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DORMINGTON AND MORDIFORD PARISH COUNCIL.

Newsletter October 2009.

Chairman's Notes.

On September 21st The Chief Executive of Herefordshire Council, Chris Bull, came to the Parish, with Annie Brooks, the Head of the Chief Executive's office, at the request of Councillor Pemberton in order that he might see, at first hand, the advances that are being made with regard to public safety and young person's involvement in the Parish.

He inspected the new solar powered speed sign outside the school. He was impressed that the community, in the form of the school governors, school parent teachers' association, and the Parish Council, were able to come together to buy such a vital piece of equipment. He was also pleased that Herefordshire Council, through the Highways Department, had been able to provide some money towards the scheme through the Community Projects Grant. He was able to observe for himself the beneficial effect that it had on curbing the speed of drivers approaching the school.



He, Annie and Councillor Pemberton then met with Cllr Shearer, Cllr Davies and Cllr Durkin and looked around the new young people's club at the Iron Room, Priors Frome. The original state of the building was described to him and he was amazed how the building had been brought up to the current

good standard of repair in such a short time, using primarily voluntary labour and good will. Unfortunately the youths involved were not available as they were at College. He sent his congratulations to all who contributed to this forward thinking project.

Barry Durkin. Chairman.

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Report on the progress of major projects worked on so far

Iron Room. Many of you will have seen the Hereford Journal this month, and will know that the Youth Club has been put forward for a Herefordshire Community Group Award; two of the club will attend the ceremony on 21st October. The Club has also applied to O2 for extra funds, primarily to fund some games equipment. Once the Club has more to offer in terms of fun things to do we shall be actively looking for new members.

Cheryl Shearer.

Congratulations! We have just heard that the Group has been awarded 1st Place in “The Pride of Herefordshire”

Footpaths. Amey has taken over as Herefordshire Council’s new contractors for Highways and Rights of Way issues. The re-painting of zig-zags at the School, Larport Lane Crossroads, and Chapel Lane Priors Frome has been completed. Please note a change Amey has made on the Mordiford Loop Walk. A bridge has been removed and the footpath diverted to less marshy ground. Follow the way markings. The P.C. Footpaths Officer is organising the replacement of stiles with self-closing gates. At present 5 are in the course of being replaced with more to follow. More work has been done on the Checkley Barn site, a seat is planned for the area.

John Harris john@walkinginengland.co.uk would like to draw your attention to a new website that he has created to encourage people to get out walking in this beautiful county. On the website you will find more than 40 walks to download and print free, details of all the Herefordshire walking groups, maps and walk books.– plus loads more information.
www.walkinginhereford.co.uk

Lengthsman. The Parish has been improved by the work completed by our lengthsman; such as clearing the footpath from Sufton Rise to Sufton Lane, hedges cut by the school, a brook cleared after flooding. Vegetation, however, tends to grow back quickly. If parishioners are aware of work that needs to be done by him, especially if road signs are obscured, or ditches blocked please report this to the Clerk.

Neighbourhood Watch is in operation in 5 areas, Mordiford village, Pentaloe Close area, Sufton Rise, Checkley and Dormington. The co-ordinators deliver the Police bulletins and serve as a link between residents and the Police in cases of need or anxiety.

Recycling The new wheelie bins for all your recycling have been delivered. The collection day is Friday every other week starting on November.13th.

If you require a smaller wheelie bin or help to get the bin to the kerb please ring 01432 260051. asap.

Welsh Water workmen for Lewis have been making steady progress in renewing water pipes on the Woolhope Road and in Pentaloe Close. They have been very obliging and considerate in keeping disruption to a minimum. The pressure in the taps has improved. The supply to the “Spout” was inadvertently cut off; attempts are being made to restore the supply. Work has also been done on the mill-race serving Mordiford Mill. Lewis broke the large pipe running under the road near Pentaloe mini-green and corrective action was immediately taken by Mr. Taggett who has been renovating the mill. He has also been dealing with the many leaks which occur along the mill race between the Pentaloe River and the mill and spill onto the road.

Emergency Co-ordinator. Councillor P. Davies has been appointed Emergency Co-ordinator for the local Parishes. He will provide sandbags as protection against flooding, and be the link, through the Emergency Services, to relay advance warning of any emergency that threatens the area.

Parish Website. Please make use of your Parish Website which is regularly updated. Links to other useful sites are shown. The minutes of PC meetings are recorded and the dates of meetings shown. A useful feature is an Events Diary to help with your forward planning. It is a good vehicle for advertisements which are welcome.

www.dormingtonmordifordgroup-pc.gov.uk

Dates for your diary

Sat. 21st November from 11.00 am to 1.00 pm. The Parish skip service will be at the Yew Tree Inn car park for bulky household articles.

Advance notice of Parish Council meetings, which take place at the School, Mordiford at 8.00 pm. All welcome.

Nov. 3rd. Dec. 8th. 2009. Feb. 2nd. 2010.

Frances Dees. Editor.