



Belmont Rural Parish Council

130/20

Minutes of the Virtual Ordinary Meeting of Belmont Rural Parish Council held Online on Thursday 13th August 2020 at 7.30 pm.

Councillors Present

Cllr Adrian Bridges (Chairman)
Cllr Aimee Bridges
Cllr Neil Hooper
Cllr Des Parish
Cllr Colin Warne

In Attendance

Cllr Tracy Bowes (Ward Councillor)
Tony Ford – Clerk

Members of the Public -None

1. Apologies

The Parish Council received and approved apologies for absence from Cllr Michael Francis and Cllr Philip Rudd

2. Written requests for Dispensation

To consider requests for dispensation

3. Declarations of Interest

To receive declarations of interest on agenda items.

Councillor	Yes	No	Agenda Item	Reason	Disclosure
Cllr Adrian Bridges	√		21 & 25	Trustee of The Beryl & John Trust/Chairman's Petty Cash	Disclosable Pecuniary Interest
Cllr Aimee Bridges	√		21 & 25	Related to Cllr Adrian Bridges	Non- Disclosable Pecuniary Interest
Cllr Neil Hooper		√			
Cllr Des Parish		√			
Cllr Colin Warne	√		7 & 11.3.1	Personal Interest/Payments	Disclosable Pecuniary Interest

4. Minutes

To receive, approve and sign the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on 8th July 2020.

The minutes were approved as a true record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman.

5. Public Participation

There were no questions from the public.

6. Ward Councillors Report

The Parish Council noted the Ward Councillors Report. (Appendix 1 refers)

7. Handypersons Report

The Parish Council noted the Handypersons Report for July 2020 (Appendix 2 refers)

Cllr Colin Warne was then put in the lobby for this agenda item and took no part in discussions

8. Entrance to the Arboretum – posts

Cllr Colin Warne re-joined the meeting

Cllr Adrian Bridges reminded the Parish Council that last year Balfour Beatty cut down the hedge and that to prevent the same thing happening this year the hedge plants were required to re-establish the hedge as shielding for the shed on Jubilee Field. Cllr Neil Hooper stressed that there was a need to screen the shed ,with temporary stakes to support the new hedge until the new hedge becomes established.

Cllr Des Parish highlighted that previously there were posts installed at the entrance, she also felt that posts did not look in keeping with the area and would like to see trees planted. Cllr Neil Hooper supported the idea of trees.

Cllr Adrian Bridges informed the Parish Council that he was willing to donate two trees, the Parish Council accepted his offer and agreed to install stakes to support the trees in the short-term, trees would be planted some two metres apart.

Action Cllr Adrian Bridges to donate two trees.

9. Benjamin Park – Tree

Cllr Adrian Bridges informed the Parish Council that the Cherry tree had been severely damaged, and that Herefordshire Council was unable to identify the person/s responsible.

Cllr Neil Hooper felt that a new tree should be planted as a dedication to the child and as an alternative perhaps the Parish Council should consult a tree surgeon to pollard this tree and others in Benjamin Park and erect a small plaque on a post with a dedication to the child. It was noted that no-one knew the identity of the child and enquiries could be made to find out.

Cllr Des Parish highlighted that the tree was still alive, and that a resident had asked Balfour Beatty to cut it back as it was near his property, and whatever is planted will grow and things would be back to square one.

Having considered the matter at the request of the Chairman it was agreed that this item be deferred to the next Parish Council meeting whilst enquiries are carried out.

Action – Clerk to ensure agenda item for the next Parish Council meeting.

