



Vacancy for a Parish Councillor

There is a Vacancy for a person to stand as a Parish Councillor. This is due to the fact that Carole Gammond has stood down after almost 45 years as a councillor, an outstanding length of voluntary service to the parish, which she says she has enjoyed. If you would like to be considered to fill the vacancy and represent the parish community in this way, please fill out an application form, and send to the Clerk—the form can be found on the website, or obtained from any parish councillor.

Report from Chairman re 2022/23 Year

“Over the last year we have had plenty of ups and downs. Looking back on my year as chairman, I would like to start by saying thank you for all the hard work Elsie has done to make the parish council operate in line with legislation and the law. And the great help we receive from Ian Hardiman, (county councillor) John Byng and Paul Harrison. (District Councillors) Also our rights of way warden Richard Roberts, who has started a program of upgrading styles and gates throughout the parish, and keeping our paths and bridle ways clear.

I would like to welcome Chris Bunn to the team, and hope to work closely with Chris to get things sorted around the parish. Thank you also to Chris Jordan for sticking it out, pushing for faster broadband for local residents. Most are now live with fibre to the property.

The support we all pay Wyre Forest district council for in our council tax keeps getting reduced. But the cost keeps going up. We had been asked by Wyre forest to charge the parishioners twice for local rubbish bins after they withdrew the litter contract. So we have now handed all litter responsibilities back to Wyre forest. Any litter seen on the roadside needs reporting on the council HUB. Or on the “love clean streets” phone app.

Over the next few months after several near misses, I am planning to undertake a road side tree safety survey, this will be published and tree owners notified of dangerous trees.

A great loss to the Parish Council and the parish this year, is Carole Gammond stepping down after 45 years volunteering as a councillor, we hope to continue to call on her depth of knowledge and understanding of local issues and wish her all the best.

Thank you to all the other councillors for their input over the last year and let's hope we all have another great year.”

Cllr. J. Gammond—Chairman 2022/23

Summer Security



Here are some simple but effective ways that you can protect your property during summer months:

- Keep front, patio and back doors closed and locked when you are elsewhere in the house or the garden.
- Keep garden gates locked when you are away from the property.
- Ensure that windows and external doors on the ground floor are locked at night, and all doors and windows are locked when you are out of the house. Even a small window could provide a burglar with an opportunity to reach through and open a larger window to gain access.
- Remember to close downstairs windows when leaving a room, to deter the opportunist thief.
- Find out about property marking schemes such as **Smartwater** If an item is marked it will be much harder for a thief to sell on. Also, if recovered, stolen items can then be returned to their rightful owner.
- Look out for your neighbours' property if they are away for a few days.
- Joining your local Neighbourhood Watch Scheme is good way to meet those living on your street. Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinators help to keep the local groups informed of criminal activity in the community, pass on crime prevention advice and help resolve local issues. Local members are encouraged to keep an eye on what's going and pass on details of suspicious activity. We have a local watch scheme, operated via email contact. If you wish to join please contact trimpleywatch@googlemail.com We would also recommend that you try and sign up for Neighbourhood Matters (website www.neighbourhoodmatters.co.uk) to receive email alerts concerning police matters and advice within the larger West Mercia area.

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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 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 before each meeting on the website or noticeboards, for details.

Now only distributed electronically, and therefore with less restriction on space, your Newsletter this quarter is 3 pages in length.

Next Meetings (starting at 7.30pm) are: 17th July, 21st August, 18th September

Your Current Parish Councillors are:

Mr. J. Gammond: Tel: 01299 400750

Mr. C. Grainger : Tel: 01299 212174

Mr. C. Jordan : Tel: 01299 861484

Mr. C. Holford : Tel: 01299 404678

Mr. B. Phillips : Tel: 01299 861661

Mrs. S. Stone : Tel: 01562 824666

VACANCY—applications welcomed.

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.

Planning

Have your say on planning in Worcestershire? The planning consultation database for the County is being refreshed and Worcestershire County Council would like to invite residents and businesses to register so that they can have their say on planning matters. The Council plays a significant planning role across the whole of Worcestershire including policies and strategies about minerals and waste and major infrastructure projects like new railway stations and bridges. Councillor Marc Bayliss, Worcestershire County Councillor with Responsibility for Economy Infrastructure and Skills, said: "Community engagement plays a vital role in the way we make our plans, and I cordially invite residents and businesses to register to participate and influence this process. Our work includes developing important strategies relating to ecology and biodiversity that make Worcestershire distinct and special, as well as planning for infrastructure such as schools and highway projects. This is a great way for people to hear about what is going on and get involved in the planning work we do." You can find out how to sign up to be consulted about the topics you are interested in and see a more detailed explanation of what each topic area covers by visiting: www.worcestershire.gov.uk/get-involved-planning.

Note Wyre Forest District Council is the local planning authority dealing with planning permission relating to changes to property and building in the District. Worcestershire County Council's planning role includes policies and strategies about minerals and waste and major infrastructure projects like new schools, railway stations and bridges etc., not to be confused with the District Council's role.

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Roadside Wall repaired

After a report by a local resident that this wall on the corner of Eymore Lane and School Lane was in bad repair, the Parish Council, supported by County Cllr. Ian Hardiman reported the matter to the highways team at the County Council, and repairs were carried out.



