

CLERK'S INFORMATION SHEET FOR
BRILLEY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING ON 7 NOVEMBER 2017

4.1 Your team: PC 3911 Jo ELLIS, PCSO 6115 Dick ALLFORD, PCSO 40067 David BODEN

 **101** to talk to your local SNT or report a crime.

 kw.snt@westmercia.pnn.police.uk

 www.westmercia.police.uk

 /  @NHfdShireCops

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OR RING DIRECT ON 101. Only call 999 in an emergency, when a crime is in progress or life is in danger

I am leaving the Kington & Weobley Safer Neighbourhood team to join the youth engagement team based in Hereford. I would like to say it really has been a pleasure to Police the area for the last seven and a half years and to be part of the community that has welcomed us to so many events. The area is a fantastic and beautiful part of Herefordshire and it has been an honour to work here, and seeing how the communities work together and look out for each other has been very inspiring. I will still be around the area to support the team if they require it so I won't be a stranger. Sergeant Sarah Knight will be supporting the team moving forward.

Best wishes to all, Jo Ellis

Information:

There is a continuing trend across the County of power tools being stolen from within vehicles. There have been numerous reports and in some cases the vehicles locks/doors have been left completely undamaged during the theft. The thefts have also occurred in the day time when the vehicle owners are parked outside their work addresses. Please take every precaution you can to secure your power tools and any other valuable contents: If you are able, fit extra secure locks to van doors on top of your standard fitted locks. Local trusted locksmiths will be able to guide and help you with this. Make sure you store all the serial numbers for your tools separately so they can easily traced. Mark each tool with a property marker such as smartwater, or at the very least write your postcode on them with a permanent marker. Make your items identifiable and unique to you. You won't be surprised to hear that describing it as a Dewalt or Makita, doesn't narrow down the search for it. You can also register your tools with immobilise, which is free to use. More details can be found at www.immobilise.com If you are able to empty your van of tools overnight then you should do this, although I appreciate that this isn't always feasible. Park your vehicles under any CCTV that you have on your premises. You can buy (under £100.00) small battery-operated sensor cameras that can be placed within your vehicle to capture any person entering your vehicle. There is also a more expensive version of this camera, which uses wifi and can send pictures to your mobile phone of anyone entering your vehicle (google wildlife cameras). These cameras are great for placing near the entrance to your driveway, alerting you of anyone entering your drive. Make sure whether it is business, home or vehicle insurance, it is adequate to cover your needs especially if you require these tools to work. Not all insurances are clear for covering loss of business tools.

Scams

We are receiving a number of calls from concerned residents reporting multiple calls from persons purporting to be from the HMRC. The general theme is that answerphone messages are left asking the resident to phone a number back immediately or be threatened with legal action. If the number is phoned, someone tells the resident that they have defaulted on their tax and asks them to pay a (large) sum of money, threatening the resident that they will have their possessions removed and face arrest. The conversations are a more in depth than my wording and can be very convincing, enough to cause alarm and concern.

Please be advised this is another scam along the HMRC theme. The perpetrators continually tweak the theme, enough to scare and frighten some people. If you receive such phone calls delete the message, do not phone the number given; if you answer such a call hang up, do not divulge personal information. Please be vigilant to this, keep an eye on anyone who may perhaps be convinced by this as the callers persist by leaving multiple messages.

Drones:

We have recently had several enquiries about the use of Drones, the information below is taken from the 'Ask the Police' website.

What are drones and are they legal?

Drones or Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs) are essentially flying robots. The aircraft can be remotely controlled or can fly autonomously using inbuilt software controlled flight plans. Designed for designated purposes by the military, they are becoming increasingly popular among members of the public.

If you are considering using a drone for recreational purposes, we would advise that you consider the guidance below:

You must not fly the drone above 400 feet in altitude or further than 500 metres away from you horizontally.

If you wish to fly one that exceeds the limits above, you will need to seek permission from the Civil Aviation Authority.

Avoid flying it within 150 metres of a congested area or 50 metres of a person or vehicle.

Use your common sense and fly safely - making sure you can see the drone at all times.

If you are using one with a camera, **make sure you inform people** before you start recording and be aware of your surroundings.

