



KENTCHURCH

PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting of
Kentchurch Parish Council
held at The Auction Rooms, Pontrilas
on Wednesday 15th March 2017

No KPC/MW/067

Present

Councillor Mr J L Pring Chairman
Councillor Mr (John) K J Chance Vice – Chairman
Councillor Mr J Cole
Councillor Mr T Edwards
Councillor Mr B C Griffiths

Clerk Mr M Walker

Also Present

Ward Councillor Mr Graham Powell, Lengthsman Mr Terry Griffiths and one further member of the public

Meeting declared open by the Chairman at 7.30pm

1.0 Apologies

No apologies received as all Parish Councillors were present
Representative from the Local Policing Team not present
Locality Steward Linzy Outtrim 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

3.0 Minutes

The Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting No KPC/MW/066 held on Wednesday the 25th January 2017 were signed by the Chairman as a true record

The Parish Council resolved to change the order of business at this time to Item 5.0

5.0 Reports

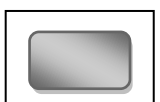
5.1 Ward Councillor Mr Graham Powell gave a verbal résumé of the following:-

Kentchurch PC Ward Member Report - March 2017
2017/18 Council Tax Update

Cabinet made their recommendation to Council on Thursday 19th January, Council approved the budget on 3rd February and set the Council Tax (including precepts) on 3rd March 2017.

- (a) the council tax base of 67,937.91 band D equivalents;
(b) an increase in council tax in 2017/18 of 1.9%;
(c) an additional precept in respect of adult social care costs of 2.0% applied to council tax in 2017/18.

The impact of the above will result in a total council tax increase of 3.9%; increasing the band D charge from £1,324.83 to £1,376.50 for Herefordshire Council in 2017/18. Fire, Police & Parish precepts are added to this amount.



The figures for Kentchurch PC (Band D) are:

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|----------------|--|
| Council Tax | £1,376.50 |
| Parish Precept | £73.11 (£7,500/102.59; 2.8% increase on 2016/17) |
| Police Precept | £189.60 (0% increase on 2016/17) |
| Fire Precept | £79.53 (1.96% on 2016/17) |
| Total | £1,718.74 |

Spring Budget 2017 - Adult Social Care

Philip Hammond said in his budget statement last week that an additional £2 billion in grant funding would be available for local authorities across the country for spending on adult social care over the next three years with £1 billion available in the next financial year.

Local Authorities will need to understand the detail of this funding commitment and locally we will need to determine how it will apply to a rural county, but at this initial stage it appears that the government has gone some way to recognising the very great pressures on adult social care.

The additional funding for adult social care in Herefordshire is –

£3,572,743 for 2017/18; £2,496,032 for 2018/19 and £1,241,926 for 2019/20

Marches Local Enterprise Partnership

On 9th March the Communities Secretary announced government funding of some £392m. across the midlands to help create jobs, support businesses and encourage growth. The Marches Local Enterprise Partnership are set to receive £21.9 million to spend on projects including:

£8m – The New Model in Technology and Engineering university, Herefordshire

£6.36 – Newport Innovation and Enterprise Package, Newport, Telford & Wrekin

£2.82 – Centre for Cyber Security, Rotherwas, Herefordshire

£2.75m – Investing in Our Future Workforce, Marches-wide skills project

£1.9m – Redevelopment of the Flaxmill, Shrewsbury, Shropshire.

NMiTE – New Model in Technology and Engineering – a new university based in Hereford will provide a unique and highly innovative, real-world teaching approach where engineering businesses have a central role in curriculum development and teaching. It will support business innovation and commercialisation through opportunities for greater academic and commercial integration, supporting 230 companies in the first five years and 350 graduates per year;

Midlands Connect

Midlands Connect is a Pan-Midlands partnership of local transport authorities, local enterprise partnerships and local business representatives working with the Department for Transport and its key delivery bodies. The Partnership now forms the transport component of the Midlands Engine for Growth.

Midlands Connect was tasked by the Government to identify transport improvements to unlock the growth potential of the Midlands. On 9th March a comprehensive strategy was published following 18 months of detailed, evidenced-based work and stakeholder engagement.

