



DORMINGTON & MORDIFORD GROUP PARISH COUNCIL

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Parish Council Newsletter

Dear fellow parishioners

As you probably know there was no election as only 6 candidates put forward for Mordiford and it needed 8 to trigger an election. Sadly, no candidates put forward for Dormington Parish so they have no representatives on the group parish council.

FIVE of the key players on our Council didn't stand for re-election for various reasons. They all had done a wonderful job for many years and we want to thank them for their efforts and hard work on behalf of the parish. This left only FOUR of us, so we are very grateful to the two people who came forward to fill two of the vacant places: this enabled us to keep our *General Power of Competence*. However it still means that the work load is being shared between just six of us rather than nine. We'd love to have offers to help us out.

We are trialling producing a newsletter in this format. It would be nice to have it produced monthly but that means a lot of time delivering so it will probably be produced bi-monthly unless we have volunteers to deliver it monthly.

The crucial issue we need to resolve at the moment, other than the **Mordiford traffic problem**, is the **allotments** so read on:

***** Urgent *****

Do you want an allotment?

Our Parish Plan identified a need for allotments, as well as affordable housing, for local people. The affordable homes have been built at Shepherds Orchard and we are shortly taking over the 13 allotment plots from the developer. Eight people originally expressed interest in having an allotment but now we are down to six. The plots are initially available for local people but if not enough local people take up this offer then it will be opened up to people who live outside the parish.

Do contact the Clerk or Jan Ashton-Jones if you are interested or want to know more.

Mordiford Traffic

A TRO (Traffic Regulation Order) is being prepared which will be sent to the Cabinet Member: this will suggest ways which might help to reduce the speed of traffic through the village, such as installing raised platform(s), introducing graded speed limits, or having 20mph limit through the village amongst other things.

Neighbourhood Watch

Some ornamental ducks have been stolen from Dormington. Bay Trees in pots have been taken from the front of Wallflower Row and someone has "nicked" our lavender and other shrubs from around the Old Weigh Bridge Hut ☹. We would be grateful if whoever took the lavender and shrubs from the front of the hut would either put them back or provide some replacements!

Lime Kilns

Work to tidy up the lime kilns at Scutterdine has been continuing and as a result they do look a lot better. Some craftsman work needs to be done: we plan to apply for a grant from the Big Lottery Heritage fund for this.

Footpaths

April to July is always a very busy time for our footpath maintenance team. Bramble and hawthorn are the great enemies. Blink and they are right across the stiles and footpaths, blocking your way in the process. Many of our paths have now been cleared, but apologies if you find a stretch that we haven't reached yet. We will get there soon!

The DR1 path through Claston Farm to Weston Beggard has recently been checked and the extensive building work is not interfering with the legal line. New way posts and way marker badges are to be fixed up by our localities steward to keep you on the right track.

On DR5 linking the Upper Dormington Lane to Perton, the awkward stile up the bank has been mended temporarily but we are seeking permission from the landowner to replace it with a 2 in 1 gate.

A resident expressed concern about the bridleway DR10A from Upper Dormington Lane to Tower Hill. This path is steep with exposed rock and very slippery when wet. Welsh Mountain ponies might find it easy but as a general bridleway it is a problem. Our localities steward has inspected it

with me and is seeking advice from the Council Rights of Way officer to see if it should be reclassified as a footpath.

Our two picnic sites/viewpoints, Checkley Barn and Swardon Quarry, have had two grass cuts to date. This will continue monthly to the end of August making them pleasant places to spend some time.

John Litchfield - Footpath Officer

The website

The parish website can be found at www.dormingtonmordifordgroup-pc.gov.uk Why not bookmark this and make a habit of visiting it regularly?

Would you like to receive this newsletter electronically each month? Let us know – this will keep the printing costs down and save the Councillors' time delivering it to your door.

Local events

July 4th 2015 at Sufton Court: Church of the Holy Rood, Mordiford, Summer Fête: do come along, give us some support, and have an enjoyable afternoon! There will be a dog display as well as all the usual attractions.

The Mordiford 200 Club monthly draw will take place during the afternoon at the fête Do you subscribe? You might win some money!! Contact Sue Day (01432 850375).

Mordiford Community Choir- July 18th 2015 at the Rose Garden, Ledbury Road. An Evening of Music.

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