10. Previous Actions

The Parish Council noted the update from the Clerk on previous actions

11. Finance

11.1. Bank Reconciliation (Appendix 3 refers) as at 13th August 2020 was summarised as follows.

• Treasurers Account	£	500.00
• Deposit Account	£	138,760.17
Total	£	139,260.17

11.2. Receipts £41.16 (£38.50 Bank refund -Direct Debit error plus £2.66 interest)

11.3. To authorise payment of invoices as per payment schedule.

Ref	Payee	Amount £	VAT	Detail
1	Colin Warne	891.15	n/a	31/07/20 (182) Handyperson Duties July 20 including installation of Benches.
2	Powells Forest & Garden Equipment	477.94	79.66	20/04/20 (043051& 044122) Mower repairs
3	HM Revenue & Customs	176.80	N/a	PAYE P4
4	Border Office Supplies and Systems	288.54	48.09	30/07/20 (177229) Stationery
5	Kimcell Ltd	515.10	85.85	31/07/20 (29956) Webhosting & support 29/08/20 to 28/08/21 (e.mango)
6	Border Office Supplies and Systems	46.80	7.80	12/08/20 (177752) Stationery
7	Locks Garage	31.32	1.49	31/05/20 (290 Mower Fuel (Direct Debit)
8	Locks Garage	22.33	1.06	30/06/2020 (30) Mower Fuel (Direct Debit)
9	Cash	325.33	N/a	Chairman's Petty Cash reimbursement (Appendix 4)

Resolved that payments be authorised, and cheques signed.

Noted Clerks Salary Payment by Standing Order on 28th July 2020 as agreed at Parish Council meeting 14/03/19 – Agenda Item 31

Cllr Colin Warne was then put in the lobby for agenda item 11.3.1 and took no part in discussions

12. Belmont Pool - Signs

The Parish Council was asked to consider a request for signs to be installed.

- Cllr Adrian Bridges suggested that signs be installed – Please be considerate when parking in this area.
- Cllr Des Parish felt that it was not a Parish Council issue and that neither the Parish Council or ADL had received any comments as part of the Traffic Regulation Order consultation.
- Cllr Tracy Bowes (Ward Councillor) gave some background to the issue and informed the Parish Council that the issue related to members of the public parking here while going fishing. and that Cllr Edwards had given the resident the Parish Councils contact details. In addition, as the public were not parking illegally the police was unable to take any action.
- Cllr Neil Hooper suggested that the Parish Council waited until the new yellow lines were in place, the Parish Council could then look at the matter after these changes were in place. Having considered the matter, the Parish Council agreed to defer the matter until the new yellow lines were installed.

Action – Clerk to have an agenda item on the matter at a later date once yellow lines have been installed.

Action – Clerk to inform the resident of the Parish Councils decision.

13. Purchase of Replacement Blower

The Parish Council considered costs as follows

Powells

Stihl BG86 Blower (same as previous)	£225.00 + VAT	£270.00 Inc VAT
Stihl BGA86 Battery Blower	£389.99 + VAT	£467.99 Inc VAT
Comes with 1 Battery & Charger		
Additional Batteries AP300 Battery	£140.00 + VAT	£168.00 Inc VAT

Amazon

Stihl BG56C-E 27.2 Petrol Leaf Blower Ergostart £345.00 plus £9.99 delivery

Having considered the matter, the Parish Council resolved to purchase the Stihl BGA86 Battery Blower and one additional battery from Powells Forest & Garden Equipment at a cost of £529.99 plus VAT

Action Clerk to raise order

14. Planning Application 201542- Abbotsmead Road , Belmont Hereford

The Parish Council was informed that the following had been received by Cllr Tracy Bowes -

Further to your email below, I have been trying to establish the potential for repositioning the mast as per the suggestion from the Parish Council.

It appears as though there are constraints around the presence of underground services and the clearance required to accommodate utilities companies.

As such we need to revert back to the current proposal in the knowledge that there will be a net reduction in masts overtime.

In the circumstances, since the proposal as submitted is generally acceptable, I am proceeding with a determination

The Parish Council noted the update.

15. Traffic Regulation Order Westholme Road and Wheatridge Road, Belmont.

The Parish Council considered the matter and resolved that the Parish Council having previously commented on the Traffic Regulation Order, the Parish Council resolved to note the order.

Cllr Des Parish objected

Action Clerk to inform ADL of the Parish Councils decision.

16. Purchase of Hedge Plants and Trees

Cllr Adrian Bridges reminded the Parish Council that last year Balfour Beatty removed the hedge and that the same thing happened this year and that hedge plants were required to re-establish the hedge, as shielding for the shed on Jubilee Field. Cllr Neil Hooper stressed that there was a need to screen the shed ,with temporary steaks to support the new hedge until the new hedge becomes established.

It was agreed that hedge plants would be purchased from Madley Plants a budget of £300 was set.

