



KENTCHURCH

PARISH COUNCIL

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

No KPC/MW/071

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

Mr Phil Collins Collins Design and Build, Lengthsman Mr Dave Roden and one further member of the public

Meeting declared open by the Chairman at 7.30pm

1.0 Apologies

Apologies were received from Ward Councillor Mr Peter Jinman
Representative from the Local Policing Team and Locality Steward Mr Paul Norris 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/070 held on Wednesday the 20th September 2017 were signed by the Chairman as a true record

The Parish Council resolved for Mr Phil Collins from Collins Design and Build to address them at this point.

Mr Collins expressed the reasons for his company's request for the Parish Council to wave conditions relating to street lighting at the new Spitehouse Rise Pontrilas housing development.

The overriding issue being the financial cost to the developer to install the street lighting which had formed one of the conditions of planning approval
See Item 8 Page 2017-359 & 2017-360

4.0 Financial Report

4.1 Bank Balances as per Statements

Community Account	@ 9 th November 2017	£2,940.57
Bank Reconciliation 15 th November 2017		
to agree with Bank Statement	£2,940.57	
Business Premium Account	@ 9 th November 2017	£16,800.63
Bank Reconciliation 15 th November 2017		
to agree with Bank Statement	£16,800.63	



4.2 Receipts	
2 nd Quarter Lengthsman Claim received by BACS	£90.00
4.3 Invoices for Payment	
Clerk's Salary October 2017 Gross	£255.52
Mileage	£7.74
Postage	£6.24
TAX £51.20 NIC £0.00	
Nett Pay	£218.30
Cheque 100959	
Grant Thornton External Audit Invoice No 8748831	£120.00
Cheque 100960	
Clerk's Salary November 2017 Gross	£255.52
Mileage	£8.10
Postage	£0.98
TAX £51.00 NIC £0.00	
Nett Pay	£213.60
Cheque 100961	
Mr Michael Pritchard Invoice Strimming and Clearance	£300.00
Cheque 100962	

All Payment Unanimously Approved

{Finance Sheets given to all Parish Councillors}

4.4 Update on Annual External Audit

Report from Grant Thornton External Auditors

“Council Tax Support Grant incorrectly included in Box 2 reinstate next year”

Councillor Mr B C Griffiths perused and checked the Accounts File for 2017-2018 and found no anomalies or discrepancies in the paperwork, also assessed risk and found no issues.

Internet Banking remains only for the Parish Clerk to access and view Bank Statements.

5.0 Reports

5.1 Ward Councillor Mr Peter Jinman

Ward Councillor Mr Peter Jinman not present, report sent by email

My apologies but I am unable to attend this meeting of the Parish Council. Please bring any matters of concern that arise to my attention. I have attached the notification of public meetings of the Herefordshire Council that you might like to draw to the attention of Parish Councillors and indeed the public generally. Follows a few comments:-

As councillors will have noted since we last met there has been a long session of road works along the A465 all part of the repairs from monies received by the Herefordshire Council from central government that have to be used by March 2018. I am informed that the method of repair is designed to be of a standard that will require less maintenance over the next ten to twenty years Planning applications are currently running at least 20% above the usual level and parishes and clerks may well notice the knock on effect in terms of notifications reaching them.

I am in contact with the management of the saw mills after receiving objections from residents who are affected by the noise and the working hours.

Please let me know the date of your next meeting with your minutes.

5.2 Police Report

No Police present see Item 14.0

Invitation to attend the next Parish Council meeting

5.3 Lengthsman Report

Lengthsman Dave Roden reported on the following:-

Site visit required

Grips opposite Chris Adams drain ditch into wood

Tidy through the village



Loose kerb outside Humphreys
Blocked damaged drain
Bannutree Lane project will require a 6 weeks closure
A465 Junction gully blocked
Grating in Pontrilas opposite Post Office requires repairing
Potholes at various locations
Grips will require cutting
Drainage – various locations – now leaves have fallen
Unanimously agreed for Dave to address all problems

5.4 Memorial Hall Delegate Report

Councillor Mr Trefor Edwards Delegate had not attended any meetings
Still a problem with the flooring

5.5 Neighbourhood Development Plan Update

The Neighbourhood Development Plan had now completed the Regulation 16 Submission
An External Examiner will be looking at the Plan during November 2017, then any amendments will be made before finally the Referendum will take place, hopefully in the Spring of 2018
It now carries weight with regards to planning applications

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 Sunrise Celebration Festival on Kentchurch Estate

Letters of objection to 2018 festival with reasons - noise, fire risk, etc

The Parish Council were extremely concerned about the lack of notification, Licensing Information, involvement with the Fire Brigade, the Police, First Aid and Traffic Assessments.

