



KENTCHURCH

PARISH COUNCIL

*Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting of
Kentchurch Parish Council
held at The Auction Rooms, Pontrilas
on Wednesday 17th July 2019*

No KPC/MW/081

Present

Councillor Mr J Pring Vice – Chairman
Councillor Mr T Edwards
Councillor Ms J Evans

Clerk Mr M Walker

Also Present

Mr Dave Roden Lengthsman/Contractor and one further member of the public

Councillor Ms Jennifer Evans completed her Declaration of Registrable Interests Form before the commencement of the meeting for submission to the Monitoring Officer

Meeting declared open by the Vice - Chairman at 7.30pm

1.0 Apologies

Apologies received and accepted from Councillor Mr K (John) Chance Chairman and Councillor Mrs H Adams
Ward Councillor Mr Peter Jinman, Locality Steward Mr Paul Norris and Police Representative not present

2.0 Declarations of Interest

2.1 To receive any declarations of interest in agenda items
No declarations of interest were made

2.2 To consider any written applications for dispensation
No written declarations of interest made

Notification of Arrangement to Comply with Local Government Act 2000 had been completed by the Clerk and submitted to the Returning Officer

3.0 Minutes

The Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting No KPC/MW/080 held on Wednesday the 15th May 2019 were signed by the Vice - Chairman as a true record

4.0 Financial Report

4.1 Receipts

No receipts received

4.2 Invoices for Payment

Clerk's Salary June 2019 Gross	£265.79
Mileage	£24.93
Postage	£13.56
TAX £53.20 NIC £0.00	
Nett Pay	£251.08
Cheque 101009	



HMR&C 1 st Quarter Payment April May June (Reimbursement to Clerk authorised payment by private cheque) Cheque 101010	£159.40
Edit Print and Distribute Annual Report Invoice No 587 Cheque 101011	£210.80
Clerk's Salary July 2019 Gross	£265.79
Postage	£0.70 pence
TAX £53.20 NIC £0.00	
Nett Pay Cheque 101012	£213.29

All Payments Unanimously Approved

{Finance/Reconciliation Sheets given to all Parish Councillors present}

The Parish Council unanimously authorised the Clerk to obtain signatures from Councillor Mr K (John) Chance Chairman when convenient

The Clerk was instructed to pay the Parish Council's Insurance, due before the next Parish Council meeting, when invoice was received

4.3 Bank Balances as per Barclays Internet Printed Statements

Business Premium Account @ 1st July 2019 £17,603.74

Bank Reconciliation 17th July 2019

to agree with Bank Statement dated 01/07/2019 and signed by Vice - Chairman £17,603.74

Community Account @ 1st July 2019 £3,416.18

Bank Reconciliation 17th July 2019

to agree with Bank Statement dated 01/07/2019 and signed by Vice - Chairman £3,416.18

4.4 Barclays Bank Mandate Form (extra signatory required)

Form given to Councillor Mrs Heather Adams for completion and verification at Barclays Bank Details verified

Councillor Mr K J (John) Chance Chairman required to provide details for verification and took completed forms

Agenda item for the next full Parish Council meeting

5.0 Reports

5.1 Ward Councillor Mr Peter Jinman

Ward Councillor Mr Peter Jinman not present and no report available

5.2 Police Report

See Item 12.0

5.3 Lengthsman Report

Mr Dave Roden Lengthsman/Contractor provided a written report for the Chairman

“Elms Corner driveway bend – contact John Chance

Accident site where car went into the river – still no progress”

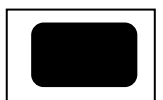
“Email sent / received 14th / 15th July 2019

Good morning Michael, At the last Kentchurch Parish Council meeting the Parish Council resolved to ask you to manage the railway embankment in Pontrilas village as previously but instead of one sustained clearing to make a number of visits during the period as discussed with Councillor John Pring.

