

# Kilpeck Parish Council

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Kilpeck Parish Council  
held at Kilpeck Village Hall  
on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2019

No KGPC/MW/155

## Councillors Present

Councillor Mrs J Davies Chairman  
Councillor Mr M Parsons Vice-Chairman  
Councillor Mr D Howie  
Councillor Mr G Statham  
Councillor Mr D Thompson  
Councillor Mrs B Wood  
  
Clerk Mr M Walker

## Also Present

One further member of the public

**The Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council was formally opened  
by the Chairman at 7.50pm**

### **1.0 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillor Mrs M Lloyd and Ward Councillor Mrs Christy Bolderson  
Councillor Mr N Eynon and Councillor Mr D Roden (Lengthsman/Contractor) not present  
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/154** held on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2019 were unanimously confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

### **4.0 Financial Report**

#### **4.1 Receipts**

No receipts received

#### **4.2 Invoices for Payment**

HMR&C 1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter Payment April May June	£235.40
Paid 30 <sup>th</sup> June 2019	
Cheque No 000931	
*Axon Enterprises Limited Invoice No DOC70071	£1,071.84
Hot Cupboard	
Cheque No 000932	
*Strictly Tables & Chairs STAC Invoice No 175265	£959.94
10 x 5ft Round Tables + Table Trolley	
Cheque No 000933	
Unipart Dorman Invoice No 099478	£3,833.40
1 x SID Unit + Installation	
Cheque No 000934	
Malcolm Walker Neighbourhood Development Plan Refreshments	£82.57
Open Day 29 <sup>th</sup> June 2019	
Cheque No 000935	



Malcolm Walker Neighbourhood Development Plan Printing	£115.24
Cheque No 000936	
Clerk's Salary July 2019 Gross	£585.24
Mileage	£31.73
Postage	£9.50
	TAX £83.80 NIC £0.00
Nett pay	£542.67
Cheque No 000937	

All payments were **Unanimously Approved**

Reconciliation / Finance Sheet signed by Councillor Mrs J Davies Chairman and copies given to all Parish Councillors

#### **4.3 Bank Balances** as per statements

@ 4 <sup>th</sup> June 2019 Statement No 17	Treasurers Account	£5,939.39
Internet Printed Bank Statement 6 <sup>th</sup> July 2019	£8,034.93	
Bank Reconciliation £8,034.93 dated 8 <sup>th</sup> July 2019 signed by the Chairman		
@ 5 <sup>th</sup> June 2019 Statement No 9	Business Bank Instant Account	£26,477.51
Bank Reconciliation £26,477.51 dated 8 <sup>th</sup> July 2019 signed by the Chairman		

## **5.0 Reports**

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

Councillor Mr M Parsons Parish Council Vice-Chairman and Village Hall Chairman reported on the following:

CCTV at the hall is not working properly Clerk instructed to contact supplier

Barbeque had been scheduled for Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> July now re-arranged for Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> August on Kilpeck Village Green

The Art Club are staging a "Pop Up" Event August Bank Holiday weekend 21<sup>st</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup>

September a "Spinning" Event for about 6 people is being arranged – attendees required

Field Fund now stands at £356.62

#### **5.1i) Tables + Table Trolley + Heating Cupboard**

\*Tables and Heating Cupboard supplied satisfactory

\*Table trolley arrived damaged Clerk instructed to contact supplier

### **5.2 Ward Councillor Mrs Christy Bolderson**

Not present but report and maps sent by email 8<sup>th</sup> July 2019 "Hello All

Out of Office notifications will be activated today as I head to the airport about 5.30pm!! I send apologies to those meetings which will be occurring during my absence. Below is a summary of my report and I apologise for the group all email. Due to time constraints I have included it all on one email this month.

#### **Report:**

Since the last Parish Council meeting, the wheels have started to turn within the New Administration. There has been a cabinet reshuffle to reflect emerging priorities in relation to tourism, climate change and community engagement plus committees such as cabinet, planning, scrutiny etc have held their first meetings. I attended the flag raising ceremony marking the start of Armed Forces week, which was very successful. I also had a meeting to understand the current situation of s.106 monies across the ward and the status of any ongoing projects/plans.

Herefordshire Council has now officially broken ground on the South Wye Transport Package (SWTP) - otherwise known as the Southern Link Road. Whilst the new administration has not yet made any decisions on the SWTP, preserving the planning consent for the southern link road will avoid the potential cost of the planning application lapsing whilst the approach to the scheme is being considered. I hope the new administration's position on the SWTP will become known in the upcoming weeks.