Action- Hedge plants to be purchased (Councillor Adrian Bridges to progress)

17. Car Park Charges Consultation

Having Considered the matter the Parish Council felt that Hereford City should not be compared to Worcester City as there was no comparison size wise

There should be

- Free car parking after 6 pm Monday to Saturday,
- Free car parking on Sundays
- Banded parking charges so that the nearer to the town centre one parks the more the charge should be.
- On street parking for up to 30 minutes at a lower rate

Action Clerk to inform Herefordshire Council

18. Purchase of litter bin bases.

The Parish Council was informed that a request had been made to the suppliers, who have asked the manufacturer if only the litter bin base could be supplied. As soon as a reply was received they would let the Parish Council know.

19. Herefordshire Council's call for sites

The Parish Council considered the request and was of the view that the relevant information was in the Neighbourhood Plan.

Action Clerk to have a look and let Herefordshire Council know.

20. Herefordshire Housing and Economic Land Availability Assessment (HELAA) 2020

The Parish Council considered the correspondence from Herefordshire Council and was of the view that this was similar to the previous agenda item and noted its contents.

21. Request from The Beryl & John Trust

Cllr Adrian Bridges was put in the lobby for this agenda item and took no part in discussions.

Cllr Neil Hooper took the chair for this item.

The Parish Council was informed that the following correspondence had been received from the trust as follows:-

The Beryl & John Trust would like to fund the provision and planting of two young trees (to replace a garden tree that needs to be removed) and we would like to request that the trees should be placed in the Jubilee Field area.

Further, we would be very pleased if the Parish Council would be willing to purchase the trees, stakes and ties and to undertake the planting in the autumn, and we would then reimburse the costs.

Madeley Plants have also given us a quote for trees etc on behalf of the Beryl and John Trust, at £50 each so the trust had agreed a spend of £300 to cover cost of trees, ties, installation, and watering next year.

Having considered the matter it was agreed that two Acer trees would be purchased and that planting would be linked to Agenda Item 8.

Action Two Acer trees to be purchased.

Action Clerk to inform the Beryl and John Trust that the Parish Council had agreed to their request and that they would be billed when the trees were purchased and planted.

22. Town and Parish Council Survey 2020

Having considered the matter, the completion of the Police & Crime Commissioner's survey was delegated to the Clerk.

Action Cllr Adrian Bridges to send survey to Clerk

Action Clerk to send completed survey to the Police and Crime Commissioner.

23. Fire Service Risk Assessment Consultation

The Parish Councils noted the risk assessment.

24. HALC Information Corner 20/07/20

The Parish Council noted the HALC Information Corner.

25. Chairman's Petty Cash

Cllr Adrian Bridges was put in the lobby for this agenda item and took no part in discussions
Cllr Neil Hooper took the chair for this item.

Having considered the matter, the Parish Council approved the expenditure and the reimbursement for the Chairman's Petty Cash. (Appendix 4 refers) The Clerk was authorised to add to the payments schedule 11.3.1.9.

26. For Information Items

The Parish Council noted the Clerks Report on For Information Items.

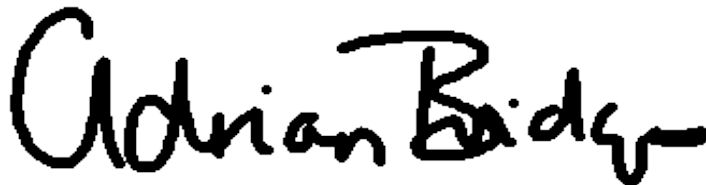
27. Matters relayed to the Clerk for agenda items at the next meeting

- Beryl Bikes – consider locations.
- Benjamin Park – Planting of a tree and general improvements.

28. Confirmation of Date, time and Location of the next meeting

Thursday 10th September 2020 @7.30 pm to be held Online Only

The meeting closed at 9.16pm



Chairman Belmont Rural Parish Council
Date: 10th September 2020

Ward Councillors Report July 2020

20 Golden Post, Hunderton

The car port has been removed. Environmental Health have received no more complaints, they are waiting for a homeowner to agree installation of noise monitoring equipment and no more logs have been returned to Environmental health.

UPDATE 10/8/2020 – email received from resident complaining I hadn't replied to his recent emails re the above. I responded to state that no emails had been received and I had been checking with EHS for updates. Update 13/08/2020 – three concrete posts have now been removed and the resident has been written to, asking him to collect them.