Misuse of a drone can lead to a criminal offence being committed. For any further help on how to use a drone safely and legally, please see the websites below. <https://www.caa.co.uk/Consumers/Unmanned-aircraft-and-drones/> <https://ico.org.uk/for-the-public/drones/>

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CASTLE WARD
County Councillor
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NOVEMBER UPDATE – CASTLE WARD

Dear Residents,

Good news for Herefordshire with the announcement of Government support of 15 million for the new University. The courses will focus on technical and engineering over a two year period working with local and national businesses. Herefordshire Council has and will continue to be a supporter of the project particularly working on providing student accommodation. The first limited number of students are anticipated for next September.

You may also have heard the news of the Poppies weeping window is coming to Hereford Cathedral from 14th March- 29th April 2018 as part of a nationwide tour. This is a cascade of individual ceramic poppies inspired by the massive display at the Tower of London in 2014.

Last month also saw the Duchess of Gloucester visit Hereford to meet our Foster team, foster parents, carers and some of our looked after children. It was great to see a group of people not always given the credit they deserve recognised. This is one of the most important services the council delivers.

In this month's update I cover Highway issues, Enterprise Zone, the review of local health services, news of the police commissioner's intension to take over the Fire service and contact details.

As ever if I can be of any help please do not hesitate to contact me.

ROGER

Review of Health services

The review of our local Health services which includes the GP Surgery, three nursing homes, Kington Court with the Logan Jack unit, Minor Injuries Unit, Pharmacy, Dental provision, district nurses and mental health team is due to be completed this month.

I am working with our Director of Social Services on supporting the Logan Jack unit and maintaining it for the future. It seems the Minor Injury unit will move to the surgery from Kington Court.

As you recall last month I told you about a new full-time doctor arriving on the 1st December arriving at Kington, clinical Pharmacist on 2nd October and a new Triage system to replace the Nurse walk-in clinic on 6th November. I have advised the surgery that they need to ensure a smooth set up of the new system. A reminder that you can ring the surgery anytime during the day and explaining your symptoms with a care team assessing it and a return phone call from the appropriate clinician arranging the appropriate response including on the day appointments if necessary.

Those of you who are registered at other GP practices will I am sure read with interest and appreciate that your surgeries are not having the challenges of Kington.

HIGHWAYS

I had a meeting last month with Bill Wiggin to discuss Highway, Broadband and Kington area health issues. We also discussed the performance of Balfour and he expressed his particular concern about the management of road closures. Work on the A438 resurfacing continues this month as part of the government funding.

I am supporting the inclusion of highway resurfacing as a major priority in the capital programme for the next financial year and am aware of a number of local highways that have been identified for inspection. I am concerned about the lack of resources for our highways over the winter if we have bad weather.

The council has bid for £95 million to the Homes and Community infrastructure fund for the Hereford City western by-pass. Confirmation by the Council cabinet of the preferred routes is expected to be published before Christmas for consultation.

The arrival of the first frost reminds us that winter is on its way; preparations are in hand, 15 gritters to grit on the agreed main routes, four snow blowers, 6,500 tonnes of salt and 24 hour surveillance team.

However, the pressure will now come on our surfaces so please report any problems on highways or footpaths using the links below or phone 01432261800.

<https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/transport-and-highways/maintenance/potholes>

<https://myaccount.herefordshire.gov.uk/report-a-pothole>

<https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/transport-and-highways/footpaths-byways-and-bridleways/cg-report-prow-problem>

if you wish to make a claim as a result of damage to your vehicle please

use https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/info/200196/roads/206/highway_claims

Police Commissioner wants to take over the Fire services

The West Mercia Police Commissioner John Champion has announced he wants to take over the Fire services of Hereford & Worcester and Shropshire next April. This is against the four main local authorities, two fire authorities and his own crime panel recommendations. We believe he should work with us on a locally agreed solution and timescale which gives some clarity on savings and impact.

His business case is weak to date identifying 4 million pounds of savings which includes that already identified by the two fire authorities in the next three years. He states that there will be no impact on the front line or on stations but it is there a lack of detail in his case which concerns many of us. In our rural county only Hereford has full time firefighters with all the other stations having local people as retained firefighters. The backup support for our stations are the very services which seem the most vulnerable.

We are very supportive of blue light collaboration and would wish to see a development of the role of our local firefighters including supporting first responding in our rural areas.

With crime figures rising, poor detection rates and some tensions in the joint working and savings of West Mercia and Warwickshire forces he needs to deal with improving the police service to the community first.