Could you please confirm this arrangement is acceptable and that the annual payment will be the same as 2018-2019 £300.00. Could you also email or post a copy of your public liability insurance for my records. Best Regards Malcolm Walker Clerk to Kentchurch Parish Council

Parish Paths Partnership (P3) and Parish Lengthsman Schemes signed and returned from Balfour Beatty Herefordshire Council

A3 maps given to all Parish Councillors present



5.4 Memorial Hall Delegate Report

Councillor Mr Trefor Edwards reported on the following:-

Whist drives have now started

Gardening at the hall has been completed

The Arts Festival was very successful

BTR Clothes Bank units are very profitable for the hall

Founded in 1972 Bristol Textile Recyclers (BTR) Ltd is a family run business that diverts 20 tonnes of textiles from landfill daily. BTR helps its retail charity partners fundraise for their beneficiaries by purchasing their unsellable donations, including clothing and other textiles, for re-use. BTR also helps schools and other organisations fundraise by providing textile banks to collect unwanted clothes

Mr Roger Bradley is now the Chairman

6.0 Public Question Time

Designated maximum period of 10 minutes to accommodate members of the public who may wish to either raise or ask the Parish Council questions

No matters raise

7.0 General Power of Competence (GPOC)

To consider the eligibility of Kentchurch Parish Council to adopt (GPOC)

The Parish Council considered its eligibility for self-accreditation of The General Power of Competence.

1) Total Parish Councillors as at Election on Thursday 2nd May 2019 = 5 (2/3rds of 5 = 3 therefore eligible)

2) Clerk has the relevant **CaLCA** qualifications

The Parish Council having duly considered the criteria unanimously agreed to accredit Kentchurch Parish Council with the General Power of Competence.

Proposed by Councillor Mr T Edwards and Seconded by Councillor Mr J Pring Vice – Chairman

8.0 Allowances Scheme for Parish or Town Councillors

To consider allowance scheme

The Parish Council resolved unanimously not to pay their members a basic allowance

9.0 Sunrise Celebration Festival on Kentchurch Estate

To receive any updates and agree any further action required

“5th July 2019 Grateful if I could have an update on this as there is considerable local concern regarding this application. I have discussed the matter this morning with the local Parish Council chairman. It is appreciated that last year went well with little in the way of concerns being raised but that was at the cost of considerable email correspondence and attendance and monitoring by various bodies at the public expense. That licence was for a markedly smaller affair than this licences would allow and as such all the issues from previous years must be addressed and risk assessment and prevention strategies agreed and put in place. Regards, Peter Cllr Jinman Golden Valley South”

An update prompted by my enquiry, Regards, Peter

Good afternoon Cllr Jinman This is for a one off premises licence.

Last year they used a Temporary Event Notice which had no conditions attached to it. Even though that was the case we asked the event organiser to supply an Event Management Plan which they did. This year we are conditioning the licence to include the requirement to provide an Event Management Plan which will include:

an event risk assessment and specific details on the following areas:

- Health and Safety Responsibilities • Venue and Site Design • Fire Safety
- Major Incident Planning (Emergency planning) • Communication
- Crowd Management (including steward and security numbers and their roles)
- Transport • Management Structures • Barriers • Electrical Installations and Lighting
- Food and Alcohol • Water • Merchandising and Special Licensing • Amusements,
- Attractions and Promotional displays • Sanitary Facilities • Waste Management
- Sound: Noise and Vibration • Special Effects, Fireworks and Pyrotechnics • Camping
- Facilities for People with disabilities • Medical, Ambulance and First Aid Management



- Information and Welfare
 - Children - including Lost Children's Policy
 - Performers
 - TV and Media
- As can be seen the issues covered are quite extensive.
They will also be visited by the Safety Advisory Group (Police, Ambulance, Fire, EHO, Licensing, Highways etc) prior to the start of the event . This is something which we do across the county for all big events. I hope that answers the queries. Best wishes Fred Spriggs

