



KENTCHURCH

PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting of
Kentchurch Parish Council
held at The Auction Rooms, Pontrilas
on Wednesday 25th January 2017

No KPC/MW/066

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 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
Lengthsman Mr Terry Griffiths not 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/065 held on Wednesday the 16th November 2016 were signed by the Chairman as a true record

4.0 Financial Report

4.1 Bank Balances as per Statements

Community Account	@ 1 st December 2016	£3,575.71
Internet printed Bank Statement	21 st January 2017	£7,291.37
Bank Reconciliation	21 st January 2017 to agree with	
Internet printed Bank Statement	21 st January 2017	£7,291.37
Business Saver Account	@ 3 rd January 2017	£14,800.63

4.2 Receipts

Herefordshire Council Lengthsman / P3	3 rd Quarter	October	November	December
Reference KPC/16/12/31	3 rd Claim	BACS Reference	3854406	£1,314.00

4.3 Invoices for Payment

Clerk's Salary	December 2016	Gross	£244.71
Mileage			£33.75
Postage			£7.05



TAX £49.00 NIC £0.00

Cheque 100931	
HMR&C 3 rd Quarter Payment October November December	£146.80
Cheque 100932	
Terry Griffiths TGC 1886 + Worksheet	£456.00
Cheque 100933	
Terry Griffiths TGC 1887 + Worksheet	£338.40
Cheque 100934	
Terry Griffiths TGC 1936 + Worksheet	£330.00
Cheque 100935	
Terry Griffiths TGC 1937 + Worksheet	£390.00
Cheque 100936	
Clerk's Salary January 2017 Gross	£244.71
Postage	£7.46

TAX £49.00 NIC £0.00

Cheque 100937	
*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	
*Terry Griffiths TGC 1822 + Worksheet £540.00	
Cheque prepared but the Parish Council resolved to withhold payment until work comparisons and details are checked	
Cheque 100940	
Dore Community Transport Grant	£200.00
Cheque 100941	

**Payments were Unanimously Approved
with the Exception of * Ewyas Harold Group Parish Council
and *Terry Griffiths TGC 1822**

5.0 Reports

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

“Kentchurch GPC Ward Member Report - January 2017

2017/18 Budget Update The provisional financial settlement announced on 15th December 2016 confirmed the following:

Confirmation of the 2% council tax referendum principle

Confirmation of an additional 2% adult social care precept and ability to raise the adult social care precept to 3% in 2017-18 and 2018-19 but no more than 6% over the next three years

Reduction in the number of payment years for the new homes bonus from 6 years to 5 years in 2017/18 and to 4 years in 2018/19. Bonus will also only be paid above a 0.4% housing growth baseline.

Savings from the new homes bonus to be allocated to local authorities through an adult social care support grant

The net result of these changes is:

A reduction in the New Homes Bonus (£1,065K)

New Adult Social Care Support Grant £885K

Cabinet made their recommendation to Council on Thursday 19th January:

(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 recommendations 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.



Council will discuss and agree the budget in February and the Council Tax (including precepts) in March 2017.

Hereford Car Park Tariffs The off street car park tariffs in Hereford have been reviewed and a new schedule of payments will come into effect from February 2017.

Maylords Orchard will change from a pay on exit facility to a pay and display car park. This is more cost effective and will be easier for disabled users who currently have to use the

Shopmobility office for ticket validation. Most charges remain the same with some reductions.
Hereford Library Hereford Library will reopen on Tuesday 31 January 2017 following the phase one completion of building work at Broad Street. Further work on the development of the building will follow.

Customers can look forward to a refreshed ground floor interior, including new meeting rooms and accessible public toilets. The county library will also welcome WISH (Wellbeing Information and Signposting for Herefordshire) which will operate from the main library when it reopens.

The temporary library at Hereford Town Hall will close on Saturday 21 January to enable the move back to Broad Street. Customers can use the Town Hall drop box to return library items during the period of closure.

Three Elms housing development planning application - Hereford

Welsh Water is proud of its record in supporting investment in the local area and also its efforts to support sustainable growth for the local economy. As a statutory consultee in the planning process, we always carefully consider every planning application with a view to supporting local economic development. This is done alongside our ongoing commitment to provide the most essential of public services through maintaining and protecting local water and wastewater networks.

Our process in considering planning applications always includes the potential impact on our infrastructure in the local area – including the local environment, the service we provide for customers or any possible increased risk to homes and businesses in the area.