The proposals have the potential to unlock £5 billion in untapped economic potential and contribute to the wider Midlands Engine target of creating 300,000 new jobs over the next two decades.

Proposals for Road Closure at Pontrilas Army Training Area

Community Engagement Event The Lounge, Ewyas Harold Memorial Hall, Pontrilas Road, Ewyas Harold, HR2 0EJ

Thursday 6th April 2017 3.00pm – 7.30pm



The Midlands Connect Strategy

Our strategy is built on a strong understanding of the changing economic geography of the Midlands, informed by the strategic economic plans developed by the Local Enterprise Partnerships, independent economic analysis, and engagement with the private sector through a comprehensive business survey. We have identified how transport connectivity supports economic growth in different sectors and locations across the Midlands - and importantly how and where it acts as a barrier to growth.

As a result we have been able to establish a spatial framework for investment based on four strategic economic hubs and six intensive growth corridors which are critical to both the Midlands and the UK as a whole.

Strategic Economic Hubs:

- Birmingham, Solihull and the Black Country;
- Nottingham and Derby;
- Leicester and Coventry; and
- North Staffordshire.

Intensive Growth Corridors:

1. Birmingham - Coventry/Leicester - Northamptonshire - Milton Keynes and the South, and includes connections to Kettering, Corby and the East of England;
2. Birmingham - Black Country - Staffordshire and the North, and includes connections to Telford, Shrewsbury and North Wales;
3. Nottingham and Derby - the North;
4. Humber Ports - Lincoln - Nottingham - Derby - Birmingham and Nottingham - Derby - North Staffordshire;
5. Nottingham - Leicester - Coventry - Warwick and Thames Valley, and includes connections from Leicester to Birmingham; and
6. Birmingham - Worcester - Hereford and the Marches with connections to Wales and the South West.