Resident Complaint – received a complaint from a resident on Westholme complaining about people parking when visiting Belmont Country Park and the new footbridge. People are parking opposite drives, and they have asked what suggestions we have to tackle the issue. I have explained if the vehicles are parked legally there are little powers Herefordshire Council, or the police have. However, I did suggest they contact the parish council to see if you could consider paying for some signs to ask people to park considerately.

Resident Complaint – I have been contacted by another resident on Westholme Road who is very keen that the proposed yellow lines on road junctions are put into place as soon as possible. They believe it is an accident waiting to happen and very dangerous with people parking so close to junctions.

Resident Complaint – Resident contacted me to express concerns about temporary traffic changes in Hereford which have been at the request of the government to improve social distancing and encouraging people to walk or cycle into the city. These measures are being reviewed on a weekly basis and as a result of feedback some changes have already been made. Councillor Harrington has been telephoning, emailing and meeting various people and businesspeople across Hereford to discuss their concerns. He has also received some positive feedback regarding the changes.

The person who raised concerns has said that he is keen to get involved in local politics, I have given him details of how to view the parish council minutes/agenda and those for Herefordshire Council too.

Transport Review - The transport review that was due to be complete in August will now be completed at the end of September 2020. The delay has been down to Covid.

Resident Complaint – Mr M, the last message I received from him was stating that he was going to purchase his own blower and he would confirm to me once purchased. Still no further update on this.

Resident Complaint – Trees at rear of his property on Coppin Rise. I have said I will review when I do a ward walk with Natalie over the next couple of weeks.

Resident Complaint – Breach of Covid regulations and issues with neighbours on Morville Close. I am liaising with the resident and police.

Resident Complaint – member of the public would like to see all council staff back in the office and not working from home. Would also like all library and museums to be opened. (Update on museums and libraries below from the Cabinet member). I have also responded to state studies have shown that staff working from home are actually more effective. It helps to reduce the number of buildings that rent/heating/lighting costs, helps with work life balance especially for those who are carers and also helps the environment. Just because staff are working from home does not mean they are not working and they continue to provide the services, apart from where COVID prevents this.

Parking Review – I will be completing the review documentation and suggesting that car parking is free after 6 pm and also on Sundays, we need to encourage people to come into the city to boost the nighttime economy. I also believe on street parking should be 50p for half an hour and that bandings should be adjusted, the closer you park to the city centre the more you pay.

Housing Association Issue – I logged an official complaint with the housing association and the former tenant had the bill reduced considerably but there is still several hundred pounds outstanding which will take the resident several years to pay off as they are on low income.

Action Log – I am submitting an updated action log to Laura Lloyd who is a new manager within BBLP, showing what issues we still have outstanding.

Reports from Cabinet Members – For information

Finance and corporate services – Cllr Liz Harvey

Covid Costs

The cabinet's budget working group continues to examine every and all options to close the widening gap between the costs of responding responsibly to Covid locally and the funds provided from central government to reimburse this council for its exceptional costs. To remind members, the hole in the council's finances currently sits at approx. **£10m and will widen if the expected second wave occurs.**

Our response, support and containment of the outbreak on Rook Row farm at Mathon has cost £50k to-date, with no indication from government that any of this will be covered from central funds.

Flood Damage

Disappointingly the assurances from Mr Wiggin that govt funds were available and forthcoming for the exceptional flood repair costs at Fownhope and Whitney-on-Wye have come to nothing. MHCLG and Dept of Transport Ministers have suggested we divert funds provided for county-wide road maintenance to cover this second tranche of flood repairs.

We have inherited a strategy for the managed decline of the county's road network, which we are determined to turn around. Consequently, Cabinet do not want to plunder the road maintenance budget or to hold back on the urgent programme of transformational investments approved by council in the existing capital programme.

LEP Funding ups and downs

The Marches LEP has supported projects proposed by Herefordshire to deliver reed filtration beds to address phosphate pollution in our river systems from unsustainable sewage treatment and intensive agricultural practices, funding for the development of Hereford City and NMiTE. These projects are now with MHCLG Minister, Robert Jenrick, for further consideration.

Unfortunately, the LEP has taken more than 4 months to issue contract offers for projects it approved back in February reallocating South Wye Transport Package funding. This funding must be spent and projects completed by the end of March 2021. Whilst it remains feasible for us to attempt to complete the project at the Shell Store site on the Enterprise Zone, it is no longer possible to complete the work necessary to spend the funds allocated to bring forward the Ross Enterprise Park at Model Farm on the A40.

