

Little Birch Parish council

Ward member report, June 2017

Planning

At my recent surgery last month I met three residents with planning issues including one from Little Birch. Certainly by developing the NDP Little Birch residents are increasing their influence over future development in the parish

Dobbin Cottage

Since the clerk has re-raised the issue of Dobbin Cottage (01.06) I have chased the Herefordshire Council officers and will update the LBPC as soon as I hear anything.

Road conditions

Several residents have mentioned the poor state of local roads & it might be an idea for the PC to officially feedback the poor state of the surfaces. The best way of highlighting defective sections of roads is to invite Dave Atkinson to inspect conditions and he can add them to the list.

On a positive note, Herefordshire Council has won its case with Amey and therefore have some extra money to be spent on roads, expect this to take place next Summer.

The grass cutting schedule is now online, please use link below for more details:

https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/info/200196/roads/746/grass_cutting

Disaster recovery

The Herefordshire Business Continuity Forum (HBCF), on behalf of Herefordshire Council, is working with industry experts in business continuity and IT to help local businesses develop resilience against unexpected events.

'The 5 Rs' programme is built around the business continuity principles of Risk, Resilience, Response, Recovery and Reassurance. The initiative will help county businesses to build an understanding of how to protect themselves against unexpected events. This is particularly important following the recent cyber attack that disabled some NHS trusts. For more information please go to the Herefordshire Council website.

Contracts exchanged for the sale of 16-18 High Town

The sale of the fire damaged building, 16-18 High Town moved a step closer with the exchange of contracts to a Birmingham based property developer Elevate Property Group on Wednesday 26 April.

The building, which was damaged by fire in 2010, has outline planning consent and work on its restoration could start as early as this summer.

Crematorium donates £5,000 to Macmillan Cancer Support

Herefordshire Council's crematorium has donated £5,000 to Macmillan Cancer Support through the Institute of Cemetery and Crematorium Management's (ICCM) Recycling of Metals Scheme. In the last year, Macmillan Cancer Support has adopted 25 new posts at Hereford County Hospital and the donation will help the charity to deliver extensive training and development to their team at the Trust.

Since November 2011, under this scheme, the crematorium has so far donated £46,624 to charities across the county such as the ELY memorial fund, The Haven, Cruse Bereavement Care, Marie Curie Cancer Care, St Michael's Hospice, Home Start, Phoenix Bereavement Support Services, Winstone's Wish and Rocky Lee's Little Feet.