Clerk instructed to write to all relevant authorities stating concerns for any future possible events.

8.0 Spitehouse Rise Pontrilas - Street Lighting

To consider correspondence received from Collins Design & Build

“8th November 2017 Dear Malcolm We are in the process of finalising the design and associated costs to do the adoptable foul and storm drainage, roads and the pavement. The cost are proving far more than we had expected mostly because of the difficulties with the pavement, which has to be taken right back into the hedge and therefore requires complex retaining walls to hold up the hedge and the bank behind. The retaining walls alone to enable the construction of the pavement will cost £34,742 + VAT + plus the council fees to approve the design and to inspect it etc (approx another £8000). We also need to move a high pressure water main and BT fibre broadband that are presently in the highway verge where the pavement is going at considerable additional cost. On top of this is the construction of the pavement and sign moving of course.

I am writing again to respectfully ask that the PC drop the demand for the streetlighting of the footpath because it is another unforeseen cost that is making the development increasingly unaffordable. The Council highways and planning departments were not anticipating a need for the footpath to be illuminated and they are entirely comfortable that an unlit footpath still provides a safe link between the site and village. The cost of the streetlights are also considerable as we have to pay Baflour Beatty to design and install them, we also have to pay Western Power to bring a new electricity supply to them which necessitates digging up the road as the nearest supply is at Court Farm on the opposite side of the junction road.

I am sure it is tempting to say we should have thought of this beforehand and costed it at the budget stage but in fact that is just not possible until you get into the construction phase of design and this entire series of events has been completed.

The whole design also has to be signed off by Welsh Water and the council and they insisted that we get a firm of consulting engineers to design it at a cost of over £20,000. The whole proposal goes to them for a Section 278 and Section 104 legal agreements then we eventually get prices to build it, which is where we are now.



If you would like any further information then please get back in touch or if you would like Phil Collins or I to come along to the next parish meeting then please ask.

Kind regards Russell Pryce MRTPI Planning Manager Collins Design & Build Limited”

One of the suggestions being the installation of solar powered lighting, to which the Parish Council replied that if a detailed plan could be provided, which was also acceptable to the Highway Authority then consideration would be given to the proposals at that time.

9.0 Budget for 2018 – 2019 and Precept Setting

To discuss Projects, Budget and Precept Setting

The Parish Council resolved unanimously to approve the Budget for 2018-2019 as presented

Appendix No1

The Precept to remain at £7,500.00 the same as last year 2017-2018

Resolved not to donate to the Royal Voluntary Service (RVS)

A verbal request had been received from the Pontrilas based Community Interest Company (CIC) Care and Repair Enterprise (C.A.R.E)

Resolved to enquire if some Cycle Parking Stands, at the Pontrilas Shop / Post Office site, would be of any benefit. Member to ask Sonya

10.0 Data Protection Changes

To consider relevant changes to the Data Protection Laws in 2018

Information given to all Parish Councillors which comes into force 25th May 2018

11.0 ADL Traffic and Highways Engineering Ltd

Update A465 Llangua to Pontrilas Saw Mills – Speed Limit Review

Information given to all Parish Councillors

12.0 Herefordshire Local Plan Travellers Sites Development Plan Document Pre-Submission Consultation 6th November -18 December 2017

To Consider Parish Council response to consultation

The Parish Council resolved not to comment

13.0 Highways and Footpaths

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

Already discussed Item 5.3

14.0 Information Sheet

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

Planning Applications Update

11th August 2017 Planning Application 172498 Unit 3, Pontrilas Business Park HR2 0AZ
Proposed change of use of to facilitate and health and wellbeing activity/fitness studio

Type Planning Permission

Planning Permission Granted 6th October 2017

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

5th October 2017 Planning Application 173601 Old House Farm, Pontrilas Hereford HR2 0BL
Application for prior notification of agricultural or forestry development
proposed building

Agricultural and Forestry Buildings and Operations

Prior Approval Is Not Required 30th October 2017

Correspondence Received

October 2017

Golden Valley Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT) Newsletter

Crime Trends 1st – 30th September 2017



Several buildings at **Madley** primary school were broken into between Friday 1st and Sunday 3rd and an X box was stolen from one (Incident 333-s-070917)

