

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Minutes of the **ANNUAL TOWN MEETING** held on Monday 4th April 2022 at 7.00pm held in The Pump Rooms, off Teme Street, Tenbury Wells, WR15 8BA

PRESENT: Mayor Cllr E. Hudson, Deputy Mayor Cllr. D. Patrick, Cllrs S. Bowkett, A. Corfield, L. Davies, M. Davies, J. Morgan, R. Plested, C. Slade and A. Wilkinson.

IN ATTENDANCE: The Mayoress, Mrs D. Thomas, Cllr. D. Chambers WCC, Cllr. Bridget Thomas MHDC, 1 member of the Safer Neighbourhood Team, 9 members of public, the Town Clerk and the Assistant to the Town Clerk.

1. APOLOGIES

Members received apologies for absence from Cllr. J. Fielder due to holidays.

2. MINUTES

Proposed by Cllr. S. Bowkett seconded by Cllr. D. Patrick and unanimously

RESOLVED:

The minutes of the previous meeting, held on 12th April 2021 were confirmed and signed by the Chair as a true and correct record of proceedings.

3. TENBURY FLOOD MANAGEMENT SCHEME

Members received apologies from the Environment Agency representative who was unable to attend this evenings meeting. An update report was sent, which the Mayor read. Attached **[Appendix A]**.

4. MAYOR'S ANNUAL REPORT

The Mayor presented his report. Attached **[Appendix B]**.

5. DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT

Cllr Thomas, representing Malvern Hills District Council presented her report. Attached **[Appendix C]**, which had been circulated.

Cllr. Bruton, also representing Malvern Hills District Council wished to thank residents for their support in her election and presented her report, which had been circulated. Attached **[Appendix D]**

There were no questions.

6. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cllr D. Chambers, representing Worcestershire County Council presented his report. Attached **[Appendix E]**, which had been circulated.

There were no questions.

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7. LOCAL POLICE REPORT

A representative of the Safer Neighbourhood Team presented her report, which had been circulated. **[Appendix F]**

7. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

One member of the public wished to address the Town Council with regards 1 Market Street, which he had raised 12 months ago at the previous Residents Meeting. The member of the public believes that the building has been allowed to deteriorate and still nothing appears to be done.

The Chair directed the question to the Malvern Hills District Councillor, Cllr. Thomas for an update.

Cllr. Thomas stated that the building was subject to an enforcement order being issued, however the situation wasn't straight forward as there were ongoing issues with the tenant. A surveyor has attended the building on behalf of the owner's agent and agreed that the issues will be addressed.

The member of the public questioned whether the enforcement order being served was under Section 215 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.

Cllr. Thomas was unsure. Malvern Hills District Councillor, Cllr. Bruton asked the member of public to email his details to herself and she would put him directly in touch with the enforcement officer, who can then answer his questions.

A member of the public stated that he wished to raise two issues that he felt the Town Council were not addressing.

Firstly the failure to provide allotments for residents and secondly with the growth in population from the large new developments, in his view stretching available facilities and the flavour of the town, it was his opinion that the Planning Committee and Town Council were failing to prevent the town from unwanted development.

The Chair stated that much work had been undertaken behind the scenes in the search for land for allotments, however, to this date, no suitable land had become available.

Secondly, with regards the planning issue, the Town Council's planning powers are limited as they are only a consultee of Malvern Hills Planning Authority and also can only object on specific grounds.

The Chair stated that some planning applications, although rejected by the planning authority have been allowed after appeal based on Malvern Hills District Council's perceived failure to provide an adequate 5 year housing supply plan.

The Chair thanked the public for their comments.

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Meeting closed at 7.55 pm.

Signed.....

Date.....



Tenbury FRMS

Town Council Meeting - Update

04/04/22

Achievements – Project/Engineering

- Reached design freeze stage
- Informal agreement from Fire Service and WCC to aid with operation of the scheme, but remains a community operated scheme.
- Costing for Burgage complete with Wall Option significantly cheaper.

Next Steps

- Started costing of outline designs, anticipated to complete this by the end of April.
- In discussion with DAC to agree approach for St Marys Church
- Informal agreement from Fire Service and WCC to aid with operation of the scheme, but remains a community operated scheme.
- Review of scheme programme in light of additional heritage and landowner discussions.

Appendix B

Mayor's Annual Report. 2020 - 2021

I have been Mayor of Tenbury for two years now and I would like to say what an unremarkable and uneventful period that has been.

Would it were so!

