing sawmill site and likely arisings from all activities on the proposed site extension. The scheme shall include the following in particular:

- a) Methodology and results summary of existing and projected dust assessment;
- b) Identification of the expected type/s of dust and other particles, including from the log-sorter;
- c) Means of reducing dust risk at source;
- d) The technical means, and a site plan, by which dust suppression would be achieved (e.g. installation of water sprinkler system, use of road sweeper vehicles) and the area that would be covered by the system;
- e) Method statement covering the source, supply, likely volume and disposal or recycling for any water used (if applicable);
- f) A list of the conditions which would trigger implementation of the system;
- g) Identification of personnel to be responsible for taking action for dust suppression when the trigger point is reached, and the nature of the action to be taken;
- h) Provision for tool-box talks with operatives and review of the system as necessary.

The scheme shall be implemented as approved.

Reason: To prevent dust nuisance and safeguard air quality and the amenity of the area in accordance with policies DRI and DR9 of the Herefordshire Unitary Development Plan and the requirements of the National Planning Policy Framework.

15 Details of any external lighting proposed to illuminate the development shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the local planning authority before [the use hereby permitted commences. Development shall be carried out in accordance with the approved details and there shall be no other external illumination of the development.

Reason: To safeguard local amenities and to comply with Policy DRM of Herefordshire Unitary Development Plan and the National Planning Policy Framework”

Application Still Valid

27th August 2019 Application No192443 Land at Wormbridge (both sides of A465) Hereford Hybrid planning application; Outline with all matters included except landscaping for 70 new dwellings, new flexible workspace (B1a/B2/B8) and replacement childcare facility; and Full Planning for the change of use of existing schoolhouse to residential and change of use of existing dwelling to a community facility (A1/A2/A3/D1) and associated infrastructure.

Application Type Outline Still Valid

16th December 2019 *Planning Application 194274 Land adjacent to Three Horse Shoes Winall Allensmore Hereford HR3 9AR
Erection of one dwelling and associated works

Application Still Valid

7th February 2020 *Planning Application 194274 Land adjacent to Three Horse Shoes Winall Allensmore Hereford HR3 9AR
Erection of one dwelling and associated works
Amended Plans

Application Still Valid

Correspondence

30th January 2020 Letter received from Mr Ken Skates AC/AM Minister for Economy and Transport
Reference Welsh Government support for new Pontrilas Railway Station

20th February 2020 Letter sent to Sunderlands
reference Annual Rent Agreement 01/04/2020-31/03/2021
Existing terms to continue

20th February 2020 Letter sent to Mr Rob Hemblade Right of Way Officer
reference Proposed Extinguishment of PRoW SD 2
Unable to support proposal but SD2 at Point “B” could connect to SD 1

20th February 2020 Letter sent to Mr Hesketh Millais
reference stile from Church Cemetery to Kilpeck Castle



- 20th February 2020 Report a Public Right of Way Problem
KK3 1st stile (Pump House Corner)
CAS-751862-Y5P7T0
- 20th February 2020 Report a Public Right of Way Problem
KK25 / KK8 / KK9 2 Sleeper Type Bridges need attention
CAS-751853-Q5P5J5
- 20th February 2020 Report a Public Right of Way Problem
SD 4 Next A465 Didley Notice Board, Finger Post Broken Off at Base
CAS-751846-C3R9W8
- 20th February 2020 Report Worn Road Markings and Missing Cats Eyes
White Lines from Tram Inn at Locks Garage Junction
CAS-751867-X8J6Q9
- February 2020 Report Road Signage Defects
Welsh Water Signs near Bridge Farm
CAS-753143-C8Z7Q5

March 2020 Golden Valley Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT) Newsletter

Your team, based at Peterchurch PC 3687 Jeff Rouse 07870150972 jeff.rouse@westmercia.pnn.police.uk

PCSO 6378 Pete Knight 07773 053919 peter.knight@westmercia.pnn.police.uk

PCSO 6173 Fiona Witcher 07773 054582 fiona.witcher@westmercia.pnn.police.uk

Crime Trends 1st - 29th February 2020

57 Texel cross ewe lambs were stolen from a secure field in **Bredwardine** over the weekend of 8th/9th February
Incident ref 219s 110220