I am in the process of arranging a tour of the Ward for the new Cabinet member for Transport and Infrastructure so that he can fully appreciate the pressures our road network faces and for him to meet key businesses / landlords within the area.



I have attended a Ward tour with our new Locality Steward. Please find attached maps of the work expected to be performed during July on both the B4348 outside Allensmore nurseries, and the C1228 which cuts up from the B4348 to Haywood Lane. Other matters that I have raised with the Locality Steward this month include: drainage in Callow, drainage at Lock Garage, road conditions and drainage in Kivernoll, Kingstone Constituent issues with graffiti and Grafton Constituent issues with a leaning BT pole. There were also a number of other matters raised in relation to specific potholes and road conditions across the ward.

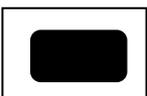
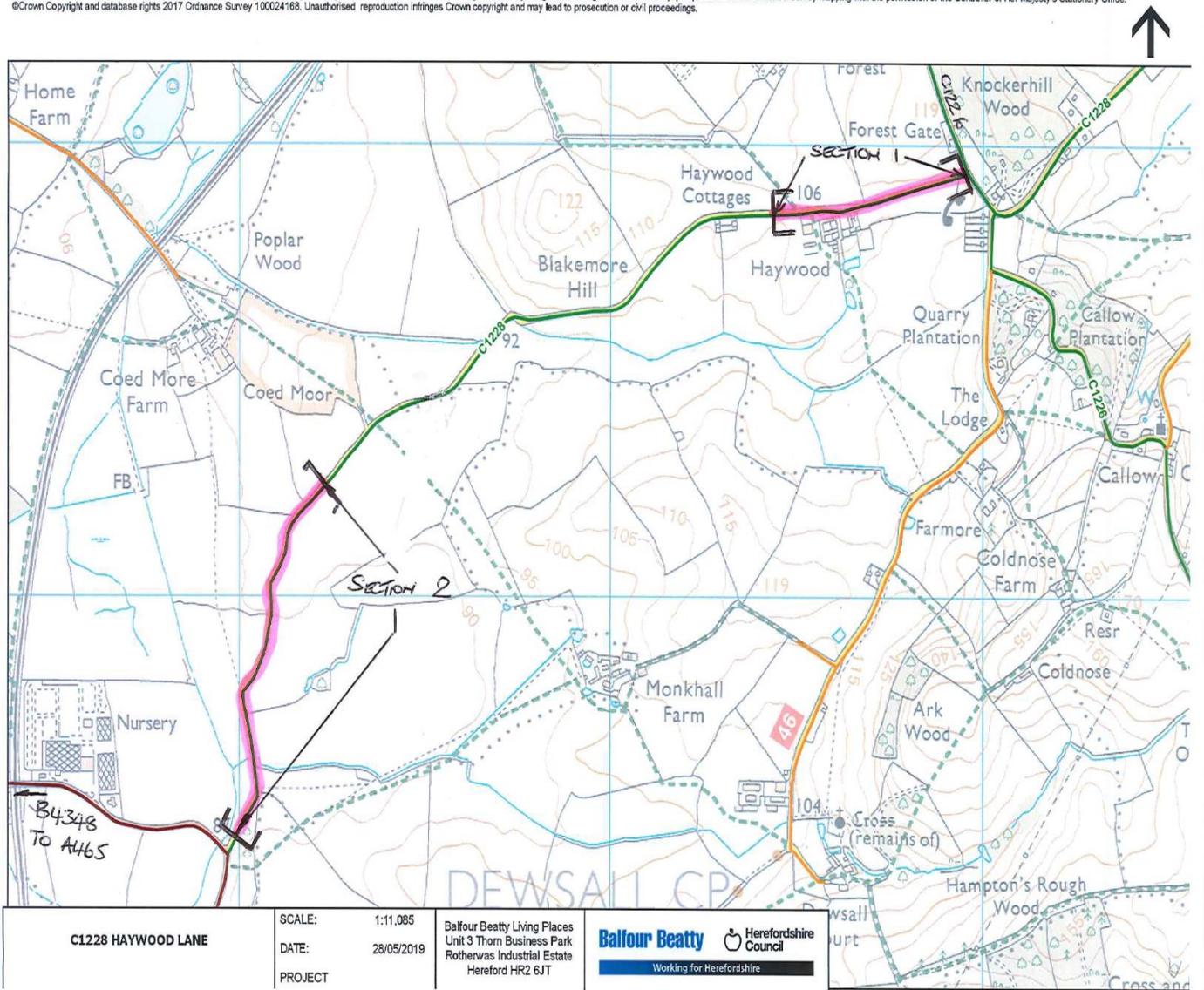
I unfortunately will not be available for Ward Councillor duties from now until Friday 23 August 2019. During my absence, any urgent Wormside Ward planning matters can be referred to Cllr Elissa Swinglehurst ([Elissa.Swinglehurst@herefordshire.gov.uk](mailto:Elissa.Swinglehurst@herefordshire.gov.uk)). Any other urgent matters can be directed to the Governance Support Team and they will endeavour to direct your enquiry to the most appropriate person ([GovernanceSupportTeam@herefordshire.gov.uk](mailto:GovernanceSupportTeam@herefordshire.gov.uk)).