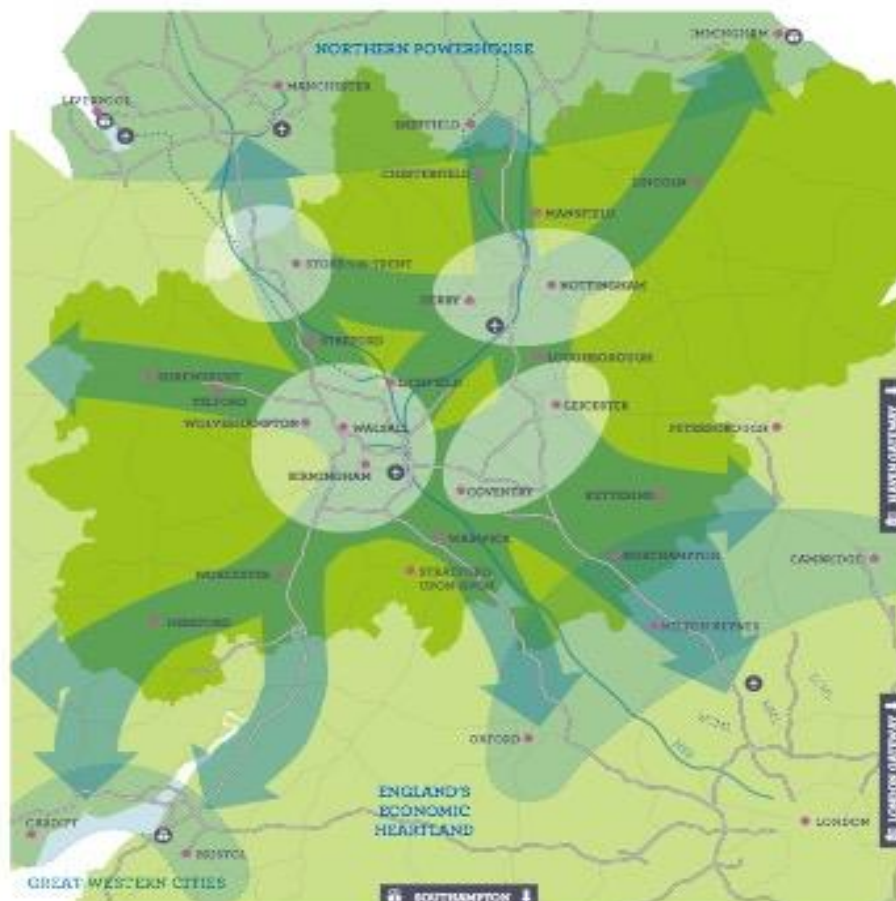
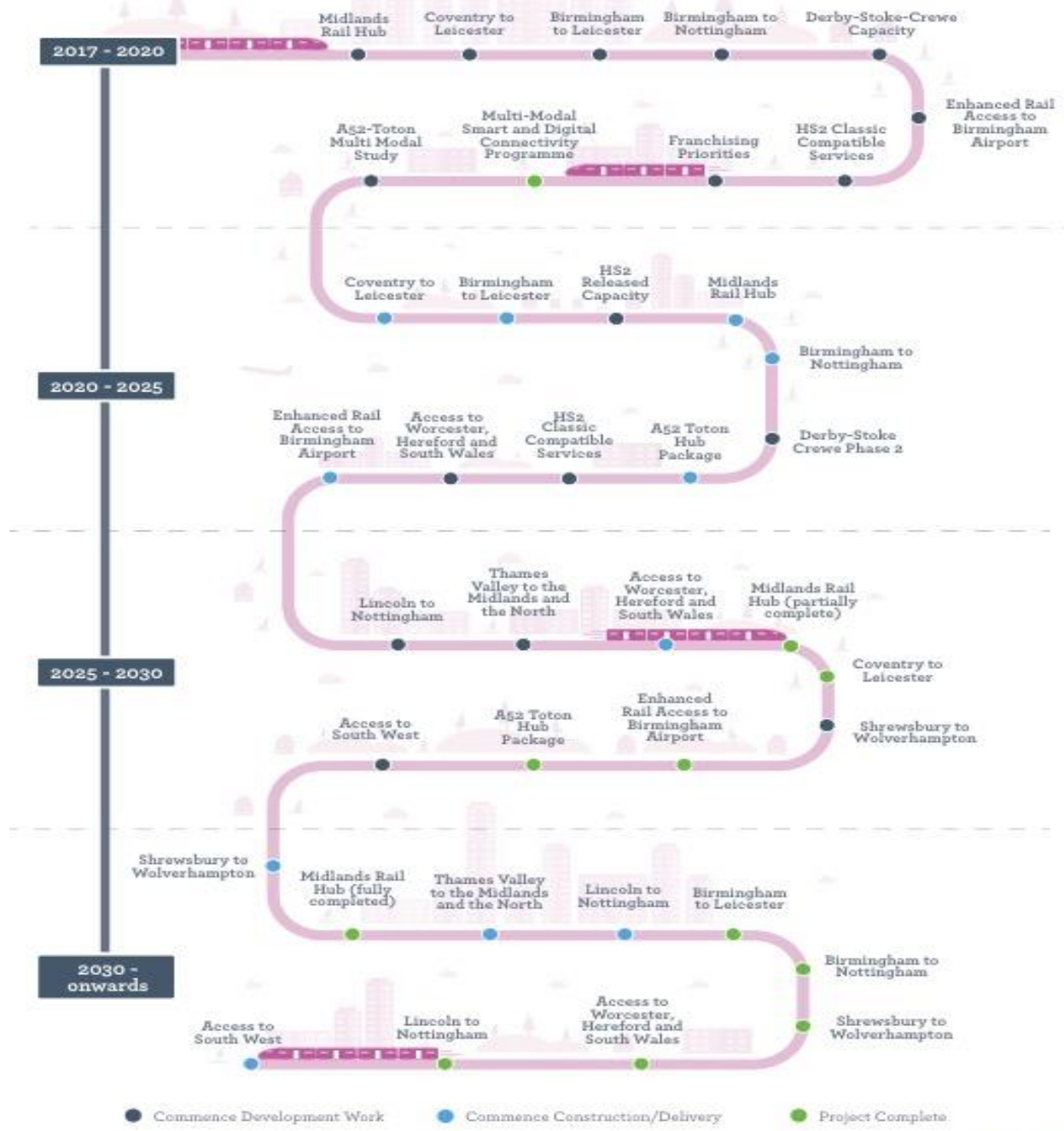


Figure 2: Midlands Connect Strategic Economic Hubs and Corridors



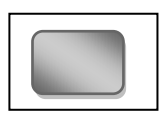
Rail and Smart Digital Programme



And finally....This will most probably be my final appearance at a Kentchurch PC meeting in my role as ward member for Herefordshire Council. Carol and I have put our house in Longtown on the market and, subject to finding a willing buyer, we will be moving away from the local area.