16 February 2020 Tenbury flooded with over 180 properties affected, including 96 businesses.

The town received excellent support from the emergency services and the High School provided an Emergency Rest centre. Thank you to Tenbury residents, Community Groups and Local businesses, as well as outside Agencies for their support and contribution.

We should not forget how badly people were affected by the flooding of their properties, some of whom have still not returned and the emotional scarring which cannot be repaired by Insurance monies.

A special mention to a flood fund formed by Reverend Sian and Reverend Mark, which was able to give instant support to those less fortunate.

The Town Council's properties have been significantly affected including The Regal, The Pump Rooms, The Pavilion, Cemetery, skatepark, play areas and Riverwalk.

The Pump Rooms was declared structurally unsafe, and the Clerk and Assistant to the Clerk had to move to a temporary office in the library. Thank you to WCC for their support. Council meetings were held at High School - thank you again to school for the community support.

The country went into its first COVID-19 Lockdown on 23 March - this saw the introduction of a new way of working for the Town Council by holding its meetings virtually. This enabled the Council to continue to operate and show resilience despite both the flooding and a pandemic.

COVID-19 Risk Assessments were required for all play areas, skatepark, tennis and bowling. Play areas repairs and new beam installed. Hand sanitiser stations were installed in the play areas and regular disinfecting carried. Areas have been open since last summer, which has been welcomed by families.

My thanks go to residents who just got on and supported one another. The Council recognised the efforts of Becky Evans and Sharon Shepherd for their prescription group collection and delivery service.

The Council was fortunate that work commenced quickly on the Pump Rooms and The Regal following the floods.

The Council also agreed to complete the renovation of the pavilion, which included the removal of the original asbestos tiles with replacement

characteristic orange / red tiles & generally restoring this 1900 building. The first bowls match was played at the site on Wednesday 7th August 1895 (Tenbury Vs Craven Arms) and it was probably still going on in 1896.

Extensive works have been carried out on The Regal, which has seen the old community centre revamped into a bright studio with a bar area and dressing room. New flooring has been installed in the auditorium and foyer areas, together with new seating in the lower area of the auditorium. Regal made more flood resilient with a large pump installed in the cellar and walls tanked.

The Regal was able to reopen briefly in December and we look forward to the venue reopening on 17th May. Excellent news the Regal was allocated grants of £116k and further £58k Arts Recovery Fund.

It took longer to agree the works to the Grade 2* Listed Pump Rooms. Extensive works have been carried out to make Pump Rooms structurally safe and more flood resilient. God willing, we can now Look forward to holding weddings in the summer and Council face-to-face meetings. Thank you to Ionic Surveying Consultants and Plas Lime & Co for their efforts. Of course, they have received payment for their work but their efforts on behalf of the Council have been exceptional.

The Half-pipe in the Skatepark has been renovated, with this facility used by many youngsters.

The whole Town felt anxiety when there were further flooding concerns in October, December and a very near miss in January this year. However, the Town Council works closely with other local authorities and agencies, being kept fully informed on the situation with much relief when flooding was avoided.

Excellent news was received on 14 July 2020 that £4.9m Government funding had been allocated for flood defences in Tenbury.

The Town Council has been and continues to work closely with the Environment Agency and grateful to the EA Chartered Civil Engineer, Sophie Lee, for the regular updates on how the scheme is progressing, which is going well and hopefully will see work commence early next year.

The Council will be working with the EA on improving the Riverwalk.

Works are now progressing with surveying the infrastructure in town to assess why Market Street floods and to get to the bottom of the smells in Teme Street. [No pun intended]

Members of the Council are also on the Flood Action Group that regularly meet with the multi agencies.

The monies donated to my Charity have allowed donations to be made to Tenbury Food Bank and towards IT equipment for needy pupils at Tenbury High Ormiston Academy.

In addition, the Town Council has granted £1,000 to Tenbury Chamber of Trade towards the Christmas Lights and to Tenbury CAB.

In August, the 75th anniversary VJ Day was marked in the remembrance garden.

Town Council continues to be consulted on numerous planning applications and street naming applications, by Malvern Hills District Council.

The Town Council receives requests for land to be identified and provided for Allotments. It has been difficult to find suitable land, however a potential site may be available, and the Council have been liaising with the landowner's agent.

On 21 October, I had the pleasure of showing the High Sheriff of Worcestershire, Mark Jackson OBE around Tenbury. This including a visit to Tenbury pool, the Regal and the Foodbank run by St. Mary's Church, that provides so much support to the Town and to meet volunteers who had supported others during lockdown. Mr Jackson paid tribute to the resilience of the town.

In December, with the support of MHDC, it was good to see the town reopen and working with a Christmas Market.