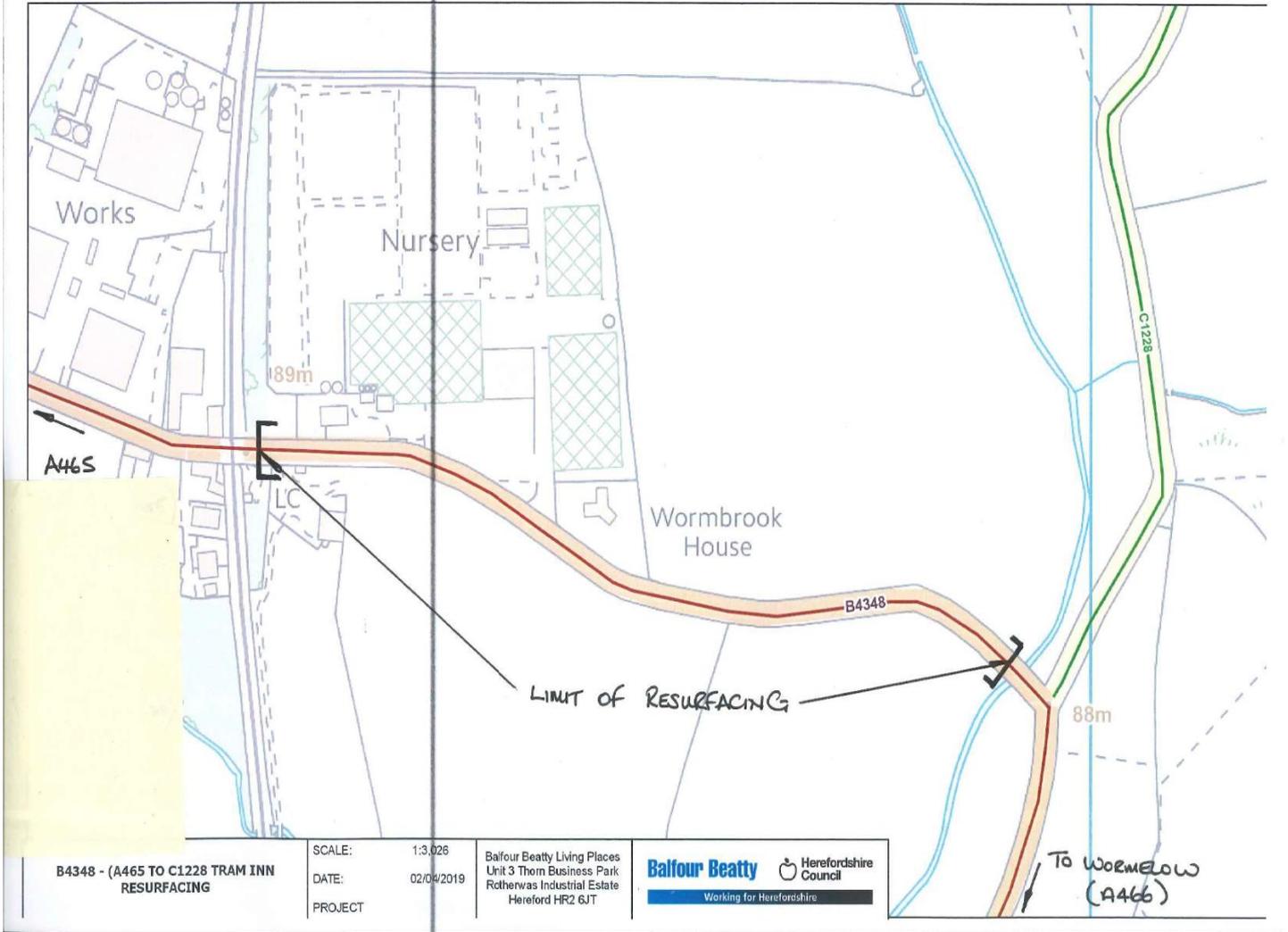
**Parish Specific Activity:**

Kilpeck

I had a meeting with Pontrilas Saw Mills this month to discuss the status of outstanding planning applications. I understand agreement has been reached with Herefordshire Council in relation to conditions around the biomass boiler. Matters in relation to the discharge of highways conditions are still ongoing. I will arrange meetings with Herefordshire Council upon my return to discuss and close out on these matters if they are still ongoing at that time. Cheers Christy”

