



# Hartlebury Parish Council

## CLERKS REPORT. Agenda Item 27

## HPC Meeting Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2023

### The Orchards 1<sup>st</sup> June 2021 Agenda Item 14 Update- still remains outstanding by Enforcement.

Enforcement site visit 2/8/21, very concerned over the trees with TPO's cut to short trunks. Unable at that time to gain access to the site itself to consider the pigeon loft that may have been turned into annex.

27<sup>th</sup> September – The pigeon loft is not being used as accommodation and has been clad in brick effect rather than brick itself, therefore no breach of planning control. Enforcement told 2/11 that there is possible use of a TV at night and to consider Trees with TPO's – investigation on going. (18/7) a further site inspection will be undertaken shortly. A further complaint received about the advertisement for fencing near the road, however this is classed as Deemed Consent under the control of advertisements as the sign less than 1.55sq mt.

### Mitre Oak Tree

1<sup>st</sup> February 2022 W C Cllr Tony Miller able to provide expert advice from WCC Tree Warden. Background: the parish council contacted by a member of the public about the historic tree. Waresley House Mansion residents offered to donate £100 to help defray costs for its preservation. Suggestion from them to plant bright climbing roses. A meeting took place at the Mitre Oak. Worcester CC to provide help in cutting away any trees on highways ground in front of the Oak which would provide more light(**works outstanding**) and to contact a tree specialist to see if any interest in looking at the tree. Letters sent to properties both sides of the tree to help support the PC by keeping any overhanging shrubs away from the tree in its enclosure. Tree survey now received recommended the top being cutting. The Contractor who previously cut the tree has quoted for this work , not an easy job as a crane required and consent also required from planning as the tree has a TPO works to be carried out after the Councils financial year. (**April 2023**).

### SPEEDING

First trial along Quarry Bank by the school, 34 and 28 mph recorded, then Station Road with the results not as expected. 606 vehicles in total passed through at speeds of 23 and 24 mph and 1 at 43mph. (April 22) A second survey under taken along Station Road, higher speeds between 7-9am and 4 -6 pm. The Police were hoping to be able to action a Community Speed Watch but felt they could not enforce safely. Not enough foot fall so considering what traffic calming measures could be put in place, perhaps the VAS sign moved but this may only result in a short term fix, "Slow" road markings may be placed by the Trading Estate in agreement with the Police and WCC.

### CPRE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING WORCESTERSHIRE

Hartlebury Parish Council is a member of the CPRE, I attended the above meeting Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> September. I was hoping to bring information on the works carried out by this Charity for the area of Wychavon. Sadly all planning applications being addressed are presently only for Bromsgrove, Redditch and Wyre Forest. Wychavon is not being covered due to a shortage of interest from what I understood to be from its members. Other than that the agenda issued on the evening didn't cover hot topics for example solar farms or Fracking. With nothing more that I could add the Parish Council may wish to re-consider membership renewal with this Charity and what benefits it delivers for the Parish of Hartlebury..

### SMARTMETER

Installed into the pillar feeder on the village green Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2022 for automated usage reading.

### WORCESTERSHIRE CALC – AGM

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2022, attended as Clerk (no voting rights) and with Cllr S Tranter. Discussions on Council Policies & Procedures, the Local Council Award Scheme, Digital inclusion, Dementia, NDP and Worcestershire Councils, Elections 2023, reports - Annual, President, Chairman's, NALC and financial..

### THE PLATINUM JUBILEE - QUEENS GEEN CANOPY- OAK SAPLING

Two Oak Saplings funded by Worcestershire County Councilor Tony Miller were delivered to the New Elizabethan School and Hartlebury CE School Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2022. Thanks given to Councilor Miller for his generosity and also to Cllr Buck for his part in the delivery of one of the trees saving the PC the delivery charge .Photos taken which can be found on the Councils website and FB page.

#### CLERKS GATHERING 8<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2022 – COUNCILLOR RECRUITMENT TOOLKIT

The recruitment and retention of Councillors difficult. CALC with Breakthrough Communications have created a Councillor Recruitment Toolkit to try and attract new interest for all Parish Councils. Cllrs Induction Packs to be available in the new year.

#### IKON TRADING ESTATE

A member of the public approached the Parish Council March 2022 with regards the RAF buildings on the Ikon Trading Estate. They asked if the Council could put together a group listing application for all the remaining buildings before they are removed/changed before too late. This was discussed at Parish Council meeting 3<sup>rd</sup> May and agreed by all to help. An application submitted to Historic England 20<sup>th</sup> December 2022. 4<sup>th</sup> January 2023 reply from Historic England they felt that the application did not fall into any of their three categories used by the Department for Digital, Cultural, Media and Sport to prioritise designation resources on those sites in need of protection. ,

#### FISH AND CHIPS ON THE VILLAGE GREEN

The Council received an enquiry from "The Village Fish and Chips": - to once a month set up their mobile van on the village green by the MUGA/Tennis court (not the car park) which would replace the previous provider who was well received. They do have the necessary street trading consent. Insurances to be obtained, a trial as before of three months to ensure no excess rubbish before bringing back to the Council for review.