The Town Council supported the High School by purchasing Christmas cards which were designed by a pupil.

The Council continue to work with Freedom Leisure and Tenbury Community Pool to increase sport and leisure provision for Tenbury.

We are fortunate to enjoy an excellent working relationship with District Council & WCC. My thanks go to Ken, Tony and Bridget.

A special thank you to Councillor Pollock on his retirement from the County Council. In my view, he never failed to do his absolute best for this town.

I would like to record my personal thanks to my fellow Councillors and to Susan and Dave, our employees.

Finally, a special thank you to our exceptional Town Clerk, Lesley Bruton. Unless you hold my position, you cannot be aware of how much organisation and effort she puts into her duties.

REPORT FROM MHDC APRIL 2022

There was real progress regarding the Little Meadow Animal Rescue at Stoke Bliss when all the animals were removed from the site. This was a combined and well organised plan executed by our police officer, who had applied for and had been granted a warrant to gain access onto the site, along with the RSPCA, the Animal Welfare Agency and the Donkey Sanctuary. A goose and a cockerel had to remain on site due to the threat of Avian Flu. Now it is left to the Enforcement Officer to finally bring this case to an end.

Following this, a meeting was arranged with the Enforcement Officer and the Conservation Officer, who were finally able to gain access to 1 Market Street on the 31st of March. A Surveyor joined the meeting to assess the work that needed to be done to bring the shop frontage into a satisfactory condition. Cllrs Bruton and Thomas met with the Officers after the Surveyor had left, for them to update us with the latest situation. This was all very satisfactory and we are hopeful that this could finally find resolution.

On 30th of March, there was a photo shoot to promote the Easter Trail, this has been organised by MHDC with posters etc being placed around the town. These trails seem to be very popular with the children, who can take the filled in forms to the Tourist Office and, if correct, can receive a prize. The free trails start on 12th of April and run until 16th of April and involve youngsters searching for 19 hidden Easter chicks around the town centre to reveal an Easter phrase.

MHDC has been actively involved with Homes for Ukraine and once all necessary checks have been made and families here have received their guests, a payment of £200 will be provided. Hosts will receive optional monthly "thank you" payments. MHDC will be required to monitor addresses to ensure guests are still staying there.

COMMUNITY BUILDERS

Representatives from MHDC visited Age UK's workshop in Tenbury Library in March, bringing families and different generations together by providing arts and crafts opportunities, whilst children are accompanied by parents or grandparents for free. Creative friends also give people the supplies to work creatively from home.

There was also a visit by these Community Builders to meet Cllrs Bruton and Thomas and Mayor Eric Hudson in the Pump Rooms to discuss the current services working to engage young people, as well as support the elderly or vulnerable to travel services and other support through organisations such as KITE. They also met the Primary School's headteacher and witnessed the proud forest school at work and finally they were shown the Millennium tree.

Cllr Bridget Thomas

Malvern Hills District Council Report (April 2022)

Cllr Lesley Bruton (Tenbury Ward)

Chief Executive's Roundup

Vic, our CEO, has produced a report from the District Council to Parish Councils - please find attached Vic's report, which gives a more general update about what is going on.

Ward Budget

I am pleased to have supported the following projects through my ward budget:

Tenbury CofE Primary Academy – Weather Station - £250.00

Chamber of Trade – Santa Parade - £100.00

Ludwig Theatre Arts – Free Christmas Films event - £100.00

Stoke Bliss Parish Council – Jubilee Tree Planting - £50.00

This financial year I would like to provide funding towards the town's Jubilee Celebration to be held on 5th June.

Vehicle Charging Points

The installation of the six electric vehicle charging points in Teme Street car park was planned for 11th April. Unfortunately, Western Power are unable to complete their works and have indicated there will be a 6-8 week delay.

Town Centre Support

A new planter has been ordered for Marker Square and will be delivered to the Town Council.

To support the Platinum Jubilee celebrations, union flag bunting has been ordered for Teme Street and Market Street.

Four colourful lamp-post banners will be installed along the A456 in Burford to encourage tourists to visit Tenbury. The banners, with the support of Shropshire Council, will be installed on Tuesday 5th April.

To encourage footfall to Tenbury, a new Easter trail has been created for families to enjoy from 12-16 April 2022. Families must find the 19 Easter chicks and letters around the town in shop windows. After completing the trail, a prize can be collected from the Tourist Information Centre.