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### 5.3 Locality Steward Mr James Howell not present

Report and maps had been sent by email

#### 5.3i) Site meeting Verge Damage (revised date)

A site meeting had taken place Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2019

Triangle at Kilpeck to remain as is

Mynws drainage problem - no money available but logged on system

Duffryn corner junction with Camp Road problem - no money available but logged on system

### 5.4 Lengthsman Report#

Mr D Roden not present

### 5.5 To note for report Highway & Footpath Issues

See Item 5.3i)

#### 5.5i) Complaint reference footpaths

“13<sup>th</sup> June 2019 Dear Sir or Madam,

*My wife and I were most disappointed by the deplorable state of the footpaths in your Parish. As you are both on the Herefordshire trail and the St Thomas' Way I had assumed that these would be clearly signed and unobstructed. In fact after spending 1 1/2 hours trying to leave Kilpeck by the Herefordshire trail I was forced to resort to leaving by road having fallen into a ditch in my attempts. A little way down the Much Dewchurch road we met another couple from the lake district walking to Ewyas Harold who had also found the local paths in a terrible state and had also resorted to the road. You are on key tourist and pilgrim routes with an outstanding church and superb inn.*



*It perplexes me why your footpaths should be so poorly maintained compared with those on the Welsh border or nearer to Hereford. I hope that you find a way of promoting local walks along these long distant paths as this should help to bring money into your parish. Regards Jonathan Hopkinson Leintwardine”*

Clerk asked to forward email to Locality Steward and contact Mr Hopkinson stating that Kilpeck Parish Council are not responsible for footpaths

Information received from Mr Roger Windsor Marlas Cottage reference footpath

Kissing Gate Bridge Farm - Church

Stile between Churchyard and Castle

## **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 Freedom of Information Request**

To report request for information regarding NDP process under the Freedom of Information Act

**7.1** Reply sent to resident reference Neighbourhood Development Plan Freedom of Information request

**7.2** Reply sent to the Hereford Times reference training/services Freedom of Information request

## **8.0 Neighbourhood Development Plan**

Approximately 40 attendees at Open Day

Questionnaires would be collated ready to be analysed after the consultation period ends 10<sup>th</sup> August 2019. Parish Council to agree analysis process



## **9.0 A465 Speed Indicating Devices**

To receive update and agree any new actions required

Installation completed and SIDs operational

Asset Register updated and Insurance Company informed

## **10.0 Allowances Scheme for Parish or Town Councillors**

To consider allowance scheme

The Parish Council resolved to re-visit the scheme next year

## **11.0 Sunrise Celebration Festival on Kentchurch Estate**

To receive any updates and agree any further action required

Email received from Herefordshire Council via Golden Valley South Ward Councillor Mr Peter Jinman

“**Subject:** RE: re Kentchurch Sunrise proposal for a license

Good afternoon Cllr Jinman, This is for a one off premises licence.

Last year they used a Temporary Event Notice which had no conditions attached to it. Even though that was the case we asked the event organiser to supply an Event Management Plan which they did.

This year we are conditioning the licence to include the requirement to provide an Event Management Plan which will include:

an event risk assessment and specific details on the following areas:

- Health and Safety Responsibilities• Venue and Site Design
- Fire Safety• Major Incident Planning (Emergency planning)
- Communication• Crowd Management (including steward and security numbers and their roles)
- Transport• Management Structures• Barriers• Electrical Installations and Lighting
- Food and Alcohol• Water• Merchandising and Special Licensing• Amusements
- Attractions and Promotional displays• Sanitary Facilities• Waste Management
- Sound: Noise and Vibration• Special Effects, Fireworks and Pyrotechnics• Camping
- Facilities for People with disabilities• Medical, Ambulance and First Aid Management
- Information and Welfare• Children - including Lost Children's Policy
- Performers• TV and Media



As can be seen the issues covered are quite extensive.