Garden Bonfires—a hot topic

Technically, most garden bonfires aren't actually illegal. However, there are laws in place for the nuisance they can cause. The Parish Council have no authority to intervene on the problem these may cause, but excessive fires and the burning of illegal matter may be reported by those affected to Worcester Regulatory Services, who have offices at Wyre Forest District Council. Burning domestic waste is strictly prohibited, as it may cause pollution or harm people's health. Excessive household or garden waste may be suitable for recycling or composting, and consideration should be given to taking this by car to be disposed of at Worcester Road, Kidderminster Waste Depot, or at the Stourport Road depot.

Also, there is no set time limit on having a bonfire, but there are times when it's more polite to have one - such as early morning or late evening, when you're least likely to annoy your neighbours. A quick, hot fire also reduces smoke emissions. Crucially, you have to make sure that the smoke from your bonfire doesn't blow across a road and cause danger to the traffic on it. Burning green leaves and vegetation also creates much more smoke, so we would recommend using the green waste disposal and recycling facilities at the council waste depots. You should ideally only ever burn dry materials, and tell your neighbours in advance.

In the hot summer months, please try to keep outdoor fires to a minimum—both in size and frequency. Local neighbours may have washing out, and windows open in summer months, and in the interests of good neighbourly relations, it is polite to keep fires to a minimum at these times. It is also the time when vegetation is at its driest, and so, fires could be hazardous, and quickly get out of control in such dry conditions. So, if having a bonfire, or barbecue in the coming months, please give a thought to neighbours and how it might affect them, and never leave it unattended.

2022/23 Audit & Accounts Summary

Payments	Amount £
Grant given to Arley School	200
Lengthsman's Work	2,369
Clearance work on Footpaths	405
Emptying Litter bins under Localism Contract	1,440
General Admin Costs, Insurance & CALC Subs.	2,537
Clerk's Salary Gross	7,669
Chairman's Allowance	100
Projects : Purchase of VA Sign parts, Spring Bulbs, and Miscellaneous highway works .	522
Training	70
	15,312
Receipts	
Brought Forward Balance	38,518
Precept	4,745
VAT Reimbursement	312
Lengthsman's Work reimbursement	2,369
Clearance work on Footpaths (Contract)	450
Litter Collection Contract under Localism	1,838
Bank Interest	75
Other Misc. Items	50
	48,357
Less payments made this year	15,312
Carry forward 2023/24:	33.045

The Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) for 2022/23 has been completed, and the internal audit successfully undertaken. As is legally required, the AGAR documents and supporting records were available for public inspection (as advertised) from 12th June to 21st July, by arrangement with the Clerk. Moreover, documents can be viewed on the Parish Council website : www.kfpc.org.uk

New Lengthsman & ROW Contractor

Your Parish Council have recently appointed a new Lengthsman—Mr. Christopher Bunn.

We would like to take this opportunity of welcoming Chris, and wish to make you aware of this change, as you will see him out and about working on the highways and Rights of Way in the Parish.

We would also like to thank Messrs. Archer for their work in this role over past recent years.



Holy Trinity Church, Trimpley



The past three months have been very busy at Holy Trinity. After the morning service on the 23rd April, there was a small service of dedication of the bench put in the churchyard to mark the many years of service given by Val and Ben Corfield to the church and community.

Holy Trinity has held two successful fund raising events, a Coffee Morning with a Cake Stall and a Plant Sale. Both were well supported and much enjoyed. Thanks and appreciation go to the helpers and all those who supported both events.

Plans are going ahead to produce a calendar for 2024. The fund raising committee is seeking sponsorship from local businesses. For further information contact Chris Grainger on 07710 508558.

Litter Collection

The Parish Council wish to thank the many local people, who voluntarily pick up litter locally—when taking a walk in the parish. A group of people regularly do this in Low Habberley, and one young person in the Crundalls Lane area has chosen to do this on a weekly basis as part of his Duke of Edinburgh award criteria. There are also other groups who regularly pick up litter in the Reservoir area. Without these people giving of their time and effort, our beautiful parish would be much less tidy, and not be a pleasant place to live. We would like you all to know that your efforts are noticed, and greatly appreciated.

Churchyard

At the recent Wildlife Survey in the churchyard some local flora was recorded which will be logged on the iNaturalist App, and it is hoped to perhaps arrange another survey at a later date.

Photo of the recent plant sale at the Church.



Planning Service

We understand that the District Council at Wyre Forest House are now offering a free 15 minute consultation to householders to receive advice from professional planning officers if considering a development or extension to their property. This would help people to understand if what they are proposing would fall within the parameters of permitted development or whether they need to submit a full planning application. Contact should be made with the Planning Department at Wyre Forest District Council if you wish to take advantage of this service.

Eymore Wood—Clear up



Thanks to Cllr. Chris Jordan who has negotiated with Arley Estate and Bronwins (Forestry) to arrange a clear up in Eymore Wood of the very many discarded, and now redundant, tree guards which currently litter the woodland floor. These were from planting done many years ago. This is being done locally, to bring forward this much needed removal and recycling of these numerous guards which spoil the woodland for people and wildlife alike.

Trimpley Green WI Meetings

19th July - Native Orchids and wild Flowers with Wilson Wall.

16th August—Rosemary Winnall's River Severn

20th September—Sing-a-Long with Nigel Blay

18th October—Toys Through Time

Meetings (usually) commence at 7.30p.m. in Trimpley Village Hall, and are held on the Third Wednesday of each month. New members welcome.

Parish Events for your diary

29th July—10am-9pm—Trimpley Music, Food & Heavy Horse Festival 2023

6th August—10a.m. Trimpley Vintage Rally

23rd September - Live Music event at Trimpley Village Hall