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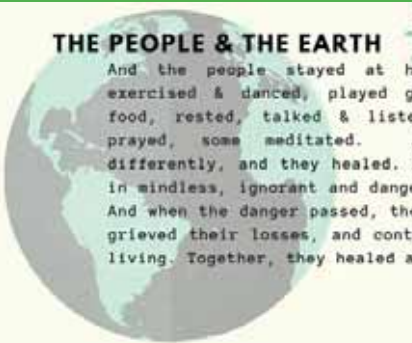
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Our front cover photo shows:

'Tony Taylor's apple orchard at Shelsley Kings', original painting by our very own, hugely talented Mel Williams.

WELCOME to the April 2020 edition of Teme Triangle

When I first started to think about this edition, it was the week of the February half-term floods. We weren't in the country at the time and couldn't quite believe what we were seeing on-line through friends' photos or news websites. It was devastating.

I was determined at that point that I was going to make the April edition a positive one, and not all about the floods – which had also dominated my last edition back in December/January! I felt like we were all in desperate need of good news. Little did I realise.....

Since the end of the floods (and I know for so many of our local community the lasting flood damage and heartache is by no means at an end yet), we have all been living in what seems like a surreal world. We are now in almost complete lockdown and advised to stay at home. It is indeed a worrying time, but one that we will get through.

So unfortunately this edition is not the completely positive one that I had hoped for. There are no upcoming community events to report and I have therefore removed the 'Calendar' from this edition.

However, we must always remember that there is still so much to be celebrated too – such amazing community spirit, willingness to help others, and fantastic local businesses to support through these uncertain, coming months.

Indeed, as I write this, it finally feels warm outside – a much needed respite from the rain, especially during this first week of self-isolation for so many of our community. The sun is trying its hardest to warm us and boost our well-being, and the colours are starting to come – as shown in the beautiful, heart-warming painting on the front cover, by Mel Williams.

You will also note that due to all Church services being suspended for the foreseeable future, there is no service rota included as usual in the magazine. Please do note however that Churches remain open, allowing you entry for your own quiet, peace and now more important than ever before, prayer. It seems fitting therefore to start this edition with:

A MESSAGE FROM REV CANON DAVID SHERWIN.....

What unprecedented times we do live in at the moment, recent political turmoils pail into insignificance as we battle with the threat of Coronavirus.

I do hope you are managing to keep well and if you are unwell I do wish you a speedy recovery.

You will probably be aware from the media that in response to the Governments advice the Archbishops of Canterbury and York have advised we suspend all public worship until further notice. Obviously gathering for worship along with other events are to be avoided to lessen the spread of the virus.

This does not mean the church buildings are closed, Church buildings are still open for your own private prayer, and reflections which are so important at this time. The Archbishops as well as our own Bishops and your Clergy would encourage us all to pray

for the world at this time, praying for those who are ill and especially for our National Health service workers who are under tremendous pressure at the moment, I am sure with me you want to thank them for all they do and the way they are putting themselves at risk daily.

You will also see that your local communities are finding ways of helping those in need. Many Parish councils have contacted me to liaise with them to make sure no one is left isolated or in need, if this is you then do take advantage of the local help offered or contact me so that I can find you the help you need.

This is certainly a time where 'loving our neighbour as we love ourselves' is so important. Having seen the decimated shelves in supermarkets it is so important we do not become selfish though.... we may need to take care of ourselves and each other by self-isolating or offering help where we can.

Our foodbanks are also a way in which we can help others. Their stocks are very low due to increased demands. If you wish to offer any food or toiletries, there are boxes in our churches where these items can be left, or I can put you in touch with our local co-ordinator if needed.

In the midst of all this, though we may not be meeting for public worship, the Church, which is the people of God wherever we are, are still at prayer. In homes and at work we still pray for each other. Below is a prayer that you might find helpful as you pray:

A PRAYER FOR ALL THOSE AFFECTED BY CORONAVIRUS

Keep us, good Lord,
under the shadow of your mercy.
Sustain and support the anxious,
be with those who care for the sick,
and lift up all who are brought low;
that we may find comfort
knowing that nothing can separate us from your love
in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Amen

May God bless you and watch over you and be with you and heal you all at this most difficult time.

David

(Rev Canon David Sherwin Team Rector 01886 888 664).