Cabinet members have already met with Ross ward members and the town Mayor to assure them that the £7m of Herefordshire funds allocated in our capital programme to the enterprise park will continue to be set aside to invest in economic growth and development in Ross. We shall continue to work hard to find projects which meet the LEP's requirements and which can be delivered in the eight months that remain.

A letter has recently been received from the LEP cataloguing what they consider to be a litany of council failures to deliver on the progress promised for the South Wye Transport Package prior to the pause and review decision taken in October 2019. The letter requests the return of £3.8m of funds provided to the previous administration. The view of our Monitoring and Section 151 Officers is that the funds have been spent in accordance with the agreement signed with the LEP and the challenge from the LEP will be robustly rebutted.

Infrastructure and transport – Cllr John Harrington

Hereford Transport Strategy Review: The Hereford Transport Strategy Review is progressing well with public consultation and stakeholder engagement helping inform our technical work. The restrictions resulting from Covid required a rethink on how we originally planned to engage with stakeholders and we allowed for more time to ensure that representative groups were able to engage with the cabinet member and project team through video conferencing. The Review is moving into its final stage now and has followed a number of briefing sessions with the

cabinet team. Again we have taken a little more time to ensure that we move forward with a sensible range of packages to test and inform our strategy development. Whilst originally we envisaged concluding the technical work at the end of July this will now conclude at the end of September after which point we will consider recommendations and next steps.

Emergency Active Travel Measures: The Department for Transport (DfT) announced in May funding for local authorities to implement a programme emergency active travel measures to respond to the Covid 19 pandemic. These measures were to provide increased space for social distancing, allow for reduced use of public transport and encourage the public to maintain the increase in walking and cycling that occurred during the lockdown period. Tranche 1 measures have been developed and consulted on with local members, town and city councils and local businesses and organisations. These measures cover Hereford and the Market Towns and include footway widening, 20mph zones, cycle lanes, road closures and supplementary signage. These measures will be have started to be implemented and roll out over a three week period, which began from the 27 July. We're quickly sourcing planters, delayed because of a supply issue, to replace the BBLP blue barriers and some cones so it doesn't look like the utility companies are having a free for all in our City and town's streets. All measures can be reviewed as time passes so we can get the best balance. Development of possible measures for tranche 2 of the funding is now underway. The DfT require local authorities for tranche 2 to show real ambition in their plans and require them to make a meaningful reallocation of road space for walking and cycling with segregation from traffic. Initial submissions for the funding are to be made at the beginning of August with the measures to be completed by the end of March 2021.

B4224 Fownhope Works: Work is continuing at a pace to repair the two locations on the B4224 at Fownhope damaged during Storm Dennis. Works to repair the first damage site at Lechmere Lay will be completed later this week. The repair of the second damage site at Stone Cottage will follow this as soon as possible, subject to consideration of the necessary funding for this and the other remaining storm damage work by Cabinet this week. Given the lack of funds from central government this Council will have to make some difficult choices to find funds from within its own capital programme, the Pothole and Challenge Fund or borrowing.

Update on Phosphate levels in the Lugg and Wye Catchment: The council is continuing to liaise and apply pressure on Natural England, The Environment Agency, Welsh Water and to work with the National Farmers Union and Powys CC, through the Nutrient Management Board and its assigned technical working party. All parties are working to find an effective solution which will both seek to reduce phosphate levels within the River Lugg and River Wye Special Area of Conservation (SAC) and allow development to proceed in the north of the county.

It is envisaged that in the long term the solution will be provided through the revision of the Nutrient Management Plan (NMP) which will reflect the measures implemented by Welsh Water through their Asset Management Programme. In combination with more stringent requirements placed upon land owners to minimise diffuse pollution through appropriate infrastructure and updated environmentally friendly farming techniques.

Following consideration of a number of options to further reduce phosphate levels the council is allocating the approved £2m allocation in the Council's 2020/21 capital programme from the New Homes Bonus Scheme.