Ukraine

Several residents have asked how they can help support people affected by the devastating war in Ukraine. The District Council together with Worcestershire County Council will be leading on the delivery of support for refugees. For further information, please visit the District Council's website:

<https://www.malvern hills.gov.uk/community/support-for-ukraine>

Dog Control Powers

Following a six-week public consultation, the Dog Control Public Space Protection Order was approved by the Executive Committee. More than 480 residents took part in the consultation, with overwhelming support, the majority of which were dog owners.

The order will be brought into force with effect from 1 May 2022 and will continue to allow the District Council to deal with dog control offences by issuing fixed penalty notices.

Dog fouling offences can be reported through the District Council's website via the link below:

<https://swict.malvern hills.gov.uk/cepoformsmhdc/forms/dogfouling/main.jsp>



18 March 2022 (MHDC)

TO SHARE

Support for Ukraine

Malvern Hills District residents are being urged to back a national appeal to help the hundreds of thousands of Ukrainians fleeing conflict in their country.

The UK's Disasters Emergency Committee is coordinating the efforts of 15 agencies to help people who have fled Ukraine or been displaced to other parts of the country, following the invasion by Russia.

A number of community groups and businesses are also holding fund-raising events and appeals for donations of items to send to refugees. These include Malvern Town Football Club, Chernobyl Children's Lifeline and Austin and Co.

More information on these local appeals can be found on our website at www.malvernhills.gov.uk/community/support-for-ukraine.

Any other community groups organising events can add them to the page by emailing communications@malvernhills.gov.uk

Malvern Theatres could receive £1m funding boost

Malvern Theatres could receive a funding boost of £1million to extend its educational and community space.

The popular venue, which attracts around 300,000 visitors each year, is the second most visited attraction in the Malvern Hills District.

The extension project, which will cost up to £2.25 million, could receive £1million from us as a council if recommended by Executive Committee on 22 March 2022.

The remaining cost will be funded jointly by our existing capital programme, and donations and fund raising already secured by Malvern Theatres Trust.

The theatre was granted planning permission in 2019 for a 310 square metre extension, which will create a new vibrant and inviting entrance to the theatre, as well as creating more space for educational and community use.

Unfortunately, the project was delayed due to the Covid-19 pandemic and rising building prices since the pandemic have meant that additional resources are needed for project to be completed.

Visit www.malvernhills.gov.uk/news-alerts/malvern-theatres-could-receive-1m-funding-boost-towards-expansion for more information.

Young people to have a say on the district's future

We have launched our biggest ever youth survey and young people are being encouraged to have their say on the changes they would like to see in their area.

The Bigger Picture Survey is open to 11 to 18-year-olds who live, work or study in the district.

The questions cover topics such as mental health, lifestyle and local community and the results will help the council to make the district a better and safer place for young people.

Paper copies of the survey will be shared in schools, but there is also an online version on the Let's Talk Malvern Hills engagement platform. An accessible version can also be found online.

We first ran the Bigger Picture Survey in 2018 and have since acted on the results, including developing a What's On guide for young people because 57% of those surveyed said that more things to do would improve their lives.

As well as this, 85% of participants wanted to keep informed and involved with council decision making, as a result, the Youth Chair and Advisor roles were created to represent young people.

Participants also said that life skills, mental health support and volunteering were important to them. To respond to this, we launched the Futureproof campaign in 2020 to support our young people to develop their skills, build resilience and feel a part of their communities.

Please pass this survey on to any relevant contacts, the survey can be found on our Youth web page www.malvernhills.gov.uk/youth.

All information entered into the survey will be anonymous and it will run until 15 April 2022.

Environment Podcast



Our Community and Environment Protection Officers, Dan Bayliss and Jude Allen, who were stars of Channel 5's 'Grime and Punishment', started a podcast in January this year to get their important environmental messages across to the public and residents.

The podcast focuses on pressing matters within the community, such as dog fouling, fly tipping, littering, and more.

The series will also include interviews with our staff and residents, a visit to EnviroSort to see how waste is recycled within the district and talks about wider environmental issues such as the council's Destination Zero Plan. Visit www.anchor.fm/teamcepo to listen to the podcast.

Malvern Hills and Wychavon businesses looking to expand, survey shows

Businesses in Malvern Hills District and Wychavon are actively looking to take on more staff and are increasingly turning towards apprenticeships as a way of filling vacancies.

The findings are part of the Malvern Hills and Wychavon Upskilling Project business survey, which was aiming to establish the skills and training needs of local employers.

In total, 665 companies across the two districts filled in the survey, with just over 40% saying they were currently looking to recruit or train staff or change or expand their business.

An overwhelming 82% of businesses agreed an apprentice would help fill their recruitment/training needs in the next 24 months.

The responses also showed that 53% of businesses believe they currently having a skills shortage, while 31.9% have at least one vacancy to fill.