10.0 **Telephone Kiosk, Defibrillator Training**

10.1 Pontrilas Telephone Kiosk Defibrillator Training

The Defibrillator Emergency Access Code is available from any Parish Councillor or Staff members across the road at Nigel Wards or Staff at Pontrilas Shop and Post-Office or Pontrilas Garage or By ringing 999 Ambulance Service

This Location is Pontrilas Village HR2 0EH

Information has now been sent to the Ambulance Service

Defibrillator x181055169 is now registered on “The Circuit” – the national defibrillator network and the West Midlands Ambulance Service

Full information given to all Parish Councillors

10.2 Kentchurch Telephone Kiosk “Bunker” update

Ideas for the Kiosk on-going

11.0 **Highways and Footpaths**

To receive **new** information on any Parish Highway including Public Footpath Issues

Councillor Mr J Pring Vice – Chairman, Parish Council Footpaths Officer, had cleared some of KZ5
6 x Kissing Gates on KZ5 required Brooks Farm – Lea Cottage
Some new way-marking had taken place

12.0 **Information Sheet**

Sheet to include update on previous action points and a list of correspondence received

Planning Applications Update

2nd May 2017 Planning Application P171547/XA2 Timber and Builders Merchant Pontrilas
Application for approval of details reserved by conditions 3, 4 and 15 attached
to planning permission 142033
Type PP Approval of details reserved by condition

Still Valid

1st July 2019 Planning Application P192308/XA2 Land at Brooks Farm Pontrilas
Application for approval of details reserved by condition 3 attached
to planning permission 190040
Type PP Approval of details reserved by condition
Still Valid {We are not accepting comments for this planning application}
Discharge of Condition 3 - 8th July 2019
{received after information sheet was printed}

Correspondence

24th May 2019 Letter to Mr John Cole
reference thanks for long service on the Parish Council

14th June 2019 Email received from PKF Littlejohn LLP (External Auditors)
reference Receipt of Documents – Notification of Exempt Status 2019

30th June 2019 Pensions Regulator letter to Mr Malcolm Walker Parish Clerk
reference Re-enrolment your legal duties as an employer

June 2019 Golden Valley Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT) Newsletter

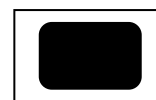
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Crime Trends 1st - 31st May 2019 Entry was forced into garden shed at a property in **Bredwardine** between 3.30pm on Sunday 12th May and 2.30pm the following day. A Briggs and Stratton petrol lawnmower was stolen Incident ref 479-s-130519



Between 12noon and 12.30pm on Sunday 19th May, a wallet was stolen from inside an unlocked vehicle in Church Croft, **Madley**. The vehicle was parked while the owner was working at a property; the wallet contained a quantity of cash, a bank card and driving licence Incident ref 334-s-190519

Sometime between 5pm on Friday 17th and 8am on Monday 20th May, 4 front doors and 25 internal doors were stolen from a building site in **Clehonger** Incident ref 229-s-200519

Several roof tiles on the pavilion in **Ewyas Harold** recreation ground were damaged sometime during the evening of Wednesday 22nd May - there have been several instances of minor damage to areas of the recreation ground in recent weeks, please let us know if you have any information about this Incident ref 624-s-240519

A garage at a private dwelling on the outskirts of **Clehonger** was broken into over the Bank Holiday weekend while the occupiers were away and a large quantity of power and hand tools were stolen Incident ref 624-s-280519

If you have any info regarding any crime you can contact police on 101 in an emergency please dial 999

You can also contact Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111 to report any crime or criminal activity anonymously

Arrests A 30 year old male from **Madley** was arrested for driving with excess alcohol, he has been released under investigation

A 74 year old male from **Vowchurch** has been arrested for assault, he has been released under investigation

A 38 year old male from **Kingstone** was arrested for assault, he has been released under investigation

West Mercia PCC announces summer roadshow dates

Communities are getting the opportunity to talk to their Police and Crime Commissioner, John Campion, at a number of events taking place across West Mercia this summer.