I have enjoyed the past 6 years and leave the role of ward member knowing that I have done my best, and hoping that you feel we have collectively served our local communities. I thank each of you for your help, kindness, friendship and occasional hospitality! - and wish you all the very best wishes for the future.

A vote of thanks from Mr J L Pring Chairman and the Kentchurch Parish Council was given to Graham for all his hard work, diligence and commitment during his time as Ward Councillor for the area.



5.2 Police Report

No Police present see Item 9.0

5.3 Lengthsman Report

Lengthsman Terry Griffiths reported on the following:-

Apologies for missing several meetings

Next year confirmation of the contribution from Balfour Beatty Living Places of £30 per kilometre and contribution from the Parish Council £60.00 per kilometre

All current work up to date

Review schedules for next year and instruction required

No rate changes

Full check around the parish on Friday

Ditch at Castle Field !

Bradley Farm Ditch !

Kentchurch Parish Annual Maintenance Plan for 2017-2018 submitted to Balfour Beatty / Herefordshire Council 17th February 2017

5.4 Memorial Hall Delegate Report

Councillor Mr Trefor Edwards Delegate had not attended a meeting

The Parish Council resumed the correct order of business at this time to Item 4.0

4.0 Financial Report

4.1 Bank Balances as per Statements

Community Account @ 28th February 2017 £4,833.80

Bank Reconciliation 14th March 2017 to agree with

Internet printed Bank Statement £4,833.80

Business Saver Account @ 31st January 2017 £11,800.63

Bank Reconciliation 14th March 2017 to agree with

Internet printed Bank Statement £11,800.63

4.2 Receipts

No receipts received

4.3 Invoices for Payment

Clerk's Salary February 2017 Gross £244.71

Mileage £17.19

Postage £2.40

Stationery & Consumables £127.00

TAX £49.00 NIC £0.00

Cheque 100939

Terry Griffiths TGC 1822 + Worksheet £540.00

Cheque 100940

Terry Griffiths TGC 1903 + Worksheet {See Item 9.0} £302.40

Cheque 100942

Clerk's Salary March 2017 Gross £244.71

Mileage £2.61

TAX £48.80 NIC £0.00

Cheque 100943

HMR&C 4th Quarter Payment January February March £146.80

Cheque 100944

All Payment Unanimously Approved

Thank you received from Dore Community Transport for Grant of £200.00

{Finance Sheets given to all Parish Councillors }



Precept acknowledgement received from Herefordshire Council 27th February 2017 for the coming fiscal year 2017-2018 at £7,500.00 1st payment 21st April 2017 and 2nd payment 22nd September 2017

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 raised

7.0 Policies for Ratification

7.1 Early Discussion on Development Projects Policy approved and signed by Parish Council Chairman Councillor Mr J L Pring.

7.2 Flooding Advice and Sandbag Policy approved by the Parish Council.

50 empty sandbags to be kept by Councillor Mr B C Griffiths

{Item for the Annual Parish Newsletter }

7.3 To Ratify Current Version of the Group Neighbourhood Development Plan for Regulation 16 submission

The Abbeydore, Bacton, Ewyas Harold, Dulas, Llancillo, Rowlestone and Kentchurch Parishes

Neighbourhood Development Plan 2017 – 2031 was unanimously approved by the Parish Council for the Regulation 16 submission at Herefordshire Council.

8.0 Highways and Footpaths

To receive **new** information on any Parish Highway including Public Footpath Issues including update on A465 road crossing

The Parish Council Unanimously Resolved to accept the revised suggested scheme for the A465 Refuge Area.

