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Hill Farm

As reported in the January newsletter, we are still receiving reports of problems at Hill Farm for the approx. 200 properties on site. Problems reported are ground rental rises, in some cases increased by 400%, intrusive lighting and the removal of hedgerow and woodlands. The hedgerow and woodland removal have been reported to Wyre Forest District Council for enforcement inspection and action as appropriate, and the woodland removal for investigation by the Forestry Commission and Natural England. We await their findings. The intrusive lighting has been reported to Worcester Regulatory Services.

Proposed Development — Habberley Road, Low Habberley

Also as reported in the January newsletter, the Parish Council have voiced strong opposition to this development since it first appeared in the Local Plan in the autumn of 2018, and indeed, this newsletter featured the development proposal in its January 2019 edition. A local group of residents are now further raising awareness of the development, and have stated that in response to the proposed Habberley Road Development, a Facebook group called 'STOP The Habberley Road Development' has been set up. They would like to invite any concerned residents to join, as the group is full of useful information. When the planning application is submitted by the developer, the details will be posted on the group to inform members of how and where to send their formal objections. An **online petition** is also being arranged to enable people who oppose this development to sign, as this will be a valuable addition to our objections and the details will be found on the group, or you could go direct to the petition on <https://www.change.org/STOP-The-Habberley-Road-Development> It is hoped that the objections from the 600+ members of the group in addition to the petition will play a vital role in preventing this development from progressing. There is also a dedicated email address habberley@wyre-forest.org.uk that has been set up to enable people who do not use Facebook to contact the local group.

Current Parish Projects

Beside routine road and rights of way maintenance, this is a brief list of some of the major projects the Parish Council are currently either considering or undertaking:

- extra new bus shelters - by Trimpley Crossroads, and in Low Habberley
- renovation and restoration of the Black Pools, Trimpley
- solutions to parking on the wide verge near to Low Habberley Farm
- consideration to erection of village gateway structures/ planters to give a sense of place
- High Speed broadband for Trimpley—Shatterford

Full details of discussions on these matters can be read in our monthly minutes published on our website.

Police Matters

Local Superintendent Mark Colquhoun reports "Figures released this month showed overall recorded crime continues to fall in North Worcestershire, with your local Safer Neighbourhood Teams working hard to tackle your priorities including offences such as drugs, theft, burglary, fraud and malicious communications." The full report from the local police can be found on the dedicated webpage of this parish council website covering Car Key Burglary, Catalytic Converter Thefts, Speeding, Domestic Abuse, and County Lines, along with details of Victim Abuse Contacts.

Age UK

"Age UK Herefordshire & Worcestershire's Help at Home service is here to support you to stay in your own home and maintain your independence for as long as possible. Our Help at Home service is available to anyone over the age of 50 who's looking for regular, reliable support at home. We can't provide personal care but we can help with the following; companionship; general housework; shopping; dog-walking; preparing light meals and much more. Our Assistants all have enhanced DBS checks, undergo relevant training and are friendly, flexible and professional.

The service is very flexible and we're happy to amend the frequency or length of visits to suit clients' changing needs. The charge for our Help at Home service is £18 per hour, with a minimum duration of an hour per visit. All our Help at Home assistants will be following social distancing guidelines and wearing PPE. They are all being offered the COVID-19 vaccine and are being offered regular tests in their community.

Are you looking for the next step in your career? We're looking for Help at Home assistants to join our team! We'd love to hear from you, contact us to find out more or visit our website.

Contact us: T: 0800 008 6077

E: referralhub@ageukhw.org.uk www.ageukhw.org.uk "

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The public are welcome to come along to any Parish Council meeting and speak and/or discuss matters with councillors in the Open Forum at the start of each meeting. Opposite are the dates of the next meetings, which are nearly always on the 3rd Monday of each calendar month, (unless altered for special reasons) and are usually held in Trimpley Village Hall.

Please see agenda, posted on the website or noticeboards, for details, as we may soon be returning to holding these at the village hall, instead of by Zoom.

Next Meetings (starting at 7.30pm) are:
Monday 17th May, 21st June, and Mon 26th July 2021
(note July meeting later than usual - please check agenda when issued)

Your Current Parish Councillors are:

Mrs. C. Gammond : (Chair) Tel: 01299 402929

Mr. J. Gammond : Tel 01299 400750

Mr. C. Grainger : 01299 403231

Mrs. L. Green : Tel 01562 747180

Mr. C. Holford : Tel 01299 404678

Mr. C. Jordan : Tel 01299 861484

Mr. B. Phillips : Tel 01299 861661

Please feel free to contact them (or the Clerk (see overleaf)) on any matters of concern re life in the Parish, or come along to the **Public Open Forum** at the start of every meeting.

Council Tax— Comparison of Parish Rates & Accounts Summary

As can be seen from this table, we have the lowest parish rate demand by precept at less than 50p per week per Band D household. Also, we have not increased our total Precept amount now for 4 years, when it was, in fact, decreased from £9787.