The council is seeking to:

- Design, construct and manage up to 8 integrated wetland sites set in strategic locations in order to provide tertiary treatment to waste water treatment works within the Lugg catchment.
- Allocate £30,000 from the approved capital programme to commission an interim plan setting out a phosphate calculator and a suite of recommended mitigation measures appropriate to the River Lugg. This will enable developers to calculate the phosphate load of their proposals and therefore agree measures independently with landowners to mitigate or offset the identified phosphate load. This has the potential to be further developed as a trading platform for offsetting identified loads in future developments.
- To appoint an environment officer to lead on reductions in levels of diffuse pollution. To liaise with the regulatory bodies and carry out an audit in the Lugg catchment, identifying through mapping and farm visits where risk of pollution occurs and working with the farming community to introduce improvements to infrastructure and farming techniques.
- Acquire existing agricultural land that can be repurposed as a complementary solution for reducing phosphate pollution in the river catchment
- Additional funding is also being sought from central government through the Marches LEP.

A concern is the level of nutrients in rivers coming into our county. In this connection a meeting took place on Friday 30th July with MPs and MSs (Members of the Senedd - previously Assembly Members) to impress upon government ministers and statutory agencies the need for concrete action, resource and certainty - for environmental organisations and our construction industry

Housing, regulatory services and community safety – Cllr Ange Tyler

Regulatory Services

The opening of the hospitality sector on the 4th July was seen as a success due to the commitment of HBID, Hereford City Council, the Police and Council Regulatory Officers. We are awaiting legislation from Government regarding pavement licences to support the hospitality section to sit outside to serve food and beverages. We are anticipating such changes to come into effect by 1st August.

Over the last two weeks EH Officers have responded to the outbreak of Covid on the farm with colleagues from PHE and the Police. They have worked endlessly to ensure the safety of the seasonal workers and staff as well as maintaining their role in supporting businesses and premises during the easing of lockdown, along with other matters of licensing and environmental issues. I am thankful of their work ethics to maintain the services as required, however, I must stress that officers must take time for leave as we move into the Winter months.

Widemarsh Street, Hereford

The council's first housing development is now complete. The scheme will provide supported accommodation for challenging young adults who moved in last week.

Bereavement, Registrars & Coroners

The teams have been working very hard since the easing of lockdown. The Registrar's Office opened up having implemented safety measures to protect staff and members of the public. The opening has meant that families can now attend to register the birth of their baby and the service is working through the backlog of births since Covid-19 lock down. The latest guidance permits weddings to be held for up to 30 people as well as attending wedding receptions. However, this number is considerably less in reality when social distancing measures are applied in conjunction with the ceremony room size).

The Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (England) Regulations 2020 introduced by the Government, which required that crematoria be closed except for funerals was amended on 3rd July 2020. This means that crematoria can continue to provide funeral services as well as open their buildings for non-funeral purposes. In light of this, Hereford Crematorium will shortly open the office and the Book of Remembrance once the corporate risk assessment has been signed off. Amended guidance now allows up to 30 people to attend funerals, however once social distancing measures are applied the number is lightly less with Hereford Crematorium having 24 seats which are covid secure for bereaved families.

CCTV

For the first time CCTV has now been installed at the entrance and top floor of the multi-storey carpark. Registration numbers are able to be recorded as vehicles enter the car park should there be a need for any investigations. A new camera is also installed on Edgar Street and in the Merton Meadow car park. The digital definition is outstanding which will greatly enhance the work of the team to support the community and Police. Highway's England have asked the CCTV service to take on their cameras at Tesco and Belmont roundabouts and the authority's Highways' section have asked for options for BBLP to be able to see CCTV at Thorn. By the end of August the market towns will have new cameras and new wifi links that has been secured through Prudential Borrowing. Long term SLAs have been entered into with the City and Market Towns to secure all new equipment and agreed income for their operation. It is hoped that PCC funding will be procured for longer than 1 year from 2021 to maintain the commitment from PCC to secure CCTV coverage for Herefordshire.

Commissioning, procurement and assets – Cllr Gemma Davies

Waste

As you are aware the cross party scrutiny review on waste, chaired by Cllr Paul Symonds have been meeting to identify ways in which collection and disposal of waste within Herefordshire can be managed. Despite Covid the group have still been meeting and are now finalising the recommendations and report to present at scrutiny on 28th September.

All recycling centres are now open and I am asking the team to review the numbers to see if they could be operated with the current booking system. To be fair I have received no complaints from any of the market towns using the booking system but I promised that we would review and I will let you know as and when the system is removed.

