

DORMINGTON

AND

MORDIFORD GROUP PARISH COUNCIL.

Newsletter April 2009.

Projects in Hand.

- The appointment of a lengthsman has been agreed, funding obtained and the job advertised. A lengthsman deals with weeds on the road edges and the grass verges, clears litter, undergrowth, and the roadside drains and culverts; and maintains picnic sites.
- In response to a traffic census through Mordiford village, and following consultation with Hereford Council, the School Governors, and the parishioners measures are being considered which will calm the traffic past the school and improve the safety for our children attending the school: for example, a 20 mph speed limit and double yellow lines, a flashing 'Slow Down' sign. (These would be subject to funding availability).
- The possibility of improvements to the bus services are being researched in conjunction with Fownhope Parish.
- The Neighbourhood Watch Scheme is operating in 5 areas. Police bulletins are distributed.
- The police are invited to attend P C meetings and report to the meeting.
- A 'Housing Need' survey is being distributed with this Newsletter. Please spare a few minutes to help us address this important topic. Thank you.
- An exciting project to restore the 'Iron Room' has been initiated by the Parish Council under the guidance of Councillor Cheryl Shearer in response to a request from some enterprising youths of the Parish for a Youth Club. They have been active in clearing the site, and raising funds. The Parish Council has now applied for funding, and it is hoped that a Youth Club open to all 12 years+ in the Parish will soon be available.

Frances Dees Editor.

Advance Notice.

The Annual Mordiford Parish Meeting will be held on the 29th April 2009 at 8.00pm in Mordiford School Hall. There will be a guest speaker from the AONB: refreshments will be available. If parishioners have an item they would like to see on the agenda please inform the Clerk at least three weeks before the meeting.

Melanie Preedy, Clerk to the Council. Tel: 01432769480.

The Annual Dormington Parish Meeting will be held in St. Peters Church, Dormington on Tuesday 21 April at 7.30pm. Please contact the Chairman, Nick Brewin (01432 850456) for details and/or to request an agenda item.

Dear Parishioner,

Welcome to the first edition of our Parish Newsletter. This is one of the ways **your Parish Council** is attempting to inform, report on and keep you in touch with matters that affect the Dormington and Mordiford Group Parish Council area.

We continue to address the 'living document' that is the Parish Plan; the embodiment of what is envisaged as the future for our parish. Current 'hot topics' include the traffic flow through Mordiford and especially, how we can minimise the risk of accidents to children around Mordiford School. To this end we have had meaningful discussions with the District Council, school governors and the police; we hope to see improvements to road safety soon. We have started the process for the engagement of a Lengthsman. This position will be undertaken by someone dedicated to enhancing the environment of our parish and make it a better place in which to live. This appointment will be made soon and you should see a difference over the coming months. Other ways in which we attempt to keep in touch are by notices on Parish Council notice boards, by our website www.dormingtonmordifordgroup-pc.org.uk and, of course, by your attendance at Parish Council meetings.

I would like to close by paying tribute to the parish councillors and our clerk, who continue to work hard together on your behalf as an effective and dedicated team.

Kind regards,



Barry Durkin. Chairman

The Parish Plan

During the course of 2005 a Parish Questionnaire was circulated in the villages of the Parish in order to canvass the opinions of the parishioners on what they considered the priorities for improving the amenities of the villages. Much work has been done since then in response to those replies to the questionnaires. A working party was set up in order to draw up an official Parish Plan. The purpose of a Parish Plan is to -

- List the priorities.
- Assess the possibilities.
- Seek any possible funding.
- Implement if feasible.

The Parish Plan has now been drawn up and the Council is working towards **Quality Parish Status** which will help us to work more efficiently and enable us to qualify for funding available for projects that have been approved.

The Council has decided to bring out a Newsletter at regular intervals to inform Parishioners of progress made and projects envisaged. This Newsletter will be distributed to households and displayed on the notice boards and the Website. We hope you enjoy it and find it informative. Please contact me with any comments you wish to make.

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Progress report

Projects completed.

- New notice boards at Sufton Rise and on the land opposite the Moon Inn, and on The Green by The Spout.
Half the cost of erecting these notice boards has been provided by 'Herefordshire Council Community Projects Grant Scheme.'
- Scalpings laid and weeds cleared to improve the footpath near Pentaloe Close on the Mordiford Loop Walk.
- Raising awareness to protect the environment against dog-fouling.(on-going).
- The hedges trimmed and undergrowth cleared on the footpath from Sufton Rise to Mordiford School (ongoing)
- Anti-skid surface applied at Dormington/A438 junction.
- Red warning lines painted at Larport cross-roads.
- The footpaths of the area have been regularly walked and maintained. Guides to the walks with simple maps and illustrations of places of interest en route have been prepared. Links are maintained with the Footpath Warden. (on-going).
- In partnership with 'Herefordshire Life long Learning' computer courses have been organised in the school hall, and are proving popular.
- A Parish Website has been set up and is fully operational.

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