Parish/Town	2020-21 (last year)		2021-22 (coming year)	
	Precept £	Council Tax for Band D £	Precept £	Council Tax for Band D £
Kidderminster Town Council	640,988	37.00	734,442	42.50
Upper Arley Parish Council	16,245	45.00	16,110	45.00
Bewdley Town Council	182,350	50.00	200,585	55.56
Broome Parish Council	5,000	25.25	5,500	27.23
Chaddesley Corbett Parish Council	32,439	42.02	34,061	45.35
Churchill and Blakedown Parish Council	27,972	34.71	28,080	34.71
Kidderminster Foreign Parish Council	9,492	21.38	9,492	21.92
Rock Parish Council	55,100	43.94	55,100	44.26
Rushock Parish Council	3,327	43.78	3,502	43.78
Stone Parish Council	13,200	47.14	14,220	49.03
Stourport on Severn Town Council	270,504	39.00	287,146	41.70
Wolverley and Cookley Parish Council	60,859	35.36	69,779	40.66
Total of Precepts & Average Parish due for Band D Property	1,317,478	38.81	1,458,019	43.16

2020-21 Accounts

Below is a simplified summary of our accounts for the past financial year to 31st March 21. A more detailed document will be found on our website under Council/Finance.

Income	£
Precept	9492
VAT Refund	1482
Lengthsman Reimburse	1416
Litter Collection Grant	1749
Footpath Grant	450
Bank Interest	18
Localism Grant	500
Book Sales	5
Miscellaneous	270
Plus unpaid Invoices (Lengthsman reimbursements)	642
Total Income	16024

Expenditure	
Lengthsman Work	2058
Litter Collection	1478
Footpath Work	591
General Admin.(Inc. Ins)	1177
Clerk's Salary Gross	4398
Chair Allowance	100
Subscriptions	621
Major Parish Projects	2270
Training	164
Other	620
Total Expenditure	13477

Report from Trimpley Green WI

"During lockdown we have managed to maintain contact with zoom meetings and competitions, although it will be lovely to return to our monthly meetings at the village hall. We would love to welcome new members especially women who have recently moved into the area—it will provide them with the opportunity to make friends and get to know our community. New members are so important to the WI as they bring different experiences and skills. Through new subscribers the organisation is able to modernise and adapt to a changing world. Anyone who wishes to join can contact us by emailing trimpleygreenpres@wfedwi.org.uk or look us up on facebook. We meet on the third Wednesday of every month 19.30-21.00. The first three sessions are free. Give it a try, you won't regret it."

Dog, Litter and Flytipping Problems

We are indebted to local parishioners who keep watch, and in some cases actually apprehend, those who seem intent on flytipping in our parish. If these scurrilous individuals are caught and dealt with, perhaps they will desist from using our parish as a waste bin. The same goes for those who pick up their dog's mess, only then to dispose of it, complete with plastic bag, in local hedgerows, and woodland. The Parish Council service 7 bins in the parish, all of which can take dog mess, appropriately bagged. When flytipped litter is seen, either the Clerk or Parish Councillors report it for collection by the District "Street Scene" team, but this can only be done if it is on the roadside, ie. on public land. They will not collect tipped rubbish from farm or common land, where it is left as a problem for the unfortunate landowner. We are lobbying the District Council to deploy covert CCTV in our parish to catch offenders. We would also warn householders who are having household or garden work done, that they ensure that waste material originating from their property is disposed of properly, and that it is taken away under a bona fide waste disposal licence, since it is ultimately the householders responsibility for such disposal, and if it is found flytipped, they can be fined.

We have also been plagued with unruly dogs in several parts of the parish. In Trimpley two dogs were responsible for the killing of 14 in-lamb ewes, and even after this, when assurances were given, one of the dogs was still in the area, running free in fields where there was livestock. It is particularly important to keep dogs under control—and on a lead in areas where there is livestock, particularly sheep who may be lambing at this time of year. Unruly dogs causing trouble have also been reported in Habberley Valley, and also problems with very unwelcome dog mess on verges and footpaths in Low Habberley.

Christmas Tree Sales for LAM Charity

Congratulations to Sally and Ron Collins who, once all donations and gift aid were totted up raised just under £6000 as a result of their Christmas Tree Sales.

Clare, Witnell, Blount Charity

Our local Parish Charity still has a 2-bed ground floor flat available for rent at the Almshouses, in Franche. If this is of interest to anyone, please contact Paul Johnston, on 01299 401248.

Trimpley Church

"The present lockdown has brought all the congregations of the Ismere Parish successfully together for our worship via Zoom; Lent Discussion Groups are well supported, fun and lively and our volunteers have taken church out to people's homes with 'Christingle' kits, Lent resources and Mothering Sunday posies and activities.

Jane Twigg raised £80 from Spring bulbs and Sue Thompson's Armchair Quiz yielded £1,557 - all for the Relief Fund. Maintenance costs of Holy Trinity are separate and we need to find sustainable ways of running the church. Thankfully there will soon be Services inside our buildings again - for more information follow us on Facebook@HolyTrinityChurch, contact Jane twigglet2@btinternet.com and check www.ismere.co.uk "



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