To help address these concerns, together with Wychavon, we are investing more than £283,000 from the Government's UK Community Renewal Fund in skills, training and employment opportunities.

Businesses can receive an Upskilling Grant of up to £2,000 towards the cost of taking on a new apprentice or trainee.

Businesses in any sector can apply for up to two upskilling grants, as long as the trainees started after 1 April 2021 and before 31 March 2022.

Payments of £500 are on offer to anyone starting an apprenticeship or training course to help encourage people to consider on-the-job training as a route into work.

Support payments of up to £1,000 are also available to help apprentices and trainees cover the cost of travel, equipment, clothing and other associated expenses.

For more information about the support available, including full terms and conditions, please visit www.wychavon.gov.uk/business or www.malvernhillsgov.uk/skills.

Businesses can learn how to support community-led environment initiatives at event

Businesses across the Malvern Hills District interested in supporting carbon reduction initiatives are being invited to a special crowdfunding launch event.

The Destination Zero Community Fund launch event will see crowdfunding experts Spacehive talk about the council's £100,000 funding pot which will support community-led projects that contribute towards the aims of the Destination Zero Plan.

Businesses will be able to learn more about how they can play a pivotal role in supporting community projects through crowdfunding while tackling climate change.

The event will take place at Morgan Motor Company from 2pm to 4pm on Wednesday 23 March. Visitors at the event will

- learn more about the Spacehive crowdfunding platform.
- hear from project creators who have benefitted from bringing their ideas to life with support from their communities, the council and local businesses.
- hear about Malvern Hills District Council's environmental priorities including the Destination Zero Plan.
- network with other local businesses and share ideas for reducing our collective carbon footprint.

Anyone who has an idea for a community project in their local area is also being invited to learn more about the other funds available at a free online workshop at 12pm on 30 March.

Visit www.malvernhillsgov.uk/crowdfunding for more information on crowdfunding and to register for both the Destination Zero Fund launch event and the upcoming workshop.

Trial recycling bins installed near Malvern schools to help reduce waste

We have recently joined forces with Malvern Town Council to help reduce waste by installing new recycling bins outside schools within the district.



The installation of five trial recycling bins have been put in place outside the two main secondary schools within Malvern, Dyson Perrins and The Chase.

It is hoped that engagement with school pupils will encourage them to use the bins and help foster new habits, which leads to increased and improved recycling within the town and hopefully expansion of this scheme in the future.

The initiative forms part of our five-year plan environment priority to 'Support initiatives that promote refuse, reduce, reuse, and recycle'. Visit www.malvern hills.gov.uk/waste-and-recycling for recycling hints and tips.

New 'Village Office' set up to tackle rural isolation

A new 'Village Office' has been set up in Lindridge to tackle isolation and provide a working space for people living in rural areas.

We are working with Community First to trial the concept across rural areas of the district, with Lindridge Parish Hall, Tenbury Wells, as the first location.

The idea has come about as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic and the rise in homeworking.

The Village Office provides a space where people can come together to work, study, hold meetings and more, to prevent loneliness and isolation.

The large space includes a workstation for people to bring their laptops, a social space, a photocopier, printer, Wi-Fi and tea and coffee facilities. There is also high-quality audio-visual equipment available for video conferencing.

An Open Afternoon event at Lindridge Parish Hall is being held on Wednesday 23 March at 2pm for people to find out more information.

Visit www.lindridgeparishhall.co.uk for more information. Contact the hall directly on 01584 881747 or email lindridgeparishhall@outlook.com



1 April 2022 (MHDC)

(TO BE SHARED)

Opening date announced for revamped play area



Priory Park's newly revamped play area will be open to the public in time for the Easter weekend.

The exciting half a million-pound project in Great Malvern will open on Good Friday (15 April), with a formal opening event held on 5 May.

Malvern Hills District Council has worked with specialist play equipment company, Flights of Fantasy, on the new, state-of-the-art design

which is unique and eco-friendly.

The council has also been working with Avery Landscapes Limited, who are the main contractor for the project.

The new play area has sustainable timber, planting and materials to give a natural and rustic feel, while also allowing for a range of play.

Children will be able to climb on natural boulders, crawl through hobbit holes, hide in a hollow tree trunk, walk across a rope bridge, swing on a basket swing and even meet a giant dragonfly.

The play area replacement is part of the wider improvement plan for Priory Park which includes refurbishment to the shelters, desilting the pond and more.

Building works on the park began in mid-November last year.

Visit www.malvern hills.gov.uk/priorypark for more information on the park.