As with previous years, the 'summer roadshow' will give communities the chance to talk to the PCC about concerns and local issues. However, this year, anyone dropping by the stand can also receive a free Smartwater kit to protect their home and property as well as raise concerns about road safety.

As part of the Commissioner's drive to reduce crime and make communities safer, he will be joined by representatives from Smartwater and the West Mercia Police 'We Don't Buy Crime' team at the events. They will be on-hand to talk to people about the water-based solution which allows property to be marked that can be traced by the police. People will then have the opportunity to sign up to the 'We Don't Buy Crime' scheme to receive a free Smartwater kit.

The Commissioner also wants to hear from the public about their road safety concerns. After announcing an investment of £500,000 to be spent on road safety initiatives, working in partnership with local authorities to improve roads and introducing 70 'mini officers' to police speeding and inconsiderate parking outside schools across West Mercia, this is an area he is keen to talk to people about.

The event programme for this year is as follows:

Newport Show, Telford & Wrekin – Saturday 13 July

Bromsgrove Police Station open day, Worcestershire – Saturday 31 August

Ludlow Food Festival, Shropshire – Saturday 14 September

PCC John Campion said: "This year I am focusing on two central parts of my commitment to making West Mercia Safer, but I want to hear from anyone – whatever the subject.

I want to make sure that people get the opportunity to have a strong voice around policing and crime, and it is my role to capture all that is said. So, if you're planning on coming to any of the events, please drop by and say hello."

Have Your Say on Rural Crime - 7pm on Monday 24th June 2019

Would you like to see more police in rural areas? What crime issues are important to you?

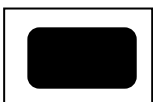
What would make your community safer?

Rural Crime will be the focus of a live question and answer session hosted by the West Mercia Police and Crime Commissioner.

The meeting will be streamed live on the PCC's facebook page (@WestMerciaPCC), from 7pm on Monday 24th June 2019. The public are invited to ask the questions which the Commissioner and his Deputy Tracey Onslow will put to West Mercia Police Chief Constable Anthony Bangham, and Deputy Chief Constable Amanda Blakeman.

The meeting is the third to be broadcast live, and is part of a series of regular meetings, focusing on key priorities raised by communities.

Commissioner John Campion said "Building safer, more secure rural communities is something that, I and the Chief Constable are committed to. I get clear feedback that this priority is shared by our communities.



I'd encourage people to take advantage of this opportunity, to have a voice at the highest level. Any questions you have about rural policing, funding to tackle rural crime or particular crime types affecting you and your communities, can be addressed in the most open and transparent way."

Questions are invited live during the broadcast, or can be submitted in advance as part of a series of summer roadshows, via a Facebook comment or private message, or via email to

getinvolved@westmercia.pnn.police.uk

For more info about how you can take part visit: <https://www.westmercia-pcc.gov.uk/getinvolved/questions>

For more information on the Summer Roadshows visit <https://www.westmercia-pcc.gov.uk/westmercia-pcc-announces-summer-roadshow-date/>

Courier Fraud, Bogus Police and Bank Officials Alert ACTION FRAUD ALERT What you need to know

Individuals have been receiving phone calls from people claiming to be a police officer or banking official

The suspect will say either:

- There has been fraudulent activity at the victims' bank and the staff at the bank are involved, the victim is then asked to withdraw money to either keep it safe or assist the police with their investigation
- A business such as a jewellers or currency exchange is fraudulent and they require the victims' assistance to help secure evidence by purchasing jewellery or exchange a large amount of currency to hand over to the police
- The victims' card has been compromised and used to purchase goods by a suspect, the victim is requested to withdraw their money to keep it safe or hand over their bank card to the police

Occasionally the victim will be told to dial a non-emergency extension of '161' to receive confirmation of the individual's bogus identity, the bogus official will advise the victim to lie about the reason for the withdrawal or purchase if challenged by staff, as the staff member is involved in the fraud.