We will always do everything we can to support sustainable growth. Over the last two years, we have invested nearly **£5 million** in our services in Hereford to help improve the resilience of the water and wastewater networks. We plan to invest more than **£21 million** over the next 2 years which will enable us to help support developments such as the Three Elms project as well as future growth planned for the area.

We also work with stakeholders, such as local businesses, to address any concerns they may have around the potential impact of any proposed development on the services we currently provide. To that end, we will liaise with Heineken, so that we can understand their requirements in the area, and if requested, help them with their water supplies.

Planning I would like to discuss with the PC the following applications:

163361 – The Brooks 163509 – Old House Farm

163634 – Brooks Farm 163967 – East Cote

164114 – Pontrilas Sawmill”

Drains full of silt

Extra un-authorised signage is illegal

5.2 Police Report

No Police present see Item 11.0

5.3 Lengthsman Report

Lengthsman Terry Griffiths not present see Item 11.0

5.4 Memorial Hall Delegate Report

Councillor Mr Trefor Edwards Delegate had not attended a meeting

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 A 465 Road Crossing Pontrilas to Ewyas Harold

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

8.0 Early Engagement with Proposed Developer

Policy to be ratified at the next full Parish Council meeting

9.0 Planning Applications for Consideration

Site 163967 Eastcote Railway Terrace Access Pontrilas Herefordshire
Description Site for erection of a 3 or 4 bedroom two storey dwelling on infill plot
Application Type Outline

The Parish Council resolved to offer no objection to this application

Site 164114 Pontrilas Sawmills Pontrilas Hereford HR2 0BE
Description Proposed construction of new conversion/grading building
Application Type Planning Permission

“Dear Ms. Jenman,

Kentchurch Parish Council as an adjoining Parish considered this application at its meeting held on the 25th January 2017.

While considerable concern was once again raised about what the Parish Council consider is the inadequacy and hence dangerous HGV entrance / exit to the site and the fact that although part of a previously approved condition to provide a lorry park for its own vehicles and clearly shown on the currently provided plan has never come to fruition, which means that all the local lay-bys are full of HGV's overnighting which in its self is prohibited.

Also shown on the plan supplied is the Emergency Vehicle Access which is in need of considerable improvement.

While the above items are clearly not part of the current application surely these issues should be addressed prior to further development.

However, the Parish Council **resolved unanimously to support** this current application on the basis of an improved working environment for the employees, containment of noise and the increase in production capacity for the company.

Yours Sincerely Malcolm Walker Clerk to Kentchurch Parish Council”

10.0 Highways and Footpaths

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

Clerk instructed to order 50 empty sandbags from Herefordshire Council / Balfour Beatty
Proposed by Councillor Mr B C Griffiths

Clerk instructed to obtain information and hourly rates from prospective Lengthsman for the 2017-2018 fiscal year

Councillor Mr J L Pring Chairman and P3 Footpaths Officer confirmed that he had walked and inspected all the footpaths in the parish area.

11.0 Information Sheet

Sheet to include update on previous action points and a list of correspondence received
20th October 2016 163361 The Brooks, Pontrilas, Hereford HR2 0BL

Proposed potting shed
Type Full Householder

Planning Permission Granted 3rd January 2017



8th November 2016 Planning Application 163447 Meadows Farm, Pontrilas, Hereford
Proposed extension of existing farm track and associated hedge and tree planting

Type Planning Permission

Planning Permission Granted 15th December 2016

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 Still Valid

22nd November 2016 Planning Application 163655 Land adjacent to 1 Doyre Villa, Pontrilas, Hereford

Proposed detached two storey dwelling

Type Planning Permission

Planning Application Withdrawn 4th January 2017

29th November 2016 Planning Application 163634 old Brooks Farm, Pontrilas, Hereford
Retention of a part glazed veranda with a glazed roof

Type Full Householder

Planning Application Refused 3th January 2017

15th December 2016 Planning Application 163960 Vynndela Bungalow, Pontrilas, Hereford
HR2 0BW

Proposed agricultural lean-to extension

Type Prior Approval - All Others

Agricultural and Forestry Buildings and Operations

Prior Approval Is Not Required 9th January 2017

21st November 2016 Precept for 2017/2018 submitted to Herefordshire Council for £7,500.00

22nd November 2016 Expression of Interest Form 2017/2018 for the Lengthsman Scheme
submitted to Balfour Beatty

23rd November 2016 Confirmation received

22nd November 2016 Response sent to Anthony Bush Herefordshire Council
reference Telephone Kiosk Consultation
No objections to removal of kiosk from Pontrilas