EVENT CANCELLATIONS DUE TO COVID-19

It is never our wish as Editor's to have to publish event cancellations, but it is our clear role to inform you of such. To this end, the following events have sadly been cancelled:

1. Acapella concert at St Mary's Church, Stanford Bridge, Saturday 2nd May. It is hoped to reschedule the concert for next year.
2. Clifton W.I. talk on 14th April – 'The Magistracy' by Magistrate Judy Hulland.
3. Clifton Christian Aid week, 10th – 16th May.
4. All Parish Council and Parochial Church Council meetings, until further notice.
5. All Church services and events, until further notice.
6. 'Older People's' Event for the Teme Valley, Tuesday 7th April, Great Witley village hall. It is hoped that this event will be re-arranged in due course. For further details please contact: mary.griffiths@citizensadvicesw.org.uk.
7. Jean Latham from 'Little Witley Films' writes: "We have sadly had to cancel our April and May film shows. We plan to show the two films that we will miss, from October onwards (hopefully). For members who had paid for the whole year, we will give them entry free for what they missed. We look forward to seeing everyone in October!"
8. Shelsley Walsh Water Mill open days, 8th, 9th and 10th May. Please access www.shelsleywatermill.com for updates.
9. Clifton Friendship Club coffee morning, Saturday 16th May in Clifton Village Hall, 10.30am – 12.30pm.
10. Clifton Table Top Sale, Saturday 18th April in Clifton Village Hall, 10am – 1pm.
11. Teme Valley Sings, Clifton (until further notice).
12. Great British Spring clean litter pick, Clifton, Saturday 4th April.

'PROBABLE' EVENT CANCELLATIONS DUE TO COVID-19

Please note that the following events have been sent into the Teme Triangle for publication, but we assume they have now also been cancelled....

1. Clifton Bowling Club Annual Open Day, Sunday 26th April, on The Green, 2pm.
2. 'Fun Wine Tasting', Thursday 23rd April at Stanford Village Hall, 7pm.

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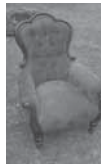
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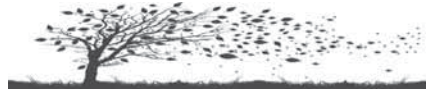


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- Wash your hands regularly and thoroughly with soap and water for 20 seconds and dry thoroughly.

- Isolate yourself from others as much as possible. Stay away from places where people gather, like bars, clubs and cinemas.



Call, chat, check

Swap phone numbers with your immediate neighbours.

- Check on your neighbours and loved ones, particularly if they are elderly or vulnerable.

- Help to provide them with food and other essential supplies if you can.

- Alert relevant organisations if you are concerned about the wellbeing of others.



Be kind. Think of others

Please shop considerately. Don't bulk-buy essential items like toilet paper, long-life foods or baby supplies.

- Use local community social media groups to share information and advice.

- If you have surplus supplies of essential items, consider offering them to people in need.

- Avoid wasting food – you could even sow fast growing seeds like cress or lettuce.



Get online to stay in touch

Being in self-isolation doesn't mean cutting yourself off from others.

- Consider using methods like video calling on your phone or computer to speak to friends and loved ones.

- For those who are not online, a telephone call is the ideal way to stay connected.



Share accurate advice and information

We live in a world of rumour and misinformation – make sure you're accessing and sharing accurate news.

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It is with regret that due to the Coronavirus (Covid -19) outbreak and advice from the government regarding social gatherings, we are closing The Den Cafe Bar until further notice.

Apologies to everyone concerned, however we believe this action to be in the best interest of all our staff and customers.

Thankyou, Steve and Mandy Parker

POINT-TO-POINT SEASON

I thought I would include this extract from the Point-to-Point Authority website, as the hunt and therefore point-to-point scene is such a large part of the Teme Valley sporting life. There will be many local businesses affected by the cancellations of Clifton P2P at Knightwick, Ludlow P2P at Bitterley in Ludlow and the numerous Worcester P2P's at Chaddesley Corbett.

The PPA write: "This is a formal announcement to confirm that the British point-to-point season is closed for this season.

This was a very difficult decision to make recognising that many people's livelihoods are involved. However, the Prime Minister's words last night made clear that everyone should minimise social contact and non-essential travel. Furthermore, our sport creates some medical burden, both on the course and potentially at the hospitals, where it would be unwelcome under the current circumstances.

The PPA would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has worked so hard to keep this season going so successfully until now, often under very trying circumstances. We will now be working on preparations to ensure that we start next autumn in the same successful manner as last, and will soon be in touch with many of you for your thoughts and ideas.

For more information, contact the PPA office: info@p2pa.co.uk."

SHELSLEY WALSH HILLCLIMB STATEMENT

Again, a useful extract taken from the Hillclimb website:

Coronavirus (COVID-19) and its implications on the Midland AutomobileClub (MAC)
18 Mar 2020

Like many organisations, The Midland Automobile Club (MAC) is following the advice given by the Government and Motorsport UK. In a statement issued by Motorsport UK yesterday, they advised they will be suspending all organising permits and Certificates of Exemption until at least 30th April 2020.

Whilst this is clearly disappointing news for all our members, competitors and spectators, we think the situation is very likely to continue beyond this point and will not improve until

the predicted peak of the COVID-19 infection has passed. This is in line with the recent advice given by the government's Chief Scientific Advisor and the Chief Medical Officer. The MAC has therefore decided to put all events at the hill on hold until at least the end of June.

This will result in the cancellation of the MAC Classic and Curborough Sprint meetings and early driving school meetings. Also, the postponement of Speed Into Spring, Best of British, Classic Nostalgia and all the social events we have planned for our members. As a consequence, we are now planning a revised events schedule for the latter part of the season and will issue a further statement once these details are finalised.