They will also be visited by the Safety Advisory Group (Police, Ambulance, Fire, EHO, Licensing, Highways etc) prior to the start of the event. This is something which we do across the county for all big events. I hope that answers the queries. Best wishes Fred Spriggs”

The Parish Council resolved to keep a watching brief

## 12.0 Information Sheet

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

- 11<sup>th</sup> April 2019 No 191156 Marlas Mill Hereford  
Replacing of existing building with proposed garage  
Full Householder  
**Application Granted 21<sup>st</sup> June 2019**
- 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**
- 15<sup>th</sup> May 2019 No 191569 Rogers Hill Cottage Didley Hereford HR2 9DA  
Proposed variation of condition 2 of planning permission 163200  
(Demolition and replacement bungalow  
Revision of consent 153247) Small amendments to detailed design  
Planning Permission  
**Application Granted 25<sup>th</sup> June 2019**  
**{received after the information sheet was printed}**

## Correspondence

- 11<sup>th</sup> June 2019 Candidate Spending Return and Declaration for Parish and Community Elections  
in England and Wales submitted to the Returning Officer
- 14<sup>th</sup> June 2019 Email received from PKF Littlejohn LLP (External Auditors)  
reference Receipt of Documents – Notification of Exempt Status 2019
- 18<sup>th</sup> June 2019 Reply sent to Allensmore Parish Council reference Neighbourhood Development Plan
- 30<sup>th</sup> June 2019 Pensions Regulator letter to Mr Malcolm Walker Parish Clerk  
Reference Re-enrolment your legal duties as an employer

## **June 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

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**Crime Trends 1st - 31st May 2019** Entry was forced into garden shed at a property in **Bredwardine** between 3.30pm on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May and 2.30pm the following day. A Briggs and Stratton petrol lawnmower was stolen Incident ref 479-s-130519

Between 12noon and 12.30pm on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May, a wallet was stolen from inside an unlocked vehicle in Church Croft, **Madley**. The vehicle was parked while the owner was working at a property; the wallet contained a quantity of cash, a bank card and driving licence Incident ref 334-s-190519

Sometime between 5pm on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> and 8am on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May, 4 front doors and 25 internal doors were stolen from a building site in **Clehonger** Incident ref 229-s-200519

Several roof tiles on the pavilion in **Ewyas Harold** recreation ground were damaged sometime during the evening of Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May - there have been several instances of minor damage to areas of the recreation ground in recent weeks, please let us know if you have any information about this Incident ref 624-s-240519

A garage at a private dwelling on the outskirts of **Clehonger** was broken into over the Bank Holiday weekend while the occupiers were away and a large quantity of power and hand tools were stolen Incident ref 624-s-280519

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

**Arrests** A 30 year old male from **Madley** was arrested for driving with excess alcohol, he has been released under investigation

A 74 year old male from **Vowchurch** has been arrested for assault, he has been released under investigation

A 38 year old male from **Kingstone** was arrested for assault, he has been released under investigation

**West Mercia PCC announces summer roadshow dates**

Communities are getting the opportunity to talk to their Police and Crime Commissioner, John Campion, at a number of events taking place across West Mercia this summer.

As with previous years, the ‘summer roadshow’ will give communities the chance to talk to the PCC about concerns and local issues. However, this year, anyone dropping by the stand can also receive a free Smartwater kit to protect their home and property as well as raise concerns about road safety.

As part of the Commissioner’s drive to reduce crime and make communities safer, he will be joined by representatives from Smartwater and the West Mercia Police ‘We Don’t Buy Crime’ team at the events.

They will be on-hand to talk to people about the water-based solution which allows property to be marked that can be traced by the police. People will then have the opportunity to sign up to the ‘We Don’t Buy Crime’ scheme to receive a free Smartwater kit.

The Commissioner also wants to hear from the public about their road safety concerns. After announcing an investment of £500,000 to be spent on road safety initiatives, working in partnership with local authorities to improve roads and introducing 70 ‘mini officers’ to police speeding and inconsiderate parking outside schools across West Mercia, this is an area he is keen to talk to people about.

The event programme for this year is as follows:

Bromyard Steam Rally and Gala, Herefordshire – Saturday 29 June

Newport Show, Telford & Wrekin – Saturday 13 July

Bromsgrove Police Station open day, Worcestershire – Saturday 31 August

Ludlow Food Festival, Shropshire – Saturday 14 September

PCC John Campion said: “This year I am focusing on two central parts of my commitment to making West Mercia Safer, but I want to hear from anyone – whatever the subject. I want to make sure that people get the opportunity to have a strong voice around policing and crime, and it is my role to capture all that is said. So, if you’re planning on coming to any of the events, please drop by and say hello.”