A locked container on a building site in **Clehonger** was broken into between 4.30pm and 6.10 pm on
Thursday 19th February, and a whacker plate was stolen. In order to gain access to the container, a fork lift had to
be moved - a window to the fork lift had been smashed in order to do this Incident ref 669s 190220

A unit on the Webton Court Industrial Estate in **Kingstone** was broken into at around 4.30am on
Monday 23rd February. It appears that a vehicle was used to ram open the roller doors and a disc cutter was stolen
from inside the unit Incident ref 715s 230220

At the same time, an electric winch was removed from a trailer that was parked outside the same unit Incident ref
465s 290220

A triple set of aluminium ladders belonging to BT left against a telegraph pole in **Abbeydore** were stolen between
2pm - 2.30pm on Friday 27th February Incident ref 395s 270220

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.

What the Team have been up to in February Parish Council meetings

The Team attended the below Parish Council meetings and gave a briefing on crime for the area.

Clehonger, Eaton Bishop, Ewyas Harold, Longtown, Madley, Peterchurch, Vowchurch.

We will aim to visit each Parish Council (of which there are 12 on our area) at least three times a year.

Speed monitoring We've been out and about undertaking speed enforcement and monitoring, particularly at key
times of the day around some of the Schools on the patch. This is one of the most common concerns that are
reported to us so we will be looking to increase this in the future. Schools Visits

Pete visited Michaelchurch Escley Primary School last month and spoke to some of the younger children. The blue
lights on the Police car were fully tested by the time he left!

Pete also visited Madley Pre School in February and the children enjoyed showing him their own Police Station
and looking over the car.

We enjoy undertaking school visits as it gives children the opportunity to meet us and also for them to see that we
are friendly and there to help them should they need us. We often hear Parents when they see us outside Schools
tell their children to be good or we'll 'take them away'. Whilst we understand that this is often said with the best of
intentions, we would discourage Parents telling children this as we don't want children to be afraid of us, rather to
see us as there to help them.

Storm Dennis The priority of the **Herefordshire Community Foundation** in the aftermath of the Storm Dennis
floods is immediate financial support for people affected.



This will help with urgent needs like the cost of living in temporary accommodation or for items people need to stay in their homes, for example dehumidifiers.

This will be followed by ongoing support for those with continuing needs <https://www.herefordshirecf.org/>

How to Contact Us – 101 to talk to your local SNT or report a crim

– goldenvally.snt@westmercia.pnn.police.uk

– 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

HAVE YOU TESTED YOUR SMOKE ALARM RECENTLY?

You are more than twice as likely to die in a fire at home if you haven't got a working smoke alarm. Smoke alarms are the easiest way to alert you to the danger of fire, giving you precious time to escape. They are cheap, easy to get hold of, and simple to install.

Whatever smoke alarm model you choose, make sure it meets the British Standard 5446 Part 1 (BS 5446-1) and ideally also carries the British Standard Kitemark. How many alarms do you need and where should they be?

The more alarms you have, the safer you will be

As a minimum, you should have one on each floor of your home

You should always have one where you will hear it when you're asleep

The ideal position is on the ceiling, in the middle of a room, or in the hallway and landing, so you can hear the alarm throughout your home

Don't put alarms in or near kitchens or bathrooms where smoke or steam can set them off by accident

Test your smoke alarms every week. Push the button, not your luck!

Change your smoke alarm every 10 years. Like most electrical goods they can stop working – it is better to change them before this happens

If you wear a hearing aid, can you hear the alarms when you are not wearing the hearing aid, e.g. at night?

Call us for advice on specialist smoke alarms on 0800 032 1155

Incidents attended in February:

5th Feb- Ewyas Harold Crew attended an RTC (Road Traffic Collision) in Madley. Involved 2 cars, head on, cars made safe by crew

13th Feb- Crew from Ewyas Harold attended a chimney fire. Extinguished using Chimney kit and Thermal Imaging camera

15th Feb- Crew from Ewyas Harold attended a property with internal flooding. Used pumps to pump out raising flood water

Crew from Peterchurch attended various flooding incidents

16th Feb- Crew from Peterchurch attended a car stuck in flood water

17th Feb- Crew from Ewyas Harold and Peterchurch attend various flooding related incidents

Crews from across the Fire service alongside other emergency services have been extremely busy responding to flood related incidents.