14th January 2017 Request for copy of Electoral Register from Herefordshire Council

Lengthsman Report for January 2017

Kentchurch Parish Council Account Roads-specific tasks October 2016 (1) **Invoice No TGC1886**

Description of work carried out:- Specific Tasks

C1239

Parkgate Bridge

Clear vegetation and soil from bridge parapet to allow visual inspection

Clear road culvert headwall north side of bridge

Service drainage system in the immediate area

Barton Hill Farm road access

Clear approximately 5m of ditch in front of headwall

Clear road culvert chamber

Bridge at stream crossing near junction with B4347

Reinstate ditch on the south side of the road Garway direction

Put in grip on north side of the road Garway direction

C1234

Near substation

Locate and clear headwall pipe for road culvert

Clear approximately 5m of ditch from headwall

Service drainage system in the immediate area



At Gwern-y-cae wood

Clear approximately 5m of ditch from outfall pipe

C1233

At junction with A465

Clear footway surface to full width from road bridge to main road

Kentchurch Parish Council Account Roads-specific tasks October 2016 (2) **Invoice No TGC1887**

Description of work carried out:- Specific Tasks

Clear out all blue salt pots and refill on parish roads

Check all county salt/grit bins and stir up material with exception of those listed below

C1239

At junction with U74007

Cleared and refilled

U74007

Approximately half a mile north of C1239 junction

Black county bin badly damaged part filled in event of replacement being sourced

Reported to Parish clerk

C1234

Opposite last dwellings north of C1239 junction

This county bin is full of salt unusable salt slurry and has been reported to parish clerk

All Parish roads

Wash off as required all road signs

C1233

Pontrilas Village

Clear grids and clean out road gullys

Clear entry ports and clean out side entry gullys

Spray vegetation on footways and kerb lines

Kentchurch Parish Council Account Roads-specific task December 2016 (1) **Invoice No TGC1936**

Description of work carried out:- Specific Task Work

C1233

From Station Road to A465

Clear leaves off footways

Clear leaves from kerb lines

Clear drainage gulley grids

Sweep area and dry with air jet

B4347

Between Elms Farm and Bridge Inn

Clear blocked road gully grids on bend

C1239

Great Corras area at pedestrian bridge over River Monnow

Clear approximately 40m of kerb line both sides of road gullys

Clear grids and clean out road gullys

Kentchurch Parish Council Account Roads-specific task December 2016 (2) **Invoice No TGC1937**

Description of work carried out:- Specific Task Work

C1239

At junction B4347

Clear ditch and reform verge

Clear road culvert headwall

Clear road gully grids

C1239

Parkgate Bridge

Clear bridge culvert headwall north side

Clear road culvert headwall

Clear grips and reform leads

C12139



Castlefields area

Clear area of ditch damaged by passing traffic and reform verge

Previous Lengthsman reported defects for Balfour Beatty submitted for action

6th January 2017 Dear All Happy New Year to you all. As we've had the Christmas shutdown there is limited work to report this week. The gangs are all back in operation again this week.

Golden Valley South Pothole repairs on the C1203 near Longtown

Stoney Street A438 Street sweeping at Swainshill

Gully cleansing along the C1098 at Madley and Lulham

Pothole repairs on the C1098 at Bridge Sollars, and on the B4352 at Clehonger

This week I have

- Caught up with enquiries from members of the public
- Attended a back to work safety briefing

Next week I shall be

- Completing my monthly B road statutory inspections
- Attending training courses on Tuesday and Thursday – emergencies will be covered by a colleague

If you come across any issues that need my attention please log them on the HC website

or ring 01432 261800 Best wishes Linzy

13th January 2017 Dear All Here is the summary of works that have been carried out in our locality over the past week:

Golden Valley North Gully top raised on the B4352 at Dorstone

Installation of a letterbox gully at Long Lane in Peterchurch

Installation of verge markers on the B4348 at Westbrook, and on Dorstone Hill

Golden Valley South Gully cleansing on the C1213 near Dulas

Pothole repairs on the C1239 at Kentchurch, and on the C1205 near Longtown

Stoney Street Gully and drain cleaning on the A438 at Bridge Sollars

Pothole repairs on the B4352 at Clehonger, on Ruckhall Common Road, and on the C1196 at Madley

Kerbstone repairs in Archenfield in Madley

Flytipping collection in Ruckhall Lane

This week I have

- Attended several site meetings with local residents
- Carried out several performance reviews with the steward team
- Attended a management training day in Langley with colleagues across the Balfour Beatty company
- Attended several emergencies due to the snow
- Dealt with the usual enquiries from members of the public

Herefordshire Council website is the one-stop-shop for up to date information

Maps and timetables for grass cutting and pot holes are now available on the Council's website.

