

32. Sandbags

The Clerk report that Balfour Beatty no longer supplied sandbags and an alternative supplier needed to be sourced. It was suggested that a possible outlet could be a builder's merchant. Meanwhile Councillor Tristram offered to look for a alternative storage site.

RESOLUTION: That the clerk to find alternative supplier and purchase sandbags once a storage site could be established and also under the freedom of information act request clarification on Herefordshire Councils contract with Balfour Beatty.

33. Covid 19, Parish Seasonal Labour

The Clerk presented the correspondence from Environmental Health Officer in response to the letter sent to Herefordshire Council concerning Covid 19 precautions for seasonal farm labour in the Parish.

She reassured the Parish Council that following the outbreak at a Herefordshire farm the Council's Public Health and Environmental Health departments were looking at taking a strategic approach to outbreak prevention within all local organisations to include farms, by running 2 planned webinar events. She also reported that Herefordshire Council has no health and safety jurisdiction on farms, responsibility for enforcement falls to the Health & Safety Executive, therefore any input from the Council is informal and relates to infection control and public health more generally. It should be borne in mind that whilst farms may have a large cohort of workers, for many this cohort is contained within the farm setting and poses little community risk.

RESOLUTION: That the report be noted

34. Police & Crime Commissioner Town & Parish Council Survey

Councillors considered completing the Police & Crime Commissioners Town and Parish Council Survey. It was suggested that each Councillor complete and send to the Clerk for collation and submission to the Police Commissioner.

RESOLUTION: That Councillors complete and send to the Clerk for collation and submission to the Police Commissioner.

35. Parish Emergency Plan

Councillors considered implementing a Parish Emergency Plan. The plan would also involve other organisations and groups within the Parish to put into place a plan of action when a state of Emergency existed in the area, therefore would be a Community Parish Emergency Plan. It was proposed that the Clerk send out a template of a plan to Councillors for their information and a list of Parish Organisations and groups be compiled to ascertain the interest from the Community in proceeding with a plan by means of a working group.

RESOLUTION: That the Clerk send out a template of a Parish Emergency Plan and Councillors compile a list of Parish Organisations and Groups to assess the interest.

36. Planning

36.1 Councillors reviewed the White Paper, previously circulated, and due to complexity felt it needed to be considered by a NDP working group before any comments could be made.

Regarding the possible disregard to Putleys NDP by Herefordshire Council to a recent application and the lack of response to the correspondence sent asking for clarification it was felt that an email should be sent, strongly requesting a response.

RESOLUTION: That the Clerk send a follow up email again strongly requesting a response to the Parish Councils query.

36.2 It was noted that the Old Pickling Plant site had shown some activity by being use as a dumping ground. It maybe that the rubbish is for the building of a bonfire for Guy Fawkes night.

36.3 Planning Decisions

Decisions received: None Received

37. Highways

37.1 A4172 Speed Limit

Councillor Tristram read out the correspondence received from Councillor Harrington concerning the speeding issues on the A4172 as follows:

Councillor Harrington reported that he had request clarification on what had previously been promised, which he understood was to allow the refreshing of the red hatching at Aylton and Little Marcle junctions, monitoring the area for 18 months and re-visiting a speed reduction if that refreshing didn't improve issues. Moving forward he will continue to monitor and hopefully the matter will be address.

He also informed the Council that they were currently looking at improving the ways of working by enabling the local community to better undertake enhancements to its local roadside environment. The ultimate goal will be to allow elements of work to happen at a much more local level, reducing red tape and associated cost and making better use of local Lengthsman where appropriate.

To develop the ability to provide speed / traffic data collection in a more convenient / cost effective manner, it is hoped this will be operated as an internal Herefordshire Council initiative, to assist Parishes. The road safety officer has been given permission to purchase speed data recording devices to get updated speed data when needed. This will aid to fight the case with the police with more consistent data. Also, to look at potential alternative signing and marking methods to create a change of environment to help influence driver behaviour.

37.2 Falcon Lane Junction

Councillors reviewed the email received from the Locality Officer with reference to the Falcon Lane Junction signage on the A438. In his opinion there was sufficient signage with plenty of sight approaching the junction, so therefore would not look to add any more. Councillors strongly disagreed with his assessment and it was proposed that a statement and video of the junction be sent to the Locality Officer and copied to Councillor Harrington, who wished to be kept informed.

RESOLUTION: That Councillor Bray to compose the statement for submission to the Locality Officer and Councillor Harrington.

37.3 Lengthsman

Councillors reviewed the Lengthsman duties for the next two months as presented by Councillor Thwaites.

RESOLUTION: That the list of Lengthsman duties be approved.

37.4 Giant Hogweed

It was noted that the landowner is responsible for the control of Giant Hogweed and other poisonous plants. Therefore, not the within the jurisdiction of the Parish Council. It was felt that an article on the effects of Giant Hogweed should be composed for publishing in the Cider Press and posting on the Website, which would highlight to landowners their lawful responsibilities and warn the parishioners of the dangers.

RESOLUTION: That an article on the responsibilities of the landowners and warn Parishioners of the dangers of handling Giant Hogweed be composed for inclusion in the Cider Press and posting on the Website.

38. Financial Items

38.1-2 Due to the incorrect report circulated these items to be deferred to the next meeting.

38.3 Invoices for Payment

Councillors considered the payment of the invoices for:

Staff Salaries	£292.21
Clerks Expenses	£100.00
Staff Salaries October	TBC

RESOLUTION: That the payment of the invoices as above be approved.

39. Correspondence

Councillors reviewed the list of correspondence received.
Fraud Offenses Targeting the Elderly

40. Matters to be raised for the next meeting

Co-option of Member, Old Pickling Plant site, NDP viability with Planning department, Falcon Lane signage, Yew Tree Farm, Oasis Lodge, Gallop View.

41. Date of the next meeting

The next meeting, is currently scheduled for the 30th November 2020
Meeting closed at 8.50pm.

Signed _____

Date _____

Chairman