

KIDDERMINSTER FOREIGN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

held in Trimpley Village Hall on Monday 17th February at 7.30pm

<p>Present Councillor Mr. B. Phillips Councillor Mr. C Holford Councillor Mr. S. Leigh Councillor Mr. C. Grainger 3 members of the public were present.</p>	<p>Councillor Mr. R. Roberts Councillor Mrs. S. Thompson Councillor Ms. R. Norton District Councillors P Harrison & J Byng County Councillor I. Hardiman Mrs E Whitehouse (Clerk)</p>
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Police Report: Police were unable to be in attendance, but sent the following report:

Crime report
"I have trawled back a month on our system and cannot see any reported crimes for the Trimpley area. Great news! The only report I saw was on the 5th Feb where 30 sheep had carefully planned their escape from a field and managed to end up on the road.

Speeding:
Due to poor weather conditions over the winter period, we have not carried out as much speed enforcement as we would have liked. There is good news. We have limited access to a speed camera called "Truecam" this acts much like the speed camera van where a picture is taken of the offending vehicle including speed, this is downloaded and a ticket is sent.

- We need to select specific roads for this, so please could you let me know 2 x roads in the Trimpley area where you have the most concerns about speeding motorists. Ill them get these programmed into the speed gun for enforcement.
When we carry out any enforcement, I'll be sure to let you know the results. The only drawback currently is the "Truecam" is a shared resource across the local teams in North Worcestershire.

Further to your question about the 29mph percentile, it was PCSO BRAY that conducted the speed survey, she was at the location for 1hr and monitored the speed of 14 vehicles (I have conducted survey on this road and noted that it does not have a lot of traffic flow and we can only offer a limited time to each location)
While conducting any speed enforcement / surveys we are required to be highly visible, and we are aware that some motorists "tip off" others of the police present.. these factors can provide a lower speed reading than expected, however the speed readings we obtain are the ones that we provide.

- If you need any assistance or advice with any issues that comes the parish Councils way, please feel free to drop me an email and I'll do what I can to assist.

Finally:
Please can I advise everyone to sign up to Neighbourhood Matters: This messaging service is updated by members of the Bewdley Neighbourhood Team for residents of the area. [Home Page - Neighbourhood Matters](#)

It was decided to advise the police of the following two road areas on which to concentrate for speeding: Two roads to send – Trimpley between Richard Roberts and Bite Farm and from Habberley Trail down into Low Habberley village on corner by Valley Close. (park in Farm entrance – though very visible but both ways)"

Public Open Forum – A vote of thanks was received from the public re **Hollies Lane**, following clearance of sumps, and hopefully this will make outfall on the A442 to a minimum, making it much safer. The Chairman thanked Ian Hardiman and engineer Barry Barnes for meeting on site to discuss. It was thought that maybe a new culvert was required under the road, or a re-design of the existing one. A discussion ensued when it was thought that the culvert at the bottom of Hollies Lane was thought to be large enough, whilst the one under the road by Honeybrook Kennels was thought to be inadequate. As Barry Barnes was only on temporary secondment to this area, it would be a different engineer who would have to take this project forward. .

A member of the public reported that a drain cover over a manhole near to **Park Attwood** needed attention, as the manhole had sunk.

- Apologies For Absence:** None received. All present.
- Declarations of Interest/Dispensations:** Interests as previously minuted and declared on central register. Cllr. Ms. R. Norton expressed an interest in respect of 24/0782/FUL (Revised plans) at The Stables, Hoarstone.
- Approval of the Minutes** The minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council Meeting held Monday 20th January 2025 were approved and signed.
- County and District Councillors' Reports -**
County Councillor Report:
"COUNTY WIDE ISSUES:
Unitary Council Formation:
 Further to my Report in January, the Government surprisingly declined an opportunity for Worcestershire to move swiftly with abolishing both District and County Councils together with the cancellation of this year's County Council Elections , 1st May.
 Indeed, the Government has instructed us to proceed with the 1st May Elections to appoint a County Council for a two year period 2025 to 2027 when, likely , there will be Unitary Elections held (May 2027) to form a "Shadow Administration" to run in conjunction with the District Councils until their cessation in May 2028, at which point an authentic Unitary Authority will be established! This is of course subject to further clarification.
LOCAL ISSUES:

Habberley Lane Development, Boundary Hedgerow Responsibility:

Barry Barnes County Liaison Engineer, has carried out a Land Search and found that the whole of this site IS owned by the Developer; I have therefore asked WFDC Planning Management to state this clearly to the Developer who must accept responsibility for hedge maintenance accordingly.

I recently spoke with Barry Barnes, Highways Liaison Engineer to urge attention to the following issues:

- . Concrete Gully Backs, Hoarstone Lane.
- . Gully Servicing near to Barn Conversions, Hoarstone Lane.
- . New (Horse Riding) Signage for Crundalls Lane.
- . Buses (297) Too Big for Trimpley Lanes.
- . Hollies Lane Drainage, Culvert problems / possible re-design.
- . Habberley Trail, Illegal Signage Removal"

Cllr. Grainger advised that some bad potholes in Lightmarsh lane had been marked with spray paint.

5. **PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT CONTROL:**

a) **New Planning applications:** None – except one for information only – no comment to be made – re the creation of a mausoleum at Holbeache House. (Permitted development).

b) Update on Previous applications:

23/0538/SCR Environmental Impact Assessment Screening Opinion at Trimpley Reservoir, Eymore Green, Trimpley, Bewdley - **Pending Decision.**

24/0322 & 3/HOU Reconstruct former dovecote with glazed lean-to to create annex accommodation, including link extension to main dwelling at: Hoarstone Farm Trimpley, Bewdley – **Pending Decision**

24/0654/PNR – Barn at Park Attwood Farm, Trimpley Lane – Change of use from Agricultural to Residential **Permission granted**

24/0720 - Replacement visitor centre in association with Habberley Trail including demolition of existing visitor centre, at Outdoor Adventure Centre, Habberley Road, Low Habberley –**Permission granted.**

24/0782/FUL Installation of ground mounted solar panels in field adjacent, including associated infrastructure at The Stables, Hoarstone Court, Hoarstone Lane, Trimpley – **Permission granted.**

24/0844/FUL Change of use of agricultural building for general industrial purposes (Use Class B2) at Northwood Farm, Northwood Lane, Bewdley, Worcestershire – **Pending Decision**

Clerk advised that although a lengthy comment in objection had been lodged at the last meeting, she had received representations voicing concerns over activity at this site from members of the public, and had advised them to take their concerns directly to either Wyre Forest District Council Planning, or Worcestershire Regulatory Services.

For information only : District had notified the parish re **25/0062/CLP** – without invitation to comment – concerning the construction of a mausoleum at Holbeache House.

c) Compliance Issues/Appeals and other planning matters –

i) **Oak Meadow Farm (Off Honeybrook Lane) - Appeal 24/008 Lodged re Enforcement Notice served –** Decision awaited

ii) **4 Honeybrook Cottages, Bridgnorth Road, Kidderminster –** Appeal Ref APP/R1845/W/25/3359910 against refusal of 24/0767 Change of use of land to form extended domestic curtilage + garage extension