[Grass Cutting](#) [Potholes](#) [Public Rights of Way](#)

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**

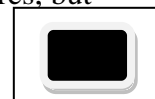
Golden Valley Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT) Briefing 17th December 2016 - 3rd January 2017

A very Happy New Year to you all! We have had just two property crimes reported to us since the last briefing on 17th December, lets hope the low crime rate continues into the New Year.

Crime Trends **Dorstone** An isolated set of farm buildings in Middlewood were broken into on two nights running on 21st/22nd and 22nd/23rd December. On the first occasion nothing was taken, but the following night several batteries were stolen Incident refs 179-s-221216 & 244-s-231216.

Kingstone The childcare unit at Kingstone High School was broken into sometime over the Christmas break; it was closed on Friday 23rd December and when staff returned on Wednesday 28th December they discovered the door had been forced open, and although damage had been caused to several cupboards inside, nothing appeared to have been taken. It is believed the suspects were looking for cash, which is never left at the premises Incident ref 162-s-281216

There have been minor shoplifting offences reported to us from Madley and Clehonger village stores, but the suspects are known and will be dealt with in due course.



Scams We have received an email from another of our readers about some telephone calls they received which they wanted you to be made aware of..

"We received several calls (last week) out of normal banking hours allegedly from "Nationwide" credit card team asking for either myself or by husband by name.

Due to earlier briefings from GVSNT, (and the fact I don't have a NW credit card) we were suspicious and refused to take the calls.

1471 revealed the number to be either 02077230740 or 02077230741

Redialling – the number was unobtainable.

The last call came through to myself asking for my husband.

I challenged the caller who was very convincing and offered to give me a "safe" Free phone number I could call back on.

I declined.

The caller was unable to email the details of his call or SMS text to my husband's mobile (something Nationwide would have done)

I spoke with the Nationwide Credit Card team – neither of the two telephone numbers were recognised as valid & they had no record of needing to contact my husband.

However, Nationwide can do nothing to investigate these calls until a fraud has been committed and did not take any details or pass me onto another department.

These callers are very sophisticated & very convincing!

I would advise anyone to terminate the call politely and visit their local branch with details rather than giving any details out on the phone.

Sadly, in an age where most banks are closing their branches this may not always be possible.

Hoping this helps keep someone safe!"

Another reader wanted to pass on this advice

"Could I make a suggestion for a future issue relating to not downloading or opening suspicious messages with attachments.

Another crucial aspect is that people keep their computers up-to-date with latest versions of software be it operating systems such as Windows and antivirus software.

There are also issues that some people may still be using Windows XP and think that is all right. Well, not exactly recommended as it is no longer supported and those intent on hacking know that so it is an open goal.

Whether users want to rely upon free antivirus software, that is their choice and I'm not saying anything against it but it just might not offer the levels of security of some paid for products."

Finally, I've been asked by Bob Barnett, our Watch Scheme Review Officer, to publish the below and encourage you to complete the short survey on Cyber Crime. I have just completed it and it doesn't take long.

How safe do you feel online? Help us to get a picture of cyber crime in the region by completing the second annual cyber crime survey. Warwickshire, West Mercia and the West Midlands have joined forces to launch the survey which will look at how people are affected by online crime and how aware they are of the dangers that exist. To fill in the survey, please visit

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/RegionalCyber16>. Closing date for responses is **Tuesday 31st January 2017**.

That's it for this edition, stay safe and keep your property secure so the next one will be as brief!

Kind Regards *Fiona*

Golden Valley Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT) Briefing 3rd - 12th January 2017

Crime Trends Cusop A business unit on the Glan Wye business park was broken into between 3pm on Saturday 7th and 3.30pm on Sunday 8th January. A padlock was forced off the entrance door to the unit and once inside the door to the office was forced and a cordless screwdriver and sander were stolen
Incident ref 488-s-080117

Kingstone The portacabin used by the Army Cadets at the High School was broken into sometime between Thursday 8th December 2016 and Thursday 5th January 2017, but it is believed it was probably broken into at the same time as the childcare unit that was reported in the last briefing. A considerable amount of damage was caused breaking into the building, and to internal fixtures during the incident. A quantity of sweets and a small amount of cash in a cash tin were stolen Incident ref 605-s-050117