A courier attends the victim's home address to collect the goods the same day Often the victim is given a code word for the courier as a way of authentication.

Your bank or the police will never:

- Phone and ask you for your PIN or full banking password

- Ask you to withdraw money to hand over to them for safe-keeping
- Ask you to transfer money out of your account
- Send someone to your home to collect cash, PINs, cards to cheque books

To report a possible fraud, or for more information on current fraud/scams, please visit the [Action Fraud Website](#) where you can also sign up for free email alerts

How to Contact Us 101 to talk to your local SNT or report a crime

goldenvalley.snt@westmercia.pnn.police.uk

www.westmercia.police.uk

@GValleyCops

Only call 999 in an emergency, when a crime is in progress or life is in danger

News from your local Fire Crews As the summer holidays start and the sun shines, there may be good reason to promote outdoor and summer fire safety messages as well.

Cooking fires Fires from cooking appliances have consistently resulted in around half of all accidental fires in the home in England.

School holidays With children on school holidays, both an opportunity and a problem are presented.

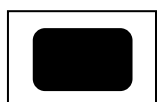
With children around, parents/carers are able to cook with their children and teach them cooking fire safety messages. However, it is important to be aware that children may provide a distraction when cooking.

Barbecues You may wish to specifically promote barbecue safety messages as they fit nicely within both cooking and summer fire safety. You may also wish to include barbecue messages on carbon monoxide, with incidents being reported of barbecues being used in enclosed spaces resulting in CO poisoning.

Cooking Fire Safety Messages Cooking fire safety covers a range of issues, from leaving it unattended through to electrical issues and even barbecues. This presents a range of messaging and the need for tailoring of messaging and activity to the relevant audiences. Obviously, having sufficient detection equipment and escape plans remains of high importance.

Cooking safely Avoid leaving children in the kitchen alone when cooking on the hob. Keep matches and saucepan handles out of their reach to keep them safe

- Make sure saucepan handles don't stick out – so they don't get knocked off the stove
- Take care if you're wearing loose clothing – this can easily catch fire
- Keep tea towels and cloths away from the cooker and hob
- Double check the cooker is off when you've finished cooking
- Take care if you need to leave the kitchen whilst cooking, take pans off the heat or turn them down to avoid risk



Take care with electrics Keep electrics (leads and appliances) away from water.

- Check toasters are clean and placed away from curtains and kitchen rolls.
- Keep the oven, hob and grill clean and in good working order. A build-up of fat and grease can ignite a fire.

Deep fat frying Take care when cooking with hot oil – it sets alight easily

- Make sure food is dry before putting it in hot oil so it doesn't splash
- If the oil starts to smoke – it's too hot. Turn off the heat and leave it to cool
- Use a thermostat controlled electric deep fat fryer. They can't overheat

What to do if a pan catches fire:

- Don't take any risks. Turn off the heat if it is safe to do so. Never throw water over it
- Don't tackle the fire yourself – Get Out, Stay Out, Call 999.

Barbecues Barbecues don't cause too many fires; but that may be due to a history of excellent message promotion by fire and rescue services! However, it can also be a way in to talk about cooking fire safety more generally.

Barbecue messages include:

- Enjoy yourself, but don't drink too much alcohol if you are in charge of the barbecue or any cooking!
- Make sure your barbecue is well away from sheds, fences, trees, shrubs or garden waste
- Never leave a barbecue or any cooking unattended
- Never use a barbecue indoors
- Keep a bucket of water, sand or a garden hose nearby for emergencies
- Follow the safety instructions provided with disposable barbecues
- Never use petrol or paraffin to start or revive your barbecue; use only recognised lighters or starter fuels on coal
- Empty ashes onto bare garden soil, not into dustbins or wheelie bins. If they're hot, they can melt the plastic and start a fire

Carbon monoxide There have been incidents of people bringing barbecues into enclosed spaces resulting in carbon monoxide poisoning. More detail is available in the June Fire Kills briefing pack and on the Gas Safe Register website. http://www.gassaferegister.co.uk/advice/seasonal_advice/bbq_safety.aspx

July 2019 Golden Valley Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT) Newsletter

Your team, based at Peterchurch

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News from the Nick Sadly, we have to report that PC Roger Bradley is hanging up his boots after 30 years service with West Mercia Police on 9th July. Roger has spent many of these years based at Peterchurch, and we're sure many of you will know Roger from his time working in The Valley. He will be missed by his colleagues, but we wish him all the best in his well earned retirement.