Eco-friendly renovation works ready to start



Renovation works are set to commence on Monday 4 April, at the toilet block on Grange Road, Great Malvern.

The toilet block will undergo an eco-friendly refurbishment as part of a £200,000 project.

The plans form part of our Five Year Plan to invest in the refurbishment of five town centre toilets by 2025 and reduce our own use of electricity and water.

The following improvements will be made as part of the refurbishment:

- The installation of solar roof tiles with battery storage
- Low flush toilets and low water usage taps with built in legionella protection
- New cubicles including ambulant cubicles in both male and female toilets
- LED lighting
- New sanitaryware and tiling throughout
- Repair and replacement of windows
- Improved facilities for disabled and those with ambulant disabilities
- External redecoration

During the works, Grange Road public toilets will be closed from Monday 4 April until August 2022, and Grange Road South Carpark will also have limited parking during this time.

Poverty Alleviation Plan Endorsed

Our Poverty Alleviation Plan, which runs from 2022 to 2024, was fully endorsed by the Executive Committee on Tuesday 22 March 2022.

It aims to achieve financial wellbeing for all, where residents of the Malvern Hills district can easily access advice, information, and support to help effectively manage their finances.

We will do this, together with our partners, by delivering actions that prevent residents from getting into poverty and help them to survive and recover from financial difficulty.

Some actions in the Poverty Alleviation Partnership Plan include:

- Support residents to develop their financial resilience and capability so that they can plan and know when to seek advice.
- Work with schools to strengthen young people's money management life skills education programme.
- Develop, fund, and promote travel to work options in the district, to include a range of transport options – to reduce barriers to accessing work.

- Improve digital access through the development of digital skills and confidence, whilst ensuring that digital products and services meet the needs of residents.
- Develop, promote, and support work programmes that help residents to prepare for and find work.
- Engage with householders to support them with their energy consumption, offering a full home energy support service and free, impartial advice.
- Work with partners to reduce the risk of rough sleeping or approaching housing at crisis point and ensure other services are accessed by those in need of homelessness support.

Funding for the plan will be allocated from the Connected Communities Fund, in addition to existing resources and services provided, including revenues and benefits service, financial assistance grant, funding to information and advice organisations such as South Worcestershire Citizens Advice.

Visit www.malvern hills.gov.uk/news-alerts/council-endorse-poverty-alleviation-plan for more information.

Dog control powers approved

The Dog Control Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) was approved on Tuesday 22 March at Executive Committee.

The PSPO pursuant to dog control will be brought into force with effect from 1 May 2022, this will continue to allow us to deal with dog control offences by issuing fixed penalty notices.

As part of the PSPO the following will be an offence:

- Fouling – Persons in charge of dog must remove faeces from land immediately
- Leads by order – Persons in charge of dog must place dog on lead when directed to by an authorised officer
- Exclusion – Persons in charge of dog must not take dog into a fenced/enclosed children's play area
- Means to pick up – Persons in charge of a dog must have the appropriate means to pick dog faeces deposited by that dog.

On 2 December 2021, we had launched a six-week consultation to gather responses on the PSPO that had expired. More than 480 took part in the consultation, with overwhelming support from residents, the majority of which were dog owners.

Dog fouling can be reported online at www.malvern hills.gov.uk/dog-fouling

Crowdfunding Launch Event Success



Local businesses recently attended a special crowdfunding event on Wednesday 23 March at Morgan Motor Company.

Crowdfunding experts Spacehive were welcomed at the event, where they discussed the £100,000 funding pot, which will support community-led projects that contribute towards the aims of the Destination Zero Plan.

Businesses discovered how they can play a role in supporting community projects through crowdfunding while tackling climate

change.

They heard from project creators who have benefitted from bringing their ideas to life with support from their communities and local businesses. Our environmental priorities were also discussed, including the Destination Zero Plan.

The event was a great opportunity for networking with other local businesses and sharing ideas for reducing our collective carbon footprint.

Please contact nicola.stevens@malvern hills.gov.uk if you have an idea for a community project in your local area.

Visit www.malvern hills.gov.uk/crowdfunding for more information.

Latest Podcast

Listen to [Dan and Jude's latest recording](#) which highlights abandoned vehicles in the district.

Youth survey deadline approaching

The deadline for our biggest ever youth survey is fast approaching and closes on Friday 15 April 2022.

The Bigger Picture Survey is open to 11 to 18-year-olds who live, work or study in the district.

Young people are being encouraged to have their say on the changes they would like to see in their area.

The questions cover topics such as mental health, lifestyle and local community and the results will help the council to make the district a better and safer place for young people.