Madley A large open structure used to store 1000 tons of straw near The Comet Inn was set alight around 11pm on Wednesday 4th January, causing a massive blaze that kept the Fire Service at the scene for 24 hours. The estimated cost of the damage is in the region of £55,000 and an investigation to trace the perpetrators is underway. If you have any information, please either call 101, or you can call CrimeStoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111 Incident ref 795-s-040117

Good News As a result of enquiries, a property in Kingstone was searched and a large quantity of stolen goods were recovered, most of which have been returned to their owners -

The owners of a shed that had been broken into in Stoney Street, Madley last November has had eight of the nine power tools that had been taken returned to them;

Madley Environmental Study Centre has had a generator returned to them that had been stolen in October;

The owners of a house that had been burgled in Kingstone in October has had several but not all of the stolen items returned to them.

There are still a few outstanding items of property to be returned to their rightful owners and enquiries are ongoing to trace them.

A 54 year old male from the address where the property was found has been arrested and is on police bail whilst enquiries are ongoing.

Scams Another couple of telephone scams have been brought to our attention by two of our readers.....

I had a 'phone call taken by my answerphone which asked me to call my bank and gave a 'phone number to do so.

I used this 'phone number and found I was talking to the M&S bank. I was asked for the number on my M&S credit card which I did not give.

I then 'phoned my bank to ask about it but they could not do anything.

As I was suspicious I simply removed the message from my answerphone and left it at that.

The voice was a woman's and sounded very creditable but I found it all very odd.

Good Morning

There is another phone scam in the area. Repeated calls from 01671 591444, if answered first calls went dead with no speech. Final call was a male with a very strong Asian/Indian accent who said he was calling from my internet provider warning of an Internet security breach in this area and wanting info regarding my Router security. Apparently my computer is reporting attempted hacking from Mexico and China.

When I challenged him he offered his name as Richard (Jones?) and said he could give me a direct number for BT technical security, which I could call from my mobile whilst he stayed on my landline. They would be able to confirm he was a genuine caller from BT. I declined his offer and hung up. BT confirmed it to be a scam and I have not had any more calls since.

Hope this is of help to others

Yellow Pages Deliveries - for your information

I have had notification from DEYA, the company that delivers Yellow Pages, to say that the annual delivery will be underway in the Herefordshire area, starting on the 16/01/2017 and going on for two to three weeks.

The delivery agents are all vetted .The postcode districts that are covered are as follows:-

LD1 LD2 LD4 LD5 LD6 LD7 LD8

HR1 HR2 HR3 HR4 HR5 HR6 HR7 HR8 HR9

SY7 SY8

Kind Regards *Fiona* **Golden Valley Safer Neighbourhood Team** Insp 2345 Callie Bradley

PS 1954 Nick Green (based at Ledbury) PC 164 Roger Bradley PCSO 6173 Fiona Witcher

PCSO 6433 Lucy Morris Peterchurch Police Station Peterchurch HR2 ORR 101 ext 4820

Team mobile 07779 141232 (Non urgent messages only)

Team e-mail - goldenvally.snt@westmercia.pnn.police.uk Twitter - @GValleyCops

20th January 2017 Dear All Here is the summary of works that have been carried out in our locality over the past week

Golden Valley North Nil to report

Golden Valley South Parapet repairs to a bridge on the C1239 at Kentchurch

Pothole repairs on the C1239 at Kentchurch, and the C1213 at Ewyas Harold, and at Longtown

Stoney Street Gully cleansing along the A438 at Bridge Sollars

Grit bin refilling along Ruckhall Lane, and Lane Head Farm Road in Eaton Bishop

Pothole repairs on the A438 at Bridge Sollars



Flytipping collection on the B4348 at Vowchurch

This week I have

- Started my monthly priority C/U road inspection; this will be completed next week
- Attended several meetings with stakeholders
- Dealt with several media enquiries

Next week I shall be

- Completing my monthly statutory inspections, including the B roads
- Dealing with enquiries raised by members of the public
- Undertaking some training on delivering development reviews for staff
- Putting up statutory notices on a PROW in Longtown

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

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

Early Discussion on Development Projects Policy

Flooding Advice and Empty Sandbag Policy

13.0 Date, Time and Venue of Next Ordinary Meeting

The next meeting will be an Ordinary Parish Council Meeting to be held on
Wednesday 15th March 2017, meeting to commence at 7.30pm in The Auction Rooms Pontrilas

Meeting Declared Closed 21.05

Signed..........

Parish Council Chairman Councillor Mr J L Pring

Dated this day the 15th March 2017