Ewyas Harold Group Parish Council reference KPC 17/01/01 Contribution as previously agreed towards A465 Traffic Island £1,500.00. Cheque prepared but the Parish Council resolved to withhold payment until all details are finalised e.g. Traffic Management Cheque 100938

Traffic Management System from Balfour Beatty Living Places approximately £495.00 + VAT

Contact to be made with Ewyas Harold Group Parish Council new Parish Clerk Claire Griffiths

A465 road crossing due for construction Saturday 25th March 2017

Cheque to be sent after invoice received from Ewyas Harold Group Parish Council Clerk

9.0 Information Sheet

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

17th November 2016 Planning Application 163509 Old House Farm, Pontrilas, Hereford

The proposal involves retaining an existing caravan to be used as accommodation for a farm worker

Type Planning Permission

Planning Application Refused 30th January 2017

12th December 2016 Planning Application 163967 Eastcote Railway Terrace Access, Pontrilas HR2 0BH

Site for erection of a 3 or 4 bedroom two storey dwelling on infill plot

Type Outline

Planning Application Withdrawn 30th January 2017

6th January 2017 Planning Application 164117 Pontrilas Sawmills, Pontrilas, HR2 0BE

Proposed construction of new conversion/grading building

Type Planning Permission

Planning Application Still Valid

Delivery Received

9th March 2017

50 Empty Sandbags received from Linzy Outtrim



Lengthsman Report for January 2017

Account Roads - Specific Task November 2016 (1) **Invoice No TGC1903**

Description of work carried out:- Specific Task Work.-Ref MW

C1234

Lea cottage area

Clear grids and clean out road gullys

Jet connecting pipes to outfall chamber in field

Remove as much as possible the debris washed around the drains in the area

C1234

Gwern-y-cae-Wood

Clear grids and lean out road gullys

Jet connecting pipes and road culvert to outfall ditch

C1234

From Gwern Gounsell Farm entrance to rail tunnel

Deal with surface water coming out of field adjacent to farm drive and running down road to Pontrilas village

Clear existing grips and reform leads

Put in new grips where hedge embankments allows

Surface water turned into grip system and lost off road before junction with main road

Notes

It is unlikely that any action will be practical to stop this surface water at source but if agreement can be reached with the landowner of the fields opposite we can lose the water off the road through grips into grassed fields.

Golden Valley Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT) Briefing 9th - 25th February 2017

News from the Nick Congratulations to Lucy, who has been successful in her application to join Dyfed Powys Police as a police officer. Her training begins on March 27th, and her last working day with West Mercia will be 10th March.

Lucy joined us in the Golden Valley in November 2015, having already served nine years as a PCSO in Worcester and Ludlow, and she is a valued, hard working member of our team. We will miss her, but wish her every success in her future career.

We have had no reported property crime since the last briefing which is great news - we must be doing a good job One Sunday morning a couple of weeks ago, the team here had a joint operation with the Brecon Beacon wardens and colleagues from the Operational Policing Unit or OPU for short(Tom's new gang!) up in the **Olchon Valley** and **Longtown** areas. We were targeting the scrambler bikes that illegally ride up onto the mountain causing considerable damage, and danger to walkers and wildlife. These individuals have no regard for the law, and in the past have refused to stop for police. They usually have no number plate displayed so it is very difficult to trace the culprits. Three bikes were seen going up onto the mountain at Craswall that morning, displaying no registration plates, but a good description was given by the witness. Later, they were seen by a patrol in the road, presumably having come down from the mountain, and were signalled to stop.

One did but his two colleagues decided against it, and strangely when questioned, the one who didn't get away couldn't remember his mates names.

The male that was stopped hailed from **Ewyas Harold**, and he was given a ticket for failing to display a registration plate and will have to pay £100.

He had the plate in his rucksack which had just broken off apparently!

The O P U spent some time in **Peterchurch** one morning recently along with officers from DVLA and Customs and Excise and stopped several vehicles; two tickets were issued for traffic offences (no registration plate and a bald tyre), 4 prohibition notices were issued (for vehicle defects that needed rectifying there and then), two drug swipes were carried out and a medical form completed as the competence of a driver was in question.