Please pass the survey on to any relevant contacts, the survey can be found on our Youth web page www.malvern hills.gov.uk/youth. All information entered into the survey will be anonymous.

Easter family fun



To encourage footfall to Tenbury Wells and Upton upon Severn during the Easter holidays, we have created two new Easter trails for families to enjoy from 12-16 April 2022.

The free trails will allow both visitors and residents to explore the towns on the hunt for clues with the Tourist Information Centres providing a small prize upon completion.



Visit www.visitthemalverns.org/blog/category/family-fun/ for more information and please forward on details.

**Worcestershire County Council Report
Annual Tenbury Town Residents' Meeting 4th April 2022.**

Since being elected to Worcestershire County Council in May 2021, to represent the Tenbury Division of the County, I have provided a report to Town Councillors at their monthly Town Council meetings. As this is the Annual Town Residents' Meeting I will amend my report slightly and include a few items which some attendees may not be aware of.

It has been an enormous pleasure to represent the Tenbury Division for the last eleven months and to meet so many local residents, business leaders and those who make our community the success that it is.

1. Each month I have reported on the latest Covid figures and as you will know, the numbers of cases have risen in recent weeks. Covid Figures as at 4th April 2022 are:
 - a. Worcestershire is showing an infection rate of 982 cases per 100,000.
 - b. The infection rate in the Malvern Hills District is 1,041 cases per 100,000.
 - c. Wychavon District has the highest infection rate in Worcestershire with 1,092 cases per 100,000. Wyre Forest has the lowest infection rate with 877 cases per 100,000.
 - d. The rate of infection in England as a whole is 861 cases per 100,000.

Covid cases at the Worcester Royal Hospital remain high. When I checked last month, there were still two wards out of action for Covid patients and at that time, 100 Covid patients were in hospital in Worcestershire. Fortunately, the number who are seriously ill and on ventilators remains low.

Ambulance waiting times remain high, due mainly to ambulances having to wait, often for several hours, before they can discharge patients into the Emergency Department at the Worcester Royal hospital.

2. Worcestershire County Council's Budget for 2022/23 was approved on Thursday 17th February.
 - a. Residents will have seen the following increase in Council Tax: the Precept has increased by 0.94%; in addition, there will be a 1% Adult Social Care Levy; in addition, there will be a 2% Adult Social Care Levy that was carried forward from 2021/22.
 - b. This additional funding for Adult Social Care will ensure the most vulnerable in society are protected.
 - c. The above increases in Council Tax will give an additional £11.3million in Council Tax revenue for 2022/23.
 - d. This has resulted in an increase of £52.95 per annum on a Band D property.
3. It has been agreed that Local Members' Highway Fund of £22,000 and Councillor's Divisional Fund of £10,000 will be extended to the next financial year. If there are any community projects that you believe would benefit from financial support, then please let me know.

My Division includes a total of 18 Parishes, within quite a large geographical area, including Clifton on Teme, Abberley, Great Witley, Little Witley, Stoke Bliss and so on. During the financial year 2021/22, I was able to give the following financial support in Tenbury:

- £943.83 to Tenbury High School for the purchase of archery equipment.
 - £1,460 to Tenbury Community Pool for new spectator seating.
 - £1,000 to the Regal Tenbury Trust for their drama and dance pupils to help with performance costs.
 - £1,235 to Tenbury Town Council for an additional defibrillator.
4. Perhaps the greatest number of concerns which residents tell me about are related to highways, pavements and speeding. The County Council has recently allocated £12million to the highways budget for this financial year. Each County Councillor is allocated £22,000 for specific works in their Division and an additional £3,900 for minor works.

I will always do my best to ensure residents concerns are addressed, though of course, that is not always possible. There are a great deal of works which have taken place in the last eleven months and an extensive programme of works to come.

5. Ukraine Crisis: Worcestershire County Council is working closely with the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, and with local partners, to co-ordinate actions regarding our response to the Ukraine refugee crisis. The County Council has agreed with the six Worcestershire District Councils, to co-ordinate our response as “One Worcestershire”, to ensure a joint approach is undertaken.

At the moment the best way to provide humanitarian help for the people of Ukraine is through financial donations to organisations with a presence in the region. This is considered a more effective way to support those in need, rather than physical donations, given the complexities and time it can take to physically transport supplies. Together with this Report, I am forwarding a list of agencies supporting Ukraine, should anyone wish to contact them.