DO NOT DRIVE THROUGH FLOOD WATER IT PUTS EVERYONE IN UNNECESSARY DANGER!

Hereford & Worcester Fire and Rescue Service provide fire safety advice to everyone. A Safe and Well Check can be carried out for the more vulnerable such as the elderly, people living alone and those with reduced mobility.

During flooding we advise you:

- Remain calm. If it is safe, check on any vulnerable neighbours

- Move people, pets and valuables upstairs or to a higher place with a means of escape

- The emergency services will issue you with advice if you need to evacuate your property; if you are evacuated from your home the local council will set up rest centres and provide you with food and bedding. If you have no means of transport the Local Council can support these arrangements.

- If your home begins to flood, turn off your electricity supply. Do not touch any sources of electricity when you are standing in flood water.

- Do not try to drive through flood water

After a flood Safe Use of Pumps for the Removal of Water from Property

- Talk to your insurance company and follow their advice

- Petrol or diesel-fuelled generators used to power water pumps or other flood recovery devices are designed for outdoor use only.

- These pumps give off a variety of toxic gases including carbon monoxide fumes which can overcome people in the building or nearby areas if used in an enclosed space.



- Talk to your insurance company and follow their advice
- Wear rubber boots, waterproof gloves and an apron to clean up. If cleaning causes a lot of water to splash from scrubbing, hosing or pressure-washing, wear a standard face mask, such as those sold by DIY stores. Goggles offer added protection and they can be reused after thorough washing.
- Remember to wash your hands thoroughly after each clean-up session. Keep open cuts or sores clean and use waterproof plasters to prevent them being exposed to flood water which could be contaminated.
- Do not turn on gas or electrics if they may have got wet. Only turn them on when they have been checked by a qualified technician

Drying out

- Heating, dehumidifiers and good ventilation can also help dry out your home
- If you have gas or oil central heating and it has been checked by an engineer, turn it on. Keep the thermostat between 20°C to 22°C for steady drying
- If you have air bricks to any under floor spaces, ensure that these are unblocked to give cross ventilation to these areas. As floorboards and walls continue to dry out, any loose material and dust resulting from this should be vacuumed up on a regular basis
- Remove dirty water and silt from the property including the space under the ground floor if you have wooden floors. This space may need pumping out
- Mould should clear as your home dries out but if it persists, contact a specialist cleaner
- Place rubbish in hard bins or in rubbish bags
- Dispose of dead rodents and pests in a plastic bag, wearing rubber gloves

Anyone with concerns for their health should contact their GP for advice, or call NHS 111

Sources of Information and Advice Floodline on 0345 9881188

Sign up for free flood warnings by telephone, text or email from the Flood Advisory Service– you can also register for flood alerts on Facebook.

Environment Agency's website and media accounts will hold advice about what to do during flooding.

If you feel that you may require sandbags for any future predicted flooding events then contact your local district council who will direct you to the most suitable collection point

The Association of British Insurers helpline is available on info@abi.org.uk

National Flood Forum can give independent advice: 01299 403055 / info@floodforum.org.uk

If you would like further advice, please contact the Community Safety helpline on 0800 032 1155

11.0 Agenda of the Next Meeting

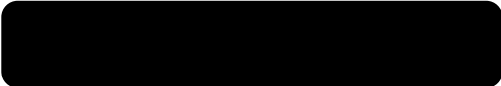
- Neighbourhood Development Plan
- Kilpeck Castle Access – Bog Mats

12.0 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 April 6th 2020 in the **Bridges Childcare Centre** and will commence at 7.30pm.

Meeting declared closed at 8.45pm

Annual Parish Meeting and Annual Parish Council Meeting scheduled for Monday May 18th 2020

Signed..... 

Parish Council Chairman Councillor Mrs Joyce T Davies.....

Date 10th August 2020