Scams Carers for an elderly resident of **Madley** reported to us that an unknown male had cut down a tree for the resident and she had written him a cheque for £1000.

Luckily, the bank did not cash the cheque as they didn't recognise the signature - the handwriting had deteriorated from the one originally given to the bank and they did not match.

An officer attended and advised the carers to remove all money and cheque books from the premises for safe keeping, which was just as well as there was another call to the same property on Friday 24th February. The carers arrived and found the kitchen had been ransacked; the resident said two men had called for money and



when she said she didn't have any, they began searching for some. Enquiries are ongoing, there is a suspect. Please ensure that elderly and vulnerable members of your family and community are warned against allowing strangers to carry out work - these individuals are known to have left a flyer advertising 'garden services' and they prey on vulnerable people Incident ref 380-s-240217

The below is another scam e-mail received by one of our readers ..

From: Chambers O'Neill [<mailto:creditcontrol@top-service.co.uk>] **Sent:** 15 February 2017 12:05

To: Subject: Reminder Email

Date: 15 February
2017
FAO - Purchase
Ledger Dept.

Reminder
Immediate Action Required
2939 368 4249
ZHX95

Dear Sir/Madam

We have been instructed to act on behalf of our client, Chambers O'Neill, with reference to your company's overdue account, the balance of which now totals 454.52 GBP. This amount comprises of:

| | |
|----------------------------|---------------|
| Overdue Invoices: | 412.47 GBP |
| Interest: | 2.05 GBP |
| Late Payment Compensation: | 40.00 GBP |

Some of these overdue monies date back as far as 17/01/2017 and you will appreciate that our client cannot wait indefinitely for this matter to be settled. If you have any queries with your account please telephone our client's credit control department on 2939 368 4249.

Please see below for ways to pay.

Yours faithfully

Elizabeth Chapman

Interest and compensation may be claimed under The Late Payment of Commercial Debts (Interest) Act 1998 or under the terms of our client's contract.

That's all for this edition, short and sweet! Kind Regards *Fiona* [Golden Valley Safer Neighbourhood Team](#)
[Team mobile 07779 141232 \(Non urgent messages only\)](#)
[Team e-mail - goldenvalley.snt@westmercia.pnn.police.uk](mailto:goldenvalley.snt@westmercia.pnn.police.uk)

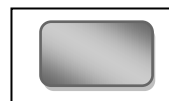
Received after Information Sheet was printed

Golden Valley Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT) Briefing 25th February - 12th March 2017
Crime Trends Cusop A quantity of old flagstones that had been removed from a property undergoing renovation were stolen from the garden of the property where they were being stored. This happened sometime between 11th February and 4th March, and it is likely the theft occurred during the day Incident ref 645-s-040317

Kingstone A white Ford transit van was stolen from the side of the road by the High School overnight on Saturday 4th/Sunday 5th March.

It was found later on 5th March in a car park in Llanwarne, but with false plates on. Another stolen Ford transit van, stolen from Hereford, had been spotted in the same car park by a local resident a few days earlier but had gone by the time police got there. A third stolen Ford transit van, also displaying stolen plates was found in the car park of the Axe and Cleaver at Much Birch, this van had been stolen from Malvern. Please report any vehicles parked in unusual places for a few days to 101 Incident ref 232-s-050317

Suspicious vehicles A silver Rangerover on Belgian plates **1ANS499** called at a farm just outside **Peterchurch** on Thursday 9th March, the driver was looking for 'spare diesel' as he was running low. He also said he was looking to start up a business sharpening steel. The only description was that he was a white male, and sounded foreign. The same vehicle had been recorded by police as part of a group of French travellers that had been parked on Merton Meadow car park in Hereford for a few days earlier. Please report any other sightings



Incident ref 433-s-090317

Scams Another demand from the tax office landed in my work inbox the other day - I think my UK tax affairs are in order, it's news to me that I owe the US tax office now!

Dear Citizen,

It is Dick Richardson, I am the tax manager of the Internal Revenue Service, Realty Tax Division.

My office is responsible for informing of citizens, description of the tax system for them, supporting citizens on issues related to tax procedures, arrears, and payments, etc.