Rotherwas and the Enterprise Zone

The land at Rotherwas was purchased by the old Herefordshire Council in the 1960s to support the growth of local businesses and the economy. In 2008 after years of access problems with flooding and the low height rail bridge we opened the Rotherwas Access road. We built the road despite considerable opposition about the destruction of countryside and the infamous Rotherwas ribbon.

The new road allowed business to bid for larger contacts and expansion followed. After 2008 and the Economic slowdown the estate with over 2,000 employees, over 60 different companies was very resilient and its expansion area was identified as an Enterprise Zone in 2012.

Since then 11 new businesses have come to the site and 10 existing firms have expanded creating an additional 750 jobs, building 28,000 square metres of new build with £13 million private investment.

Defence and security, food and drink, advanced engineering and sustainable technologies are the core sectors of the zone. I was invited back to view one of our local businessman Ken Davies's business expansion and we discussed those difficult days of getting the funding and building the road but thankful we achieved it.

Planning

If you want to discuss a planning matter please contact Adam.Lewis@herefordshire.gov.uk if you a planning enforcement concern Debbie.Crowley@herefordshire.gov.uk

TRAFFIC WARNING

Welsh Water has a major investment project costing £8.5 million to install a large water pipe 7.5 km from Portway near Burghill to Hereford to meet future growth capacity in Hereford City. This will cause disruption over 18 months along the A4110, junction with Roman road, Three Elms, Grandstand road and Whitecross. Work will begin this Autumn and details can be found on welshwater.com or herefordshire.gov.uk websites

6.1 Lengthsman work in October:

Defect list from drive-round on 28 September 2017 –

Category 1 defect – repair within 24 hours. Category 2 defect – repair within 56 days. Routine repair – within 6 months, usually needs equipment etc. ordering

1. 90612 – Rest Road by The Rest – logged for BB, Lara to chase up
2. C1073 – south of Lane Farm – dangerous tree branch removed by Steward
3. 90611 – Brillley Dingle – road edge dropped away – logged for BB
4. 90611 – near entrance to Knapp Cottage etc – x5 potholes/edge damage – logged for BB
5. 90608/90611 jct – water welling out of manhole – Lara report to Welsh Water
6. 90608 – from 90611 jct – edge damage and clean edges – logged for BB
7. C1072 – above A438/C1072 jct – monitoring on routine inspection by Lara, resend to Asset Team
8. 90605 – from A438 to 90606 jct – x3 potholes/edge damage – logged for BB
9. 90605 – from 90606 jct to 90602 jct – x5 potholes/edge damage – logged for BB
10. 90604 – by 90604/90605 jct – x3 potholes/edge damage – logged for BB
11. 90605 – by 90604/90605 jct – x1 pothole – logged for BB
12. 90604 – by Glenavon – 30m road surfacing – sent to Asset Team
13. 90602 – past Pentremiley – x1 pothole – logged for BB
14. 90602 – past Pentregrove – x3 pothole – logged for BB
15. 90602 – past Bush Farm – x1 pothole – logged for BB
16. C1072/90608 – end of Pentre Lane – Lara chase up road sign

6.2 Road and drainage defects to be reported to Balfour Beatty: Water valve at 90608/90611 junction still leaking; culverts at C1073/Welshwood Farm junction need to be jetted.

11. HALC Conference and AGM – Saturday 25 November, 10.00-3.00
12. Neighbourhood Planning team – event for parishes with adopted NDPs, Friday 1 December 2.00-4.00, take a copy of the document for a photo
13. 16 January, 6 March, 8 May, 10 July, 11 September and 6 November.

14. Correspondence – received as follows:
- From Gareth Pugh – Email of thanks for S137 grant for AL Lewis VC Memorial Fund
 - From Herefordshire Council (HC) – New written dispensations guide
 - From HC – Warm Homes Discount 2017 scheme
 - From HC – Sessions at HARC
 - From HC – Statement re Blueschool House audit
 - From HC – Audit of litter management
 - From Clerks and Councils Direct – November edition
 - From HC – Adopted NDP event
 - From HALC – AGM and conference
 - From Herefordshire Walking festival – Information on 2018 festival
 - From Rural Highways – Information on consultancy service
 - From North Herefordshire Conservative Association – Invitation to a meeting

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