**Have Your Say on Rural Crime - 7pm on Monday 24th June 2019** Would you like to see more police in rural areas? What crime issues are important to you? What would make your community safer?

Rural Crime will be the focus of a live question and answer session hosted by the West Mercia Police and Crime Commissioner.

The meeting will be streamed live on the PCC’s facebook page (@WestMerciaPCC), from 7pm on Monday 24th June 2019. The public are invited to ask the questions which the Commissioner and his Deputy Tracey Onslow will put to West Mercia Police Chief Constable Anthony Bangham, and Deputy Chief Constable Amanda Blakeman.

The meeting is the third to be broadcast live, and is part of a series of regular meetings, focusing on key priorities raised by communities.

Commissioner John Campion said “Building safer, more secure rural communities is something that, I and the Chief Constable are committed to. I get clear feedback that this priority is shared by our communities.

I’d encourage people to take advantage of this opportunity, to have a voice at the highest level. Any questions you have about rural policing, funding to tackle rural crime or particular crime types affecting you and your communities, can be addressed in the most open and transparent way.”

Questions are invited live during the broadcast, or can be submitted in advance as part of a series of summer roadshows, via a Facebook comment or private message, or via email to

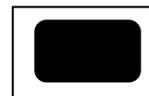
[getinvolved@westmercia.pnn.police.uk](mailto:getinvolved@westmercia.pnn.police.uk)

For more information about how you can take part visit: <https://www.westmercia-pcc.gov.uk/getinvolved/questions>

For more information on the Summer Roadshows visit <https://www.westmercia-pcc.gov.uk/westmercia-pcc-announces-summer-roadshow-date/>

**Courier Fraud, Bogus Police and Bank Officials Alert ACTION FRAUD ALERT**

What you need to know. Individuals have been receiving phone calls from people claiming to be a police officer or banking official. The suspect will say either:



- There has been fraudulent activity at the victims' bank and the staff at the bank are involved, the victim is then asked to withdraw money to either keep it safe or assist the police with their investigation
- A business such as a jewellers or currency exchange is fraudulent and they require the victims' assistance to help secure evidence by purchasing jewellery or exchange a large amount of currency to hand over to the police
- The victims' card has been compromised and used to purchase goods by a suspect, the victim is requested to withdraw their money to keep it safe or hand over their bank card to the police

Occasionally the victim will be told to dial a non-emergency extension of '161' to receive confirmation of the individual's bogus identity, the bogus official will advise the victim to lie about the reason for the withdrawal or purchase if challenged by staff, as the staff member is involved in the fraud.

A courier attends the victim's home address to collect the goods the same day Often the victim is given a code word for the courier as a way of authentication.

*Your bank or the police will never:*

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

To report a possible fraud, or for more information on current fraud/scams, please visit the [Action Fraud Website](#) where you can also sign up for free email alerts

How to Contact Us 101 to talk to your local SNT or report a crime [goldenvally.snt@westmercia.pnn.police.uk](mailto:goldenvally.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** As the summer holidays start and the sun shines, there may be good reason to promote outdoor and summer fire safety messages as well.

**Cooking fires** Fires from cooking appliances have consistently resulted in around half of all accidental fires in the home in England.

**School holidays** With children on school holidays, both an opportunity and a problem are presented. With children around, parents/carers are able to cook with their children and teach them cooking fire safety messages. However, it is important to be aware that children may provide a distraction when cooking.

**Barbecues** You may wish to specifically promote barbecue safety messages as they fit nicely within both cooking and summer fire safety. You may also wish to include barbecue messages on carbon monoxide, with incidents being reported of barbecues being used in enclosed spaces resulting in CO poisoning.

**Cooking Fire Safety Messages** Cooking fire safety covers a range of issues, from leaving it unattended through to electrical issues and even barbecues. This presents a range of messaging and the need for tailoring of messaging and activity to the relevant audiences. Obviously, having sufficient detection equipment and escape plans remains of high importance.

**Cooking safely** • Avoid leaving children in the kitchen alone when cooking on the hob. Keep matches and saucepan handles out of their reach to keep them safe

- Make sure saucepan handles don't stick out – so they don't get knocked off the stove
- Take care if you're wearing loose clothing – this can easily catch fire
- Keep tea towels and cloths away from the cooker and hob
- Double check the cooker is off when you've finished cooking
- Take care if you need to leave the kitchen whilst cooking, take pans off the heat or turn them down to avoid risk

**Take care with electrics** • Keep electrics (leads and appliances) away from water.

- Check toasters are clean and placed away from curtains and kitchen rolls.
- Keep the oven, hob and grill clean and in good working order. A build-up of fat and grease can ignite a fire.

