

Kilpeck Parish Council

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Kilpeck Parish Council
held at The Bridges Childcare Centre
on Monday 11th November 2019

No KPC/MW/158

Councillors Present

Councillor Mrs J Davies Chairman
Councillor Mr M Parsons Vice-Chairman
Councillor Mr D Howie
Councillor Mr D Roden (Lengthsman/Contractor}
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 member of the public

The Parish Council held a “two minute silence” for Armistice Day

**The Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council was formally opened
by the Chairman at 7.32pm**

1.0 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillor Mr N Eynon and Councillor Mrs M Lloyd
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/157** held on
Monday 14th October 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

Kilpeck Parish Hall Invoice No 103	£18.75
Hall Hire 9 th September 2019	
Cheque No 000944	
Website Premium update 24/10/2019 – 23/10/2020	£77.19
Receipt number 41162347	
Cheque No 000945	
{Reimbursement to Clerk authorised to pay by personal credit card	
Dore Community Transport grant	£155.00
Cheque No 000946	
Clerk’s Salary November 2019 Gross	£585.24
Mileage	£14.63
NDP Printing	£16.72
Postage	£1.31

TAX £83.80 NIC £0.00

2019-752



Nett pay
Cheque No 000947

£534.10

All payments were **Unanimously Approved**

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

The Clerk read the following:-

“Payments to church yard maintenance The Clerk reported that National Association of Local Councils (NALC) had put out guidance saying that there was a lack of clarity between the 1894 Local Government Act (which prohibits Parish Councils to contribute to the upkeep of church assets) and the 1972 and 2011 Local Government Acts which appear to allow this; NALCs view being that it was illegal for Parish Councils to make any kind of donation to Churches or to the upkeep of churchyards (except closed churchyards).

The Clerk had approached the Clerk’s professional body Society of Local Council Clerks (SLCC), their advice being that this should be discussed with the Parish Council, giving them the NALC advice and letting them make a balanced judgement. The SLCC felt that as long as the Parish Council could show they had considered the issue and could give the reasons why they have come to the conclusion they had, then there should be no problem in continuing to support the maintenance of the churchyard.

Resolved: The NALC view was noted. The Chairman asked for a vote and was agreed to continue contributing to the upkeep of both The Dore Abbey & Bacton Church churchyards. It noted that if any other requests were made from religious organisations or groups within the Parish these would be discussed openly and un-discriminately considered as and when they occurred”

Agenda item for the next full Parish Council meeting

4.2i Request to pay for Village Green mowing £525.84

The Parish Council instructed the Clerk to ask for a detailed itemised invoice as no instructions for works had been authorised

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4.3 Bank Balances as per statements

@ 4th November 2019 Statement No 22 Treasurers Account £4,428.22

Bank Reconciliation £4,428.22 dated 11th November 2019 signed by the Chairman

@ 5th November 2019 Statement No 14 Business Bank Instant Account £23,482.13

Bank Reconciliation £23,482.13 dated 11th October 2019 signed by the Chairman

4.3i Lloyds Bank Mandate to change Council’s name

Lloyds Bank Mandate signed by Councillor Mrs J Davies Chairman and Councillor Mr M Parsons Vice-Chairman ready to be returned to Lloyds Bank

4.4 To consider for Approval Draft Budget for 2020-2021 Fiscal Year

The Parish Council unanimously resolved to accept the budget for 2020-2021 as presented Proposed by Councillor Mr D Thompson and Seconded by Councillor Mr D Howie

4.5 To Set Precept for 2020-2021

The Parish Council unanimously resolved to set the precept for 2020-2021 at £17,600.00 the same as last year.