A Few Words from Roger.....

"I have completed my last day at work as I write this following 30 years service, which I must admit has flown by.

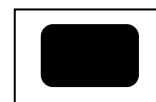
I have worked at nearly all stations within Herefordshire during that time, but can honestly say that policing the Golden Valley has been the best years of my career. Those who know me well will recall I first worked here from 2002 to 2010 and then I returned in 2016.

Having also lived in the Golden Valley during this time for a period of 10 years, I feel this is one of the best parts of the county and is generally a safe and very pleasant place to live and work. This is not necessarily down to policing, but the strength and attitude of the communities who are passionate about the area and who have helped me and the team at Peterchurch over the years. We couldn't do our job without you, and I want to take this opportunity to thank you all for your help and support.

I have made some good friends locally, and I will remain in contact with you and my colleagues at the station. So it's time to move on to a new chapter in my life, and I will no doubt see some of you around... Cheers, Roger"

Rogers' replacement (if there could be such a thing!) will be PC Jeff Rouse, currently serving as a response officer in Leominster; he is due to join the team sometime in September, and is very much looking forward to working with us in this beautiful corner of Herefordshire.

Crime Trends 1st - 30th June 2019 Sometime between 10.00 am and 5.15pm on Wednesday 5th June, a bag containing clothing and a purse was stolen from the footwell of an insecure vehicle parked at a livery yard in **Vowchurch** Incident ref 600-s-050619



A Landrover Defender was stolen from a yard by farm buildings in **Bredwardine** between 11.25am and 1pm on Wednesday 5th June Incident ref 340-s-050619

The sports pavilion at **Michaelchurch Escley** was broken into sometime during Friday 7th July; although a cupboard was forced open, it does not appear that anything was taken - nothing of value is kept at the pavilion Incident ref 754-s-070619

A cat was seriously injured with what appears to have been an air gun pellet sometime during the evening/night of Friday 7th July in **Cusop Dingle**. the elderly cat has had extensive treatment at the vets and has recovered although will need more surgery.

It has since come to light that two other cats in the same area have been injured since then, one was found to have in excess of 70 shotgun pellets in it's body. If you have any information about this, please get in touch, or you can contact Crimestoppers anonymously on the number below Incident ref 155-s-110619

A fibreglass canopy was stolen from a building site in **Clehonger** overnight on Wednesday 12th/Thursday 13th June Incident ref 252-s-130619

Sometime between Sunday 16th June and Tuesday 18th June, a wooden shed at the side of the Salem Baptist Chapel in **Longtown** was broken into, but nothing was taken as no items of value are kept in there Incident ref 525-s-180619

A garden shed at a property in **Llanveynoe** was broken into sometime between Tuesday 18th June and Sunday 23rd June. Items stolen include a Stihl strimmer and brush cutter, a Husqvana chainsaw and a leaf blower Incident ref 336-s-230619

A shed in the garden of a property in **Longtown** was broken into sometime in the two weeks leading up to the 30th June. A lawnmower, petrol strimmer, chainsaw and hedge trimmer were stolen Incident ref 463-s-010719

A red Honda 420 quad bike was stolen from a farm yard outside **Dorstone** at about 5.15pm on Thursday 27th June. The bike was seen being driven away by a lad in a hoody - no further description. Just before this a silver transit type van containing two males had called into the yard Incident 608-s-270619

[Herefordshire record low burglary crime figures](#) Herefordshire police have been working hard to reduce the volume of burglaries across the county.