**Deep fat frying** • Take care when cooking with hot oil – it sets alight easily

- Make sure food is dry before putting it in hot oil so it doesn't splash
- If the oil starts to smoke – it's too hot. Turn off the heat and leave it to cool
- Use a thermostat controlled electric deep fat fryer. They can't overheat

What to do if a pan catches fire:

- Don't take any risks. Turn off the heat if it is safe to do so. Never throw water over it
- Don't tackle the fire yourself – Get Out, Stay Out, Call 999.

**Barbecues** Barbecues don't cause too many fires; but that may be due to a history of excellent message promotion by fire and rescue services! However, it can also be a way in to talk about cooking fire safety more generally.



Barbecue messages include:

- Enjoy yourself, but don't drink too much alcohol if you are in charge of the barbecue or any cooking!
- Make sure your barbecue is well away from sheds, fences, trees, shrubs or garden waste
- Never leave a barbecue or any cooking unattended
- Never use a barbecue indoors
- Keep a bucket of water, sand or a garden hose nearby for emergencies
- Follow the safety instructions provided with disposable barbecues
- Never use petrol or paraffin to start or revive your barbecue; use only recognised lighters or starter fuels on coal
- Empty ashes onto bare garden soil, not into dustbins or wheelie bins. If they're hot, they can melt the plastic and start a fire

**Carbon monoxide** There have been incidents of people bringing barbecues into enclosed spaces resulting in carbon monoxide poisoning. More detail is available in the June Fire Kills briefing pack and on the Gas Safe Register website. [http://www.gassaferegister.co.uk/advice/seasonal\\_advice/bbq\\_safety.aspx](http://www.gassaferegister.co.uk/advice/seasonal_advice/bbq_safety.aspx)

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**News from the Nick** Sadly, we have to report that PC Roger Bradley is hanging up his boots after 30 years service with West Mercia Police on 9th July. Roger has spent many of these years based at Peterchurch, and we're sure many of you will know Roger from his time working in The Valley. He will be missed by his colleagues, but we wish him all the best in his well earned retirement.

A Few Words from Roger.....

"I have completed my last day at work as I write this following 30 years service, which I must admit has flown by. I have worked at nearly all stations within Herefordshire during that time, but can honestly say that policing the Golden Valley has been the best years of my career. Those who know me well will recall I first worked here from 2002 to 2010 and then I returned in 2016.

Having also lived in the Golden Valley during this time for a period of 10 years, I feel this is one of the best parts of the county and is generally a safe and very pleasant place to live and work. This is not necessarily down to policing, but the strength and attitude of the communities who are passionate about the area and who have helped me and the team at Peterchurch over the years. We couldn't do our job without you, and I want to take this opportunity to thank you all for your help and support.

I have made some good friends locally, and I will remain in contact with you and my colleagues at the station. So it's time to move on to a new chapter in my life, and I will no doubt see some of you around... Cheers, Roger"

Rogers' replacement (if there could be such a thing!) will be PC Jeff Rouse, currently serving as a response officer in Leominster; he is due to join the team sometime in September, and is very much looking forward to working with us in this beautiful corner of Herefordshire.

**Crime Trends 1st - 30th June 2019** Sometime between 10.00 am and 5.15pm on Wednesday 5th June, a bag containing clothing and a purse was stolen from the footwell of an insecure vehicle parked at a livery yard in **Vowchurch** Incident ref 600-s-050619

A Landrover Defender was stolen from a yard by farm buildings in **Bredwardine** between 11.25am and 1pm on Wednesday 5th June Incident ref 340-s-050619

The sports pavilion at **Michaelchurch Escley** was broken into sometime during Friday 7th July; although a cupboards was forced open, it does not appear that anything was taken - nothing of value is kept at the pavilion Incident ref 754-s-070619

A cat was seriously injured with what appears to have been an air gun pellet sometime during the evening/night of Friday 7th July in **Cusop Dingle**. the elderly cat has had extensive treatment at the vets and has recovered although will need more surgery.

