



DORMINGTON & MORDIFORD GROUP PARISH COUNCIL

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Your Parish Council hopes you have had a good summer!!

The next meetings are:

19th October 2016

16th November 2016

18th January 2017

15th February 2017 – n.b. school hall not available

15th March 2017

All meetings take place at 7.30pm.

A note from the Chairman

Firstly, I would like to welcome two new councillors to our team, Jo Kippax from Checkley and Mel Preedy from Shepherds Orchard. This brings Mordiford Parish up to 6 out of 7 positions filled.

They both will bring their own expertise to an already active team. Graham Finnegan has left us as his work takes him to the Bristol area. I would like to thank him on our behalf for his efforts in producing the Road Traffic Order Request.

Although there are still plots available on the allotments, Jan and Dave have put great efforts into the setting up and functioning of this service. They deserve our thanks for the time they have put in.

Our footpaths and other rights of way have been well serviced by John Litchfield and many walkers have made comment to that fact. Thank you, John.

Another area that brings the village praise is the village green and so thanks to Fred's efforts in keeping a credit to the parish.

Traffic is still a problem but things are on the move in trying to calm things down at the appropriate times. Traffic orders are in but will take time to go through, but in the meantime, better emphasis on the speed limit by placing picket fencing at the entrances is in immediate progress.

The last point to make concerns the Dormington Parish Council which still has no representation as nobody appears to have an interest in a council which they are entitled to. If there is anyone out there that could put some time I am sure Dormington would be grateful?

Please do take the opportunity to make use of your council, as we are here for you.

Regards

Ray Dickson, Chairman

Do you ever look at our website?

- <http://www.dormingtonmordifordgroup-pc.gov.uk/>

Do you have any comments about it?

- Is it easy for you to use?

You will note that it is two halves so that you can go straight to the Parish Council info or if it's a community matter then you can click on that. Have you any suggestion about what should be put on there?

Several things have come up since the last newsletter:

Speeding

If a member of the public has concerns about speeding then they should report it to the Parish Council. When the PC receives information from residents regarding speeding, they will email **Safer Roads Partnership** direct via the "contact us" link on their website. Their request will then be logged and put onto the agenda for discussion at the quarterly Operations Forum meeting which is also attended by the police Traffic Management Officer. This enables the information to be discussed by all the relevant agencies and ensures that it is looked at collectively rather than on an individual basis.

Dogs

We have had a complaint about dog owners not clearing up after their dogs. Poo bags are not expensive and when used they need to be technically disposed of and not left hanging on a low lying branch.

IMPORTANT WARNING ABOUT SANDBAGS

Herefordshire Council has announced that it will no longer supply sandbags to Parishes after March 2017. This winter they will provide a maximum of 150 EMPTY bags to each Parish and householders will be expected to fill them if they need them.

We have ordered 150 empty sacks but we would need to buy sand.

- Can you suggest where we could store the sand?
- Could you help to fill them ready for an emergency?

Websites for reporting road damage etc

<https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/report-it>
<http://www.fixmystreet.com>

The new number to call when there is a power cut: 105

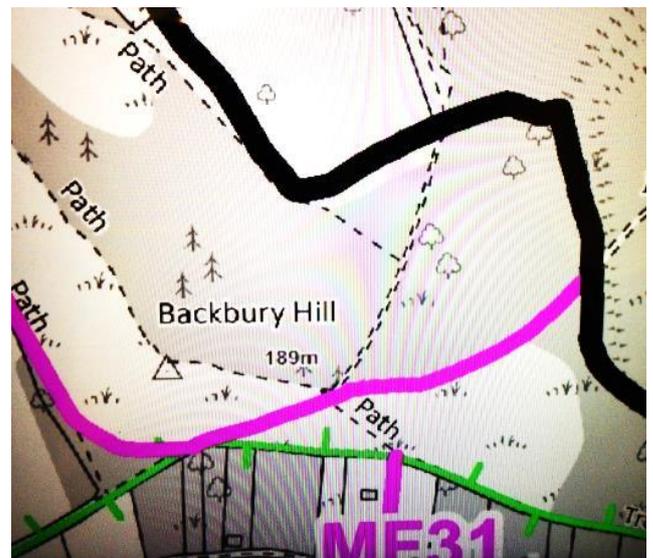
When the power goes out, it can leave people feeling unsure about what to do. 105 aims to solve this problem, providing you with an easy-to-remember number that will put you through to your local electricity network operator - the company that manages the cables, wires and substations that bring electricity into local homes and businesses. In England, Scotland and Wales, there are six Distribution Network Operators (DNOs) that operate in different geographical regions and several Independent Distribution Network Operators (IDNOs) that operate across regions. DNOs and IDNOs are each responsible for ensuring that homes and businesses have electricity 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. 105 is just one of the ways you can contact your network operator. They can still be contacted directly by phone on their 0800 number or via their website – and most can be reached through social media too. 105 is a free service for people in England,

Scotland and Wales, and you can call the number from most landlines and mobile phones. It doesn't matter who you choose to buy your electricity from - anyone can call 105. You can also call 105 if you spot damage to electricity power lines and substations that could put you, or someone else, in danger. If there's a serious immediate risk, call the emergency services too.

Footpaths

Those of you who have lived in this area for some time may well remember being able to climb to the trig. point on Backbury hill and enjoy the view. Over the years I have had a few conversations with locals lamenting the loss of this path. When I looked into establishing its route its existence was even denied by a previous Rights of Way official for Amey when they were in charge.

Well the good news is that it is back on the agenda and with the kind co-operation of Mr Foley we are planning to establish the legal line with GPS and start clearing the scrub and undergrowth during the winter months. Can't promise being able to clear the view as well, but once the Parish Council flag is raised on the Trig point I will let you know so that you can relive old memories or create new ones.



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