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:-

The Crafts @ Kilpeck Village Hall on 9th November was very well attended

There will be a Quiz and Curry night in January 2020



The Pantomime will take place evenings Wednesday 11th Friday 13th Saturday 14th plus a matinee Saturday 14th December

CCTV has been installed at the rear of the Village Hall in the Car Park

Field Fund stands at £426.80

5.2 Ward Councillor Mrs Christy Bolderson

Christy report sent by email

November Parish Council Update

Flooding For some of us the awful weather has dominated the past few weeks with Council officials and BBLP working hard to minimise the impact on people and properties. Within Wormside the rain has highlighted areas where drains are not working effectively and I have been working with both residents and the Locality Steward to report these so they can be logged and appropriate action taken. Any road related issues including drainage should be reported to the 24 hour, 7 day a week telephone number 01432 261800 or on the website https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/info/200196/roads/190/report_problems_on_the_road

Temporary Winter Closure of Ross and Leominster Minor Injury Units (MIUs) The Minor Injury Units will close for the winter period from 4 November 2019. All other services at Ross and Leominster community hospitals will continue as normal. This step, which mirrors the decision to temporarily close the MIUs last year, is part of a planned strategy to help the Trust cope with the increased winter pressures and to ensure that a safe service to seriously ill patients needing urgent care at Hereford County Hospital is provided.

Gritters BBLP maintain and operate 15 frontline gritters and have reported that salt supplies and council owned salt bins have been restocked ready for winter. BBLP have also confirmed that Parish Councils can access the usual free salt that has been available in previous years. Crews will remain on stand-by until March to monitor the county's priority network (961km of roads). Wormside roads included in this network are the A465, B4348, B4349, C1228, Haywood Lane and Knockerhill Lane. During periods of severe weather, treatment may extend to some 667km of secondary routes including school routes, key links to rural communities and regular public transport routes with daily frequencies. The Winter Service Plan and gritting routes can be found on the [Herefordshire Council website](#). Residents can receive live 24/7 gritting updates by following @HfdsStreets on Twitter and know in advance when to extend journey times. In the case of extreme weather, road closures are listed on the Herefordshire Council website at www.herefordshire.gov.uk/roads and school closures and transport alerts at www.herefordshire.gov.uk/schoolalerts

Flytipping: In December 2018 furniture was found fly tipped between the A49 and A465 and an individual was sentenced in September 2019 after pleading guilty to failing to secure the transfer of waste with a written description of the waste. They were sentenced to a 12 month conditional discharge and ordered to pay costs of £600 plus a £20 victim surcharge. Herefordshire Council's Community Protection Team will investigate fly tipping which is reported by calling 01432 261761 or online at www.herefordshire.gov.uk/flytipping. Residents can also call 01432 260051 to arrange a kerbside collection of bulky items from Herefordshire Council which costs £25 per three items (fridges or freezers cost £20 per item).

Climate Emergency Declaration: The Great Collaboration team has developed two consecutive workshops which provide an opportunity for councillors to talk with local experts about the implications of becoming a zero carbon community. The first of these workshops will be held in Hereford 18 November at 7pm and is open to all parish councillors. <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-great-collaboration-hereford-tickets-76422239977>

River Lugg Internal Drainage Board: The River Lugg Internal Drainage Board (RLIDB) meets 4 times per year and is responsible for water level management and watercourse maintenance in a defined geographical area which encompasses low-lying land within the catchments of the Rivers Lugg, Arrow, Frome and Worm Brook. The RLIDB's rateable area comprises 11,171 ha. with 219 km. of scheduled watercourses, which are generally arterial watercourses with more than one riparian owner. The RLIDB is looking to co-opt a new member from the Lower Wye area to improve the representation of local RLIDB rate payers / land owners.



Other Matters: Since the last meeting, I have been working on planning matters such as the Wormbridge estate plus road related matters with the Locality Steward. Councillor Christy Bolderson

5.3 Locality Steward Mr James Howell not present

All reports had been sent by email

5.4 Lengthsman Report#

Mr Dave Roden reported on the following:-

Lengthsman Report November 2019

- 1 Dewchurch Road potholes
- 2 Butchers Corner – Water pipe cover off – photos
- 3 Ditching various locations when harvesting completed and leaves have fallen
- 4 Since floods various grips cut and gullies cleaned more need doing
- 5 Dippersmore stone washing onto highway and headwall needs altering
- 6 Broken red and white verge markers in various locations approximately £18.00 each to replace
- 7 Road signs require straightening – damaged by hedge croppers

