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Proposed Development — Habberley Road, Low Habberley

Wyre Forest District Council Local Plan has yet to receive final approval, and recently the Parish Council submitted comment on the Main Modifications. The Parish Council remain strongly opposed to this development.

Queens Platinum Jubilee

On 4th October, the government published guidance on organising a street party. The guidance sets out helpful tips, advice and support on preparing for a party. Councils are encouraged to share the guidance with local residents who may be planning to hold a small private street party to mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations in 2022, and we are including this in case any parishioners wanted to organise something locally. The Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS) launched the government's new Platinum Jubilee website, including an interactive map which will display all the events and activities that will be taking place right across the UK. The map is open for anyone to add their events and everyone is encouraged to upload any events and activities they may be planning to mark the Jubilee.

Guidance can be found on the following sites.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/your-guide-to-organising-a-street-party/your-guide-to-organising-a-street-party>

Support: <https://www.edenprojectcommunities.com/the-big-lunch> or <https://www.streetparty.org.uk/>

Platinum Jubilee website: <https://platinumjubilee.gov.uk/>

Low Habberley Village Gateways

Like many villages in Worcestershire, the Parish Council have installed village gateways on road entrances to Low Habberley. It is hoped that these will not only help to slow traffic with the visual impact that motorists are entering a village area, but also give a sense of place, pride and identity to the village of Low Habberley.



New Parish Councillor



We are delighted to advise that we have a newly co-opted Parish Councillor. Mrs. Susan Stone was elected to fill the vacancy left following the resignation of Mrs. Louise Green. Susan has lived for most of her life in Low Habberley, and has extensive knowledge of the local area.



Parish Council - Please visit our website : www.kfpc.org.uk

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 usually on the 3rd Monday of each calendar month, (unless altered for special reasons) and are held in Trimpley Village Hall.

Please see agenda, posted on the website or noticeboards, for details, as we are now returning to holding these at the village hall, as we now cannot legally hold these by Zoom.

Next Meetings (starting at 7.30pm) are:
21st February, 21st March, and 25th April (avoiding Easter)

Your Current Parish Councillors are:

Mr. C. Jordan : (Chair) Tel: 01299 861484

Mrs. C. Gammond : Tel: 01299 402929

Mr. J. Gammond : Tel: 01299 400750

Mr. C. Grainger : Tel: 01299 403231

Mr. C. Holford : Tel: 01299 404678

Mr. B. Phillips : Tel: 01299 861661

Mrs. S. Stone : Tel: 01562 824666

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.

Arley School News

The Parish Council support our local school, and keep abreast of news from the Governors. Upcoming school events :

Swifts will start Swimming Lessons this year.

Owls will have Forest School Sessions on Thursdays

Falcons will begin Dance lessons on Fridays.

There is also a Dance club for KS2 on Fridays after school and a gardening club will commence this term in collaboration with Arley Arboretum.

School website <https://www.upperarleyprimary.co.uk>

Trimpley Church

Trimpley parishioners were treated to Jane Twigg's legendary fruit cake and chocolate brownies when she started a Cake for Church baking scheme.

To date £290 has been donated to Holy Trinity Funds.

Cake also featured in the recent Cake and Rake Group - a group that has been meeting to tidy up the churchyard.

The group is now having a winter break but the churchyard is looking very loved again.

Our cafe style All Age Worship in the Village Hall continues monthly and we recently explored together The Journey to Bethlehem. The relaxed format seems to be enjoyed by everyone.

For more information follow us on Facebook@Holy Trinity Church or contact

Jane twigglet@btinternet.com or www.ismere.co.uk



Bus Shelters

The Parish Council have funded the provision of two further bus shelters and these have recently been erected—one at the crossroads at Trimpley, and one near to Fountain Court in Low Habberley.



Whit-tailed Bumble Bee



Rosemary Winnall



Trimpley Green WI

All meetings on the **Third Wednesday of each Month at 7.30pm at Trimpley Village Hall - New members welcome**

Next meetings:

16th February - Pilates with Natalie Bond

16th March - Hoaxes in Science with Howard Robinson

20th April - Pewter Works with Bernice Le Cornu Cantrill

Parish Annual Precept Charge 22/23

This is the time of year that Town and Parish Councils are required to set the precept for the coming financial year. This translates directly into the Parish Rate section levied on your individual Council Tax bill. Through very careful budgeting, and as reported in our Newsletters in previous years, your Parish Council have been able to hold down any increase levied on our parishioners for the Parish Rate, and, indeed, have not increased this Parish Precept amount now for 5 years. Kidderminster Foreign Parish Council has the lowest Parish rate in Wyre Forest District parishes/towns, equating to less than 50p per week per Band D Household. For this, all our Parish Councillors work entirely voluntarily, giving their time freely to try as much as possible to offer support to the limit of the legal powers allowed for Parishes. This year, because of the healthy reserves the Parish has built up, and after much consideration, we intend to reduce the Precept (i.e. the Parish Rate) by 50% in total. Although this is will equate to only a small reduction in your overall Council Tax bill, as the parish rate is such a small percentage of it, it is certainly NOT an increase, and it is a gesture to help stretched personal budgets this year. Your Parish Councillors have taken this decision to help offset some of the costs which have been incurred by households during the pandemic during the past couple of years, along with some assistance towards increasing inflation during the coming year—particularly since fuel costs are set to spiral upwards during the next 12 months.

This will, we hope, do some good for all parishioners, but also is showing some logical restraint in these difficult times.

We hope that parishioners appreciate the reasoning behind this decision, and that in some small way, we may have helped with our parishioners general costs in the coming year.

Volunteers

Many thanks to all those parishioners who have recently turned out to help plant bulbs, and pick litter around the village. We are really hopeful of a wonderful display of flowers on local roadsides in the Spring. Many local people regularly give freely of their time, and if just going out for a walk, will often take a spare plastic bag with them to collect randomly discarded litter to dispose of later in a sensible manner. Indeed with the District Council planning to make cuts in this respect, it seems that this may be the only way to keep our parish tidy in the future. The Parish Council wish to commend the efforts of Alfie Ralls. Alfie, who lives locally at Crundalls Court, completed 12 weeks of litter picking in the fields and footpaths around Northwood Lane which was part of the volunteer element of his bronze Duke of Edinburgh's award. He is shown in the picture with bags of litter that he had collected.

We are also grateful to the Emily Jordan Foundation Trust, who undertake regular litter picking around Trimpley Reservoir. Again, many thanks to everyone who gives freely of their time to keep our parish tidy and a pleasant place to live. It is particularly encouraging to find so many young people getting involved.



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and 'Flu
vaccines.



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keep on protecting
each other.**



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