6. The Worcestershire Health and Wellbeing strategy consultation 2022 – 2032, has been launched. Formal consultation will run until 2nd May 2022. Good mental health and wellbeing may mean different things to different people. Your thoughts and feelings are welcomed, to help WCC shape the future of health and wellbeing over the next ten years. The consultation survey is open to everyone and will help build up a picture of what Wellbeing means to people of all ages across the county. More details can be found at: www.worcestershire.gov.uk/HWBStrategy2022
7. For those aged 15 to 24 and would like advice on careers, apprenticeships, 6th Forms, full-time college courses, university and more, a number of Careers events are being held throughout Worcestershire between 2nd March and 7th April, each between 4pm and 8pm. There is no need to book, just drop into any of the events at any time

to suit you. Further details can be obtained from:

careersworcs@worcestershire.gov.uk

8. Worcestershire County Council are awaiting the outcome of our Bus Service Improvement Plan (BSIP) submission to the government, and so it is extremely disappointing to hear that First Bus have announced they intend to significantly cut services in Worcestershire. The details are yet to be finalised but this will have a detrimental impact on residents. The BSIP grant is now even more critical to enable us to deliver our aspirations for Worcestershire residents.

David Chambers
County Councillor, Tenbury Division.

Annex A – List of agencies providing support for Ukraine

Donating Financially

- Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC) launched a [Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal](#) to raise funds for food, water, medicine, protection and trauma care for people fleeing the war. Every pound donated by the UK public to the DEC will be matched by the government, up to the value of £20m.
- [The UN Refugee Agency](#) - distributing essential relief items, including blankets, sleeping bags and hygiene items and delivering essential aid
- The [British Red Cross](#) - providing accommodation, food, water and other aid items to refugees.
- [Care International](#) is providing emergency relief through its partner, People in Need - this non-governmental, non-profit organisation has been sending trucks of durable food, hygiene items, nappies, sleeping bags, mats, and other goods into Lviv in western Ukraine to distribute to people locally.
- [Save the Children](#) - Distributing essential supplies and winter kits of clothing and blankets as temperatures plunge below freezing
- The [International Committee of the Red Cross](#) is working closely with the Ukrainian Red Cross Society to provide emergency assistance and support local hospitals and primary healthcare facilities with medical equipment.
- [Unicef](#) - It estimates there are up to 7.5 million children in need of support and says a £46 donation will provide a family with an emergency water and hygiene kit.
- [Médecins Sans Frontières](#) are responding to medical and humanitarian needs as the conflict evolves, providing training in emergency medicine and surgical preparedness to hospitals, as well as mass casualty kits with supplies for treating traumatic injuries.
- [World Jewish Relief](#) - the charity is supporting refugees with food, water, personal protective equipment and accommodation.
- [Cafod](#) - providing beds, food, washing facilities and safe spaces for children.
- The [World Health Organization](#) is raising funds for its frontline response and to deliver life-saving medicines and supplies to people across Ukraine and to refugees.

Donating Supplies

- [Goods For Good UK](#) are providing a rapid response Ukraine crisis and are supplying relief aid to Ukrainian welfare centres which include bedding, clothing, hygiene essential toiletries.

Martley & Tenbury SNT

Firstly, I don't think I need to say that this year has been far from normal. Over the last year COVID-19 has affected the way each and every one of us lives our lives, this has clearly impacted on crime statistics and trends. As pubs and bars have been closed we haven't seen the same figures in relation to alcohol related disorder in the town that we saw in previous years.

During first lockdown things went very quiet as any cars on the move were be stopped and the occupants spoken to, this had an impact on travelling criminals as it made them more obvious than usual. Figures in relation to road traffic accidents and road related deaths have also reduced due to there being less traffic on the road.

We've also had to contend with policing the Coronavirus restrictions which was an added strain on resources. I'd like to say that from my personal observations Tenbury and the surrounding area have, on the whole, been fantastic in their observance of the restriction. Most of the reported breaches turned out to be malicious or the restrictions have not been fully understood by the persons making the call to Police.

We have seen some reports of anti-social behaviour, mainly on the skate park and on the Burgage, again with lockdown conditions imposed this is down on previous years, as the lockdown is eased I can see this starting to return to normal levels. With this in mind our intention will be to focus our attention in these areas in conjunction with partner agencies.

We currently aren't running any local surgeries and at this stage we don't know when we will be allowed to resume. You may have heard whispers that the local policing team would be moving into the fire station but this is no longer the case. I have been told that we will now be staying at Berrington Road.

The team will be changing soon as I'm off to pastures new, until a replacement is found I will still be looking after the area. PCSO Stacey Birks has joined PCSO Ness Snape who you all know well I'm sure.

As said in previous years, we are easily contacted on mt.snt@westmercia.pnn.police.uk.