Site visit to be arranged with Locality Steward

Councillor Mrs J Davies Chairman proposed a vote of thanks to Councillor Mr Dave Howie for all his help during the floods

5.5 To note for report Highway & Footpath Issues

A condition report is required from Balfour Beatty reference back road by the Church

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

Approximately 40 attendees at Open Day Consultation period ended 10th August 2019

31 Questionnaires have been received and collated ready to be analysed by Kirkwells

Planning Consultants

Steering Group Meeting arranged for Thursday 28th November 2019 5.30pm – 6.45pm Kilpeck Village Hall. Claire Bradley Kirkwells Planning Consultants to attend



8.0 A465 Speed Indicating Devices

No progress as yet

9.0 Parish Council Website

Website now clear of advertisements

10.0 Planning Application

No 193713 Withington House Wormbridge Hereford HR2 9DU

Proposed erection of a two storey extension to side, erection of single storey sun room to rear and erection of car port OS 342883, 229989 Full Householder

Resolved unanimously to support the application as presented

11.0 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

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

Application Still Valid

2019-755



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

Correspondence

28th August

Report Highway Drainage Issues
A465 Didley blocked drains CAS-731786-V4C0K6

20th September 2019

Herefordshire Council
Working Together for the Well-Being of our Communities

Councillor Mrs Joyce Davies Chairman and Councillor Mr Mark Parsons Vice – Chairman attended

17th October 2019

Neighbourhood Plan Housing Needs Assessment
Kilpeck Parish Council have decided **NOT** to request a Housing Needs Assessment

22nd October 2019

Herefordshire Council
Decision to review Major Transport Infrastructure Projects {enclosed}

November 2019

Information from Connie Orbach Great Collaboration Administer {via HALC}
Herefordshire Green Network (HGM) (enclosed)

November 2019 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 - 31st October 2019 A Toyota Hilux pick up was stolen from a farm in **Michaelchurch Escley** sometime overnight on Friday 4th /Saturday 5th October. It was later found abandoned by South Wales police in Merthyr Tydfil Incident ref 154-s-051019

Around 8am on the morning of Saturday 5th October a farmer in **Longtown** found two white Ford transit vans abandoned in one of his fields, both had been stolen from the South Wales area the day before and thought to be connected to the theft of the truck in the incident above Incident ref 159-s-051019

Also believed to be connected to the above incidents, three farms in the same area - **Craswall** and **Michaelchurch Escley** - had intruders overnight on 4th/5th October - gates and doors were found open, but nothing appeared to be missing Incident refs 231, 245 & 254-s-051019

A Ford transit refrigerated van was stolen from a business unit in **Pontrilas** in the early evening of Tuesday 15th October, and another van which had been parked next to it had the driver's quarter light window smashed, but no entry was gained Incident ref 345-s-160919.

Two sheds at an isolated property in **Bredwardine** were broken into sometime between 9am and 4.15pm on Tuesday 22nd October. Several items were taken from each shed including an electric bike, two chainsaws and two electric drills Incident ref 515-s-221019

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

Crime prevention Advice - Residential Burglaries Although residential burglaries are very rare in our part of the county, it doesn't hurt to take sensible precautions when leaving your home.

Leaving your home checklist Whenever you go out, it's important to leave your home secure. Getting into an 'exit routine' can help ensure that you don't forget obvious, but important things, like not leaving your valuables near windows, or no lights on if it will be dark before you get home. Here's our quick reminder on what to do just before you go out.

Become a creature of habit Try to get into the habit of following your own course of action when you lock up your home. This will ensure that you don't forget anything.