Sometime between Sunday 3rd and Saturday 9th, an unoccupied property in **Madley** was broken into and a search was made of all rooms, but it is unclear if anything was stolen (Incident 504-s-090917)

Overnight on Tuesday 5th/ Wednesday 6th a quantity of lead and some extension leads were stolen from a property undergoing renovation in **Longtown** (Incident 370-s-060917)

On Wednesday 6th, a charity minibus parked in the car park at The Co-op in **Cusop** had a window smashed (Incident 770-s-060917)

Overnight on Saturday 9th/ Sunday 10th, a cement mixer and 14m cable were stolen from the grounds of a property undergoing building works in **Clifford**. A locked stable block was also broken into at the same location, but nothing was taken (Incidents 204-s-110917 & 235-s-110917)

In the early hours of Sunday 10th, buildings on a farm in **Clifford** were broken into and a Stihl petrol chainsaw and a Stihl leaf blower were stolen (Incident 509-s-100917)

Overnight on Sunday 10th / Monday 11th a Karcher pressure washer, a Stihl chainsaw and a roll of electrical cable were stolen from a farm in **Dorstone** (Incident 282-s-110917)

Two youths were disturbed by neighbours breaking into a garage in Oak Crescent **Clehonger** (Incident ref 784-s-120917)

Overnight on Thursday 14th / Friday 15th a Honda quad bike and a Honda generator were stolen from locked sheds on a farm in **Clifford** (Incident 94-s-150917)

A quantity of lead was stolen from part of the church roof in **Madley** sometime overnight on Friday 15th / Saturday 16th (Incident 286-s-160917)

A Peugeot Partner van parked outside **Belmont** Abbey was broken into between 9.30 – 11.00 am on Sunday 17th, but nothing appears to have been stolen (Incident 334-s-170917)

Overnight on Thursday 21st / Friday 22nd, two roadside garages in **Clodock** were broken into, and a Nilfisk pressure washer was stolen (Incident 110-s-220917)

Also overnight on 21st/22nd a large outbuilding in a remote part of **Lower Maescoed** was broken into, and several tools were taken (Incident 302-s-220917)

The same building was broken into again between Monday 25th / Thursday 28th, it is not known at this stage what has been taken (incident 530-s-290917)

Damage was caused to the lawn of a property in **Vowchurch** by weed killer being applied in a line across it, this happened sometime during the past three weeks (Incident 22EB/87866F/17)

Overnight on Tuesday 26th / Wednesday 27th, a black Mercedes ML 270 estate was stolen from a farmyard in **Longtown** (incident 272-s-270917)

Sometime in the past month, the tail hair of two horses in a field in **Abbeydore** was cut (incident ref 210-s-240917)

A Kawasaki quad bike was stolen from a shed at a smallholding in **Clehonger** overnight on Friday 29th / Saturday 30th September (incident 217-s-300917)

If you have any information regarding any of the above crimes you can contact police on 101, in an emergency please dial 999. Please be aware that any information provided within this letter is to inform you of incidents of note and to request possible assistance. We do not want to worry you in anyway.

Any incidents stated are infrequent and spread about a wide area, and are over a whole month.

Herefordshire is a safe place to live!

Good News Back in April 2016, PC Tom Milton assisted our colleagues at Trading Standards by arresting Martin Evans, trading as Eco Solutions from Brynhonddu Lodge, Pandy, Abergavenny for fraud by false representation. He was offering to carry out work and misleading several vulnerable people, who had been 'conned' out of several thousands of pounds for work not done or done to the required standard, including a resident in Ewyas Harold.

He was found guilty of 8 out of 9 counts (including 6 frauds of gross overcharging against six elderly victims) at Worcester Crown Court on 1st September after a two week trial. He is due to be sentenced on 2nd October and the judge has told him to expect a custodial sentence.

We will update you with details of his sentence in the next newsletter.

A 23 year old male from Kingstone, Paul Simcox, pleaded guilty at Hereford Magistrates court on 4th August for failing to transfer controlled waste to an authorised person and transporting waste without a Waste Carriers Licence. Simcox responded to an online advert requesting the removal of household rubbish from a house in Gloucester.



He took the waste and then dumped it in two locations, on the Holmer Trading Estate and on the Lulham to Preston on Wye Road. Simcox was fined £1,050 with costs of £750, a victim surcharge of £40 and compensation of £75, totalling £1,925. A robust message to all fly tippers!