Our dedicated officers have been making in-roads into reducing the number of burglaries by targeting prolific offenders and proactive operations to clamp down on the crime.

This problem solving approach has produced a reduction, over the past six months, in the amount of homes involved in burglaries by 20% from 132 to 106.

Detective Inspector Ross Jones said: "Being broken into is absolutely devastating and can have a long lasting impact on victims, when someone has unfortunately been a victim we make sure this is followed up with advice and support.

"As well as investigating the crimes that take place and supporting victims our dedicated officers have been targeting prolific offenders and implementing proactive operations with the aim of disrupting these individuals from committing further crime.

"Our officers, in particular the safer neighbourhood team, use local events, routine patrol and social media accounts to communicate messages to members of the public on how they can help beat the burglar.

He continued: "All these components mean we continue to crack down on burglars and reduce homes being targeted across Herefordshire."

Crime prevention can help play a crucial part in preventing the burglars in the first instance, we want to remind homeowners of the simple steps they can take, making a home unattractive to potential thieves can often make a real difference.

- Install CCTV, burglar alarms and outside lighting;
- Lock front and back doors, even if you are in the house and particularly overnight;
- Keep ground floor windows shut when you leave the house and overnight;
- Hide items such as mobile phones, car keys, wallets and purses, out of view from windows and doors;
- Put lamps and/or radios on a timer to make it appear that someone is home;
- If you are away ask a neighbour to keep an eye on your home, you could even ask them to occasionally park their car on your drive to make it look as though people are currently in.

We Don't Buy Crime is West Mercia Police's response to tackling serious acquisitive crime, which includes crimes such as burglary and theft. The initiative, supported by West Mercia Police and Crime Commissioner John Campion, utilises a range of overt and covert tactics to help take the value out of acquisitive crime.



Drivers Targeted With Fake Fines Information sent on behalf of Action Fraud

What you need to know Action Fraud have received an increase in reports and intelligence where elderly victims are being targeted by individuals purporting to be police officers or traffic wardens. The victims are being approached whilst parked in a car park and are told by the suspect that they have parked illegally or broken a speed limit and a photo has been taken of their car for 'evidence'.

Victims are advised that they will face a substantial penalty fine unless they pay a smaller upfront fee immediately. Victims, who opt for paying the smaller penalty, will be directed to a parking meter and asked to enter their card and PIN. These parking meters have been tampered with by the suspect in order to retain the card.

Once the victim inserts their card and are asked for their PIN, the victims are shoulder surfed for their PIN by the suspect. Once victims input their PIN, the card is retained by the machine and victims are told by the suspect to seek help from the company who operates the parking meter or their bank.

What you need to do

- If you are suspicious about the authenticity of the fine, do not pay it until you have verified it with your local council.
- Always shield your PIN from view when using an ATM machine, and never share your PIN with anyone.
- If your bank card is retained by an ATM machine, contact your bank immediately to inform them.

For more details regarding Action Fraud and to keep informed of the latest scams go to

<https://www.actionfraudalert.co.uk/>

13.0 Storage Facilities for Parish Council Records

To discuss storage facilities

Topic discussed and on-going

14.0 Matters Relayed to the Clerk for the Agenda of the Next Meeting

Bank Mandate Form

15.0 Confirmation of Date, Time and Venue of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting to be held on Wednesday 18th September 2019, meeting to commence at 7.30pm in The Auction Rooms Pontrilas

16.0 Parish Council Clerk's Annual Performance & Salary Review

Clerk's Annual performance and Salary Review


Following Council resolution this item was held in closed session

The public and Clerk left the meeting room

It was unanimously approved for the Clerk to have an annual increment of 2 Scale Points to {Spinal Column Point} SCP 26

The public and Clerk re-joined the meeting

Meeting Declared Closed 8.30 pm

Signed..........

Parish Council Chairman Councillor K J Chance

Dated this day the 18th September 2019