It has since come to light that two other cats in the same area have been injured since then, one was found to have in excess of 70 shotgun pellets in it's body. If you have any information about this, please get in touch, or you can contact Crimestoppers anonymously on the number below Incident ref 155-s-110619

A fibreglass canopy was stolen from a building site in **Clehonger** overnight on Wednesday 12th/Thursday 13th June Incident ref 252-s-130619



Sometime between Sunday 16th June and Tuesday 18th June, a wooden shed at the side of the Salem Baptist Chapel in **Longtown** was broken into, but nothing was taken as no items of value are kept in there Incident ref 525-s-180619

A garden shed at a property in **Llanveynoe** was broken into sometime between Tuesday 18th June and Sunday 23rd June. Items stolen include a Stihl strimmer and brush cutter, a Husqvana chainsaw and a leaf blower Incident ref 336-s-230619

A shed in the garden of a property in **Longtown** was broken into sometime in the two weeks leading up to the 30th June. A lawnmower, petrol strimmer, chainsaw and hedge trimmer were stolen. Incident ref 463-s-010719

A red Honda 420 quad bike was stolen from a farm yard outside **Dorstone** at about 5.15pm on Thursday 27th June. The bike was seen being driven away by a lad in a hoody - no further description. Just before this a silver transit type van containing two males had called into the yard Incident 608-s-270619

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**

Please be aware that any information provided within this newsletter is to inform you of incidents of note and to request possible assistance. We do not want to worry you in anyway.

Any incidents stated are infrequent and spread about a wide area, and are over a whole month. Herefordshire is a safe place to live!

**Herefordshire record low burglary crime figures** Herefordshire police have been working hard to reduce the volume of burglaries across the county.

Our dedicated officers have been making in-roads into reducing the number of burglaries by targeting prolific offenders and proactive operations to clamp down on the crime.

This problem solving approach has produced a reduction, over the past six months, in the amount of homes involved in burglaries by 20% from 132 to 106.

Detective Inspector Ross Jones said: "Being broken into is absolutely devastating and can have a long lasting impact on victims, when someone has unfortunately been a victim we make sure this is followed up with advice and support.

"As well as investigating the crimes that take place and supporting victims our dedicated officers have been targeting prolific offenders and implementing proactive operations with the aim of disrupting these individuals from committing further crime.

"Our officers, in particular the safer neighbourhood team, use local events, routine patrol and social media accounts to communicate messages to members of the public on how they can help beat the burglar.

He continued: "All these components mean we continue to crack down on burglars and reduce homes being targeted across Herefordshire."

Crime prevention can help play a crucial part in preventing the burglars in the first instance, we want to remind homeowners of the simple steps they can take, making a home unattractive to potential thieves can often make a real difference.

- Install CCTV, burglar alarms and outside lighting;
- Lock front and back doors, even if you are in the house and particularly overnight;
- Keep ground floor windows shut when you leave the house and overnight;
- Hide items such as mobile phones, car keys, wallets and purses, out of view from windows and doors;
- Put lamps and/or radios on a timer to make it appear that someone is home;
- If you are away ask a neighbour to keep an eye on your home, you could even ask them to occasionally park their car on your drive to make it look as though people are currently in.

We Don't Buy Crime is West Mercia Police's response to tackling serious acquisitive crime, which includes crimes such as burglary and theft. The initiative, supported by West Mercia Police and

Crime Commissioner John Campion, utilises a range of overt and covert tactics to help take the value out of acquisitive crime.

**Drivers Targeted With Fake Fines** Information sent on behalf of Action Fraud

What you need to know

Action Fraud have received an increase in reports and intelligence where elderly victims are being targeted by individuals purporting to be police officers or traffic wardens. The victims are being approached whilst parked in a car park and are told by the suspect that they have parked illegally or broken a speed limit and a photo has been taken of their car for 'evidence'.



Victims are advised that they will face a substantial penalty fine unless they pay a smaller upfront fee immediately. Victims, who opt for paying the smaller penalty, will be directed to a parking meter and asked to enter their card and PIN. These parking meters have been tampered with by the suspect in order to retain the card. Once the victim inserts their card and are asked for their PIN, the victims are shoulder surfed for their PIN by the suspect. Once victims input their PIN, the card is retained by the machine and victims are told by the suspect to seek help from the company who operates the parking meter or their bank.

What you need to do

- If you are suspicious about the authenticity of the fine, do not pay it until you have verified it with your local council.
- Always shield your PIN from view when using an ATM machine, and never share your PIN with anyone.
- If your bank card is retained by an ATM machine, contact your bank immediately to inform them.

*For more details regarding Action Fraud and to keep informed of the latest scams go to*

<https://www.actionfraudalert.co.uk/>

**13.0 Agenda of the Next Meeting**

Footpaths

Mynws

Overhanging trees

**14.0 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 September 9<sup>th</sup> 2019 in the Bridges Childcare Centre and will commence at 7.30pm.

Meeting declared closed at 8.45 pm

Signed..........

Parish Council Chairman Councillor Mrs J T Davies

Date 9<sup>th</sup> September 2019