And finally, on a lighter note! The Highways Agency found over 200 dead crows on the M4 near Bridgend recently, and there was concern that they may have died from Avian Flu.

An avian pathologist examined the remains of all the crows, and, to everyone's relief, confirmed the problem was NOT Avian Flu. The cause of death appeared to be from impacts with vehicles.

However, during analysis it was noted that varying colours of paints appeared on the bird's beaks and claws. By analysing these paint residues it was found that 98% of the crows had been killed by impact with lorries, while only 2% were killed by cars.

The Highways Agency then hired an Ornithological Behaviourist to determine if there was a cause for the disproportionate percentages of truck kills versus car kills. The behaviourist quickly concluded that when crows eat road kill, they always have a look-out crow to warn of danger.

They discovered that while all the lookout crows could shout "Cah", not a single one could shout "Lorry"

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

2nd October 2017 Hello everyone

Since the newsletter was sent out yesterday we have received a report of three scrambler bikes being stolen from a shed in a rear garden in Oak Crescent, Clehonger.

This happened overnight on Friday 29th/ Saturday 30th September, the same night that the quad bike was taken from Poplar Road.

Please check the security of your outbuildings and make sure that all your equipment is securely locked away and is property marked. Shed alarms are inexpensive and do deter would be thieves Incident ref 211-s-020117

Kind Regards *Fiona*

November 2017 Golden Valley Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT) News Letter

Your team Based at Peterchurch

PC 164 Roger Bradley - 07976 938 755 roger.bradley@westmercia.pnn.police.uk

PCSO 6173 Fiona Witcher - 07773 054582 fiona.witcher@westmercia.pnn.police.uk

PCSO 6378 Pete Knight - 07773 053919 peter.knight@westmercia.pnn.police.uk

Crime Trends - October

Craswall Between Wednesday 26th and Thursday 27th Oct, thieves have forced entry to outbuildings and stolen a Hitachi Angle Grinder Incident ref 0616-S-281017

Overnight between the same dates (and possibly the same offenders) a shed/outbuilding was entered and two generators (Hyundai and Briggs and Stratton) stolen Incident Ref 0103-S-271017

Longtown Overnight from Friday 21st Oct to Friday 22nd Oct persons have approached an address which is in a small housing estate with fields to the rear and entered into rear garden. They have then dug up a magnolia tree and stole it from the garden Incident ref 498-S-221017

Between Saturday 15th and Sunday 16th Oct a ride on Husquvana mower was stolen from an outbuilding near Llanveynoe Incident ref 619-S-161017

Hardwick nr Hay on Wye Some road signs and other advertising signs were damage overnight Monday 17th Oct to Tuesday 18th Oct. The offenders have sprayed the signs with blue aerosol paint Incident ref 375-S-181017

Clehonger At the beginning of the month, offenders have gained access to a garden shed of a premise in Clehonger, and stolen three scrambler type motorcycles Incident ref 211-S-021017

Arrests of note 28yr old male from Eaton Bishop was arrested on suspicion of drink driving and failing to stop at the scene of a collision. He was released on police bail.

Meet the Team Below are some of the venues where we'll be in November if you'd like to come and have a chat.

We will try and vary the locations each month, so let us know if there is an event you'd like us to call in at in the future.

12:00hrs 7th Nov – 'Community Support Services', Pontrilas P.O. & Village Store

11:30hrs 9th Nov – The Hub Café, St. Peter's Church, Peterchurch

13:00hrs 23rd Nov – The Stables, Madley

09:30hrs 29th Nov – Dorstone Front Room, Dorstone



Whilst we will make every effort to be at these events as advertised, there may occasionally be operational reasons why we cannot be there, we're sure you will understand if this happens.

Winter's Here! Now the clocks have gone back, please make sure that you wear clothing that can be seen if you're out walking, running, cycling or riding, especially if you're on rural roads. If you're a motorist please take extra care at this time of year, and make sure your lights are working and clean, and you're windscreen properly cleared before driving, so you will be able to see pedestrians and other road users.

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

Invite Police to the next meeting

16.0 Date, Time and Venue of Next Ordinary Meeting

The next meeting will be an Ordinary Parish Meeting to be held on Wednesday 24th January 2018 meeting to commence at 7.30pm in The Auction Rooms Pontrilas

Meeting Declared Closed 9.00pm

Signed..........

Parish Council Chairman Councillor Mr J L Pring

Dated this day the 24th January 2018