In the present case, I have to notify you that you have the significant tax arrears related to your property. To the point, there is the tax debt for your realty - the realty tax. Usually, we ignore such delays for 4-6 months, but in your context, the overdue period comes to 7 months. Thereby, we must take relevant measures to remedy the situation.

Particularly for your convenience, our specialists have compiled the full and comprehensive report for you. It contains the full information regarding realty tax accrual, your debt (including the total amount), and the chart of overdue payments for each month of the arrears period.

Please download the report directly from the official server of the IRS, going to the link:

Please study the document as soon as possible. Actually, after receiving this message, you have only 1 day to contact your tax manager and provide them with the information you get in the report in order to resolve the problem. Otherwise, significant charges and fines may apply.

Best Regards, Dick Richardson, Realty Tax Division Internal Revenue Service

That's all for this edition, thanks for reading :-)

Kind Regards *Fiona* **Golden Valley Safer Neighbourhood Team**

10th March 2017 Dear All Here is the summary of works carried out in the Golden Valley locality over the past week.

Golden Valley North Sign repairs on Castleton Farm road

Pothole repairs on the B4348 at Cusop

Stone work repairs at Cusop Dingle

Golden Valley South Pothole repairs on the C1209 at Bacton, C1203 at Longtown to Craswall, B4348 near Peterchurch, and C1206 near Craswall.

Stoney Street Pothole repairs on Batcho Hill near Madley, B4348 at Vowchurch, C1097 at Byford,

Flytipping collection at Church Road in Clehonger, and at Ruckhall lane

Maps and timetables for grass cutting and potholes are available on the Council's website, which is currently undergoing a bit of a revamp. We are working with our colleagues at Herefordshire Council to ensure that useful information, like grass cutting schedules, and how to report a pothole, are available to view 24 hours a day. In the meantime if you wish to report a defect, please call our Customer Services team on 01432 261800, or use <https://myaccount.herefordshire.gov.uk/report-a-pothole>

Current and future road closures in our area can be seen on www.roadworks.org

Best wishes Linzy **Linzy Outtrim Senior Locality Steward – Golden Valley**

27th February 2017

Planning Application 163967

Resubmission of Outline planning application for a single detached dwelling, land adjoining Eastcotes Railway Terrace, Pontrilas

{Previous reply

“The Parish Council resolved to offer no objection to this application”}

14th March 2017

Planning Application 170715

Eastcote Railway Terrace Access, Pontrilas Hereford HR2 0BH

Erection of a 3 / 4 bedroom two storey dwelling on infill plot

Outline

The Parish Council considered this application at its March 2017 meeting and Resolved unanimously to support the proposal



10.0 Lengthsman for 2017-2018

10.1 To consider Lengthsman contractor options for 2017-2018

The Parish Council unanimously resolved to offer the Lengthsman's Contract to Mr Dave Roden for the fiscal year 2017-2018 starting 1st April 2017

Clerk instructed to write and thank Mr Terry Griffiths and his team for their dedication and hard work in and around the parish during the past twelve months.

10.2 Annual Maintenance Plan for 2017-2018

Clerk to develop an Annual Maintenance Plan for 2017-2018 for Kentchurch parish
1 day per month

Half a day every 2 months cleaning programme Pontrilas Village

Other duties to be reactive

Footpath K23 required strimming as and when

General litter picking as and when

Embankment to be decided

Contract to be valid for 12months 1st April 2017 to 31st March 2018

Meeting to be arranged with Parish Council Chairman Councillor Mr J L Pring, Councillor Mr (John) K J Chance Vice – Chairman, Clerk Mr Malcolm Walker and Locality Steward Linzy Outtrim asap

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Work vehicles parking outside Old Cottages (renovation in progress) – PCSO Fiona Witcher to be contacted

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

12.0 Date, Time and Venue of Next Ordinary Meeting

The next meeting will be the Annual Parish Meeting followed immediately by the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council to be held on Wednesday 17th May 2017, meeting to commence at 7.40pm in The Auction Rooms Pontrilas

Meeting Declared Closed 8.55pm

Signed..........

Parish Council Chairman Councillor Mr J L Pring

Dated this day the 17th May 2017