Cultural services

Herefordshire is slowly reopening its cultural services in a phased approach. Hereford, Leominster, Ledbury and Ross on Wye libraries are now open for click and collect which has proven extremely popular. Kington is hoping to start click and collect mid-August and soon after that Colwall are hoping to open for click and collect. The remaining five libraries throughout the county are slightly more complicated due to them either being in closed buildings or entirely volunteer-ran. We are hopeful that Bromyard could be opened by mid-August but this is dependent upon Halo. The team are working hard with all groups to formulate plans for re-opening and I will keep you updated. In addition, we are hoping to deliver our service

Museums are currently formulating plans for reopening, the added difficulty is that all visitors will be under the track and trace regulations so the team are working with relevant officers including information governance at the council in how to best do this.

Both the Black and White House and Hereford museum have been signed off as Covid secure so I'm really hopeful that we will be able to open before the end of August at the latest.

Archives are also working hard on formulating plans to reopen, these are compounded by the fact that people will want access to artefacts and objects that cannot be sanitised so they are working on the best ways to provide the service.

Maylord Orchards

Our management company, Montagu Evans have been working hard with local and neighbouring organisations to start filling some of the empty shops in the area. We have exciting developments coming soon especially within the cultural/experience sector. We have had a number of companies contacting us to ask for opportunities to trade in the vicinity and these range from virtual reality gaming to hospitality.

There has recently been a change in guidance for changing places for severely disabled people in public buildings <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/changing-places-toilets-for-severely-disabled-people-to-be-compulsory-in-new-public-buildings>. I have asked the team to look at making the disabled toilet in Maylord Orchards to be compliant with these new standards. It's the first step to showing that we will be disability friendly for all people in Hereford city centre.

Health and adult wellbeing – Cllr Pauline Crockett

Talk Community:

Shielding for the most vulnerable has now been paused and we have been contacting all those matched with a shield buddy to understand any future needs for support. The council have 1200 weekly supermarket slots, split between Tesco and Iceland, available for vulnerable people if individuals need to transition from shielding or need to isolate. The Talk Community contact number remains open and is now fully supported as business as usual within the customer services team in Blueschool House.

Belmont Rural Parish Council 13th August 2020

**BELMONT RURAL PARISH COUNCIL HANDYMAN WORKSHEET
MONTH - July**

Date	Site Location	Work Completed	Hours	Rate/Hr	Total Amount
02-Jul	Locks	Fuel collection	0.5	22.85	11.425
07-Jul	Jubilee Field & Abbey View East	Mow & litter	6	22.85	137.1
08-Jul	Northolme by play area Abbey View West	Mow and trash hedge cuttings Litter bin from shed to home Mow pathways	3	22.85	68.55
09-Jul	Westholme Road	Remove old litter bin and install new one - CW & BW	3	22.85	68.55
16-Jul	Canterbury Close	Cut hedge, strim by bridge	1.5	22.85	34.275
20-Jul	Wheatridge Rise Abbey View East	Big field & opposite - mow & litter Mow & litter	3	22.85	68.55
21-Jul	Westholme Road - all areas	Mow & litter	7.5	22.85	171.375
22-Jul	Wyedean x 3 CH7, Sydwell Drive, 3 Counties, behind flats, Abbotsmead Road	Mow & litter	8	22.85	182.8
23-Jul	Dorchester Way & Stanbrook Drive, CH7	Mow & litter	6	22.85	137.1
24-Jul	Locks	Fuel collection	0.5	22.85	11.425
			39		891.15

Belmont Rural Parish Council
Bank Reconciliation as at 13/08/20

Opening 1st April 2020	Deposit	131,697.83
	Treasurers a/c	500.00
Total		132,197.83
Add	Receipts	30,590.55
		162,788.38
Less	Payments to	
TOTAL	13/08/20	23,528.21
		139,260.17

Bank statement as at 31/07/20	Treasurers a/c	500.00
Bank statement as at 31/07/20	Deposit a/c	143,522.42
		144,022.42

Outstanding cheques

1213	2,372.72
1226	40.00
1235	891.15
1036	477.94
1037	176.80
1238	288.54
1239	515.10

4,762.25

BALANCE **139,260.17**