6. **Progress Reports and other Outstanding Items**

Highway Matters

- **District Council Promotional Assistance** – The gazebo was awaiting final checking before dispatch. Extra detachable banner with WFDC logo was now to be ordered. A further meeting July was to be organised with Cllr., T. Onslow, and it was decided to discuss the possibility of republishing/updating the Parish Facts booklet and/or the Footpaths Booklet, and also resurrecting and updating the Local Parish and District Emergency Plan.
- **Roadside Hedges – Habberley Lane** – (see C.Cllr. Report – responsibility lies with landowner).
- **Concrete Grips – Habberley Lane** – no further progress.
- **Flooding by Myndholm and pipe blown in field** – Councillors asked that this be inspected now that it had been jetted, including the damage to the pipe in the field.
- **Bus Service (297) through Trimpley** – (size of buses) – no progress made.
- **Hollies Lane Sump Spoil** – had been addressed. Minute closed
- **Tree Clearance, Upper Birch Lane** – Fallen tree still in situ. Cllr. Hardiman would chase up.
- **Speeding traffic measures – Crundalls Lane** – No through road sign going to be erected.
- **Open Reach** – Clerk had reported a cable down and resting on top of hedge in Hoarstone Lane, but this was still there.
- **Backing Boards for noticeboards** – Cllrs would measure and send sizes to Clerk to get a quote.
- **Fly Tipping Incidents** - Eymore Lane Layby (flytipped garden waste) was still there, and had been added to but items near viewpoint, Trimpley Lane Shatterford had been cleared.

7. **Severn Trent Works (and associated traffic) in Trimpley** – Clerk advised that she had received an offer of a joint viewing of the area with STWA staff before sign off and finish. However, Councillors agreed that the roads had been well cleared, with a roadsweeper coming up most days. Clerk advised that there could be a possibility of a Community grant, with perhaps an aim of erection of an information board at Eymore. Clerk would follow this up.

8. **Unitary Authority Implications:** Clerk had attended a Clerk's meeting at Bewdley, and circulated her notes to all councillors. A meeting for councillors to discuss Local Government devolution would be held at Bewdley Town

	Hall on 25 th March. Clerk would book 6 places.
9..	<p><u>Lengthsman and Footpath Clearance Matters</u></p> <p>a) Lengthsman – Invoice for January work had been circulated and was approved by Councillors.</p> <p>b) Rights of Way – A waymarker post in Valley Close reported as having fallen down, had been difficult to locate. Recent storms had brought down many trees locally, but paths are all now open. Waymarker posts required had been reported. A watching brief was being undertaken re the flooded footpath near to Easthams.</p>
10.	<p><u>Financial Reports –</u></p> <p>a) Ratification of payments to be made – a) Payments confirmed – Lengthsman Work Jan 25 – C. Bunn - £ 226.88 Councillor to authorise: C. Holford.</p> <p>b) Electronic Banking – No further progress. Cllr. Thompson advised that she had spent a lot of time on the phone to Barclays trying to set this up.</p> <p>c) Bank Balances - circulated by the Clerk to Councillors for information.</p>
11.	<p><u>Worcestershire CALC Reports & County and District & other Correspondence –</u></p> <p>18th March 6.30p.m. – Shatterford Village Hall – CALC Area Meeting</p> <p>25th March 6.30p.m. – Bewdley Town Hall – Training meeting for councillors re devolution.</p> <p>Overnight Parking – Eymore Lane – It had been noted with some concern by a local resident that both car parks (Severn Trent and Arley Estate) were being used for parking overnight. Clerk to advise Arley Estate of this..</p>
12.	<u>Road Accident Record</u> – None to record.
13.	<p><u>Other Matters</u></p> <p>Village Hall - It had been noted that there had been no news from the Village Hall of late. It was suggested that we should ask for a meeting schedule for the representatives on the VH Committee.</p> <p>Dog Fouling – Clerk advised that she had noted that a national organisation – Forestry Commission?? – had recent changed advice re dog mess, in that instead of bagging, it was recommended that if not directly on a path that it is left, or flicked to one side. It was understood that organisations were finding it difficult to cope with a large amount of bagged mess. However, it was also pointed out that if livestock were present on site, it was still preferred to bag mess, due to the possibility of disease transmission.</p> <p>Next Meeting Confirmed – Monday 17th March 2025 The meeting closed at 9.15p.m.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Chairman </p>