Here's what we recommend you do before you go out:

- close and lock all your doors and windows, even if you're only going out for a few minutes
- double-lock any door
- make sure that any valuables are out of sight
- keep handbags away from the letterbox or cat flap and hide all keys including car keys, as a thief could hook keys or valuables through even a small opening



- never leave car documents or ID in obvious places such as kitchens or hallways
- in the evening, shut the curtains and leave lights on
- if you're out all day, then it's advisable to use a timer device to automatically turn lights and a radio on at night
- set your burglar alarm • make sure the side gate is locked • lock your shed or garage
- lock your bike inside a secure shed / garage to a robust fitting bolted to the ground or wall like a ground anchor

Going away? Here are five tips to help you keep your home and belongings stay safe while you're away:

1. if you're off on holiday and wish to post anything on social media, make sure your posts aren't public and that they're only seen by your friends
2. leave lights and a radio on a timer to make the property appear occupied
3. get a trusted neighbour to keep an eye on your property or join a Neighbourhood or resident Watch Scheme
4. consider asking your neighbours to close curtains after dark and to park on your drive
5. remember to cancel newspaper and milk deliveries

Scam News Another scam to be aware of, reported to us by a reader from Peterchurch, regarding Amazon Prime "The scam initially involves an automated cold call warning the recipient that their Amazon Prime subscription will be automatically renewed, (at least that is what I thought I heard). However The caller then says if you do not want this to be done, "press 1" to speak to a supervisor" In my case I pressed 1 but immediately realised this may have put me on to a premium rate line, so I disconnected. However others who use Prime may continue, and are then in addition to a premium rate line, may be put through to the scammer to extract and use your card/bank details to siphon off funds."

Get the chance to learn while you earn with new police officer apprenticeship

West Mercia Police is among the first forces to adopt the new entry pathway into policing, which will see apprentices study for a degree in Professional Policing Practice while they serve as police officers.

New recruits will complete initial training to help them learn the basics of policing, before being allocated to a police team where they will learn the practical side of the job, while completing a course of study with Staffordshire University.

Under the scheme, led by the College of Policing, prospective student police officer applicants are able to apply via one of three entry routes:

- Joining and studying towards the Police Constable Degree Apprenticeship (PCDA) to achieve a degree in Professional Policing Practice after three years
- As a candidate with an existing degree, working and studying over two years towards a Graduate Diploma in Professional Policing Practice
- If recruits wish to study first, they can do a three year Degree in Professional Policing as a standard student at a university of their choosing, and then apply to the force and follow a shorter on-the-job training programme. Apprentice police constables will receive a starting salary of £21,525, or £22,550 for student officers on the Degree Holder Entry Programme, and the tuition fees for the degree or diploma will be paid in full.

For more details regarding recruitment opportunities, please visit the West Mercia Police website [here](https://www.westmercia.police.uk)

<https://www.westmercia.police.uk/police-forces/west-mercia-police/areas/west-mercia/ca/careers>

West Mercia Police Provides Good Value for Money

Communities are getting good value for money, from West Mercia Police, as highlighted in data published by HMICFRS (Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire & Rescue Services) today.

Police and Crime Commissioner John Campion, welcomed the figures, which show lower levels of crime, despite a smaller spend on policing per population.*

The figures show the majority of spending goes towards local frontline policing, with an increased level of joiners as the force recruit a further 215 officers, following the PCC's investment.

They also highlighted decreases in crime across some key areas such as burglary, vehicle offences, theft and drugs offences. Where crime had increased, this was usually at a lower rate to the national levels. The figures also showed a higher percentage of suspects identified, when compared to other similar forces and nationally.

Commissioner John Campion said "Our communities expect their taxes to be spent efficiently and effectively, and to be focused on what matters to them- increasing visible policing, reducing crime and identifying suspects. This data shows the force is providing good value for money across all of these measures, and that public money is helping to build safer communities."

To view the data in full: <https://www.justiceinspectors.gov.uk/hmicfrs/our-work/article/value-formoney-inspections/value-for-money-profiles/value-for-money-dashboards/>



*Net revenue expenditure is £170 per population, which is below average when compared to all other forces nationally, and to forces within the most similar group

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

– goldenvalley.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.

12.0 Agenda of the Next Meeting

- Neighbourhood Development Plan
- Village Green Mowing
- Donations to Churchyards
- Speed Indicating Devices (SIDs)
- Pontrilas Sawmills and Merchants – Lights a problem

13.0 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 December 9th 2019 in the **Bridges Childcare Centre** and will commence at 7.30pm.

Meeting declared closed at 8.40 pm

Signed..... 

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

Date 9th December 2019