And now to the more positive, everyday news – supporting our local businesses and showing the strength of our communities.....

SHELSLEYS CV HELPLINE

We are in the process of establishing a Help network for the Shelsley Parishes during the current Covid-19 crisis. A leaflet will be delivered to each household in the Parish with details of how those with no local support can get assistance with shopping, prescription pick ups, other vital supplies and most importantly, moral support if in isolation.

The co-ordinating contacts are as follows:

Practical Help:

Carole Warren 07891 861 490

Karen Metcalfe 07976 252 977

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William and Claire Sutherland 01886 812 678

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Karen Metcalfe

CORONAVIRUS ACTION IN CLIFTON

The Clifton Village Stores has set up a telephone ordering service enabling customers to ring 01886 812 303 and place an order with the shop, who will then arrange either delivery or collection. Payment by cheque or cash on collection.

Prescriptions from both the Great Witley and Knightwick surgeries will continue to be delivered to Clifton Village Stores and/or the village hall.

“Anyone whose prescription is automatically repeated every four weeks can ask for these to be brought up to the shop, delivered weekly on a Thursday,” says Penny Bowden, former practice nurse at Great Witley. “You either have to have a pre-pay certificate

or be exempt from payment (ie over 60). If you need these to be delivered directly to your house, because you are ill, self-isolating or just being careful, then let me know on 01886 812 784. I will knock and then leave them on your doorstep. Anyone who has had a new prescription over the telephone can pay by credit/debit card (if required). I will be checking daily with the surgeries and will also deliver these. Contact me by e-mail or on the above phone number if you have any questions.”

A team of local residents have formed the Clifton Hill Helpers group in a bid to support the community and ensure that no-one is left isolated or without support. A leaflet with their contact details has been delivered by hand to houses in the parish. To access the group, call or text one of the following numbers:

Emma Husselbee	07855 130 787
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BARBARA KIRBY

Barbara Kirby, life-long Teme Valley resident lives at The Noak, halfway up the hill to Clifton. Her husband was Tony Kirby and they have land at Clifton, Shelsley and Martley. Their son lives at Homme Castle, Shelsley Walsh.

Barbara has just celebrated her 21st birthday party at Shelsley Village Hall - because she was born on the 29th February. To most of us, it will be her 84th birthday!

Wishing you a very happy birthday Barbara!
Andrew Brazier

CLIFTON'S 'ACT OF DEFIANCE' AGAINST THE VIRUS

As an act of defiance against the virus, Clifton residents in Manor Road are putting up their Christmas lights and bunting in an attempt to cheer up their neighbours during this gloomy time.

The idea was thought up by Sue Barnes and appears to be picking up momentum rapidly. Great idea Sue!

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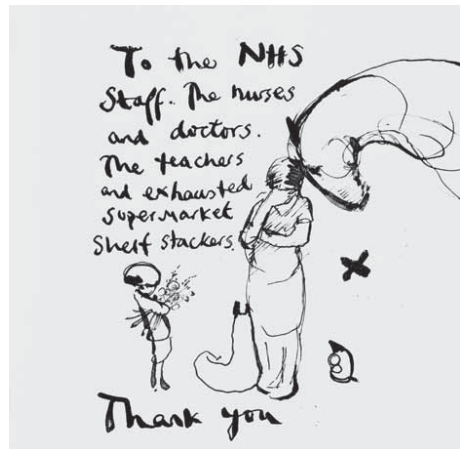
CLIFTON PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE

Village Boundary Gates

White gates are to be installed on three of the four approach roads to Clifton at a cost of £3,250. £1,000 will be funded by the Parish Council, the rest by Worcestershire County Council Highways and County Councillor Ken Pollock's divisional fund.

Community Transport Survey

Parish Council Chairman, John Bowden, is to carry out a survey of Clifton residents to assess the need and viability of a bus service between the village and Malvern, following the discovery that £32,000 has been allocated for it by Lovells, developers of the new Meadows housing.



Instead of worrying about the time missed at school, embrace it.

Use this time to teach your children all the other lessons life has to offer.

Walk outside and teach them about plants.

Teach them how to do laundry, teach them how to sew, and teach them about the beauty of snuggling up under a big blanket and bingeing movies.

Teach them kindness, helpfulness, and teach them how to bake a cake.

Let them explore the backyard, let them get messy, help them identify flowers and bugs.

Make living room forts and make unforgettable memories.

Show them how to make this time positive.

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- 1 where they laid Jesus after He died (Matt.27:60)
 4 the place where Jesus died (Matt.27:33)
 5 Jesus and two thieves were _____ together (Matt.27:38)
 8 mother of Jesus
 9 The angel said "He is _____ He is not here" (Mark 16:6)
 10 They made Jesus wear a scarlet _____ (Matt.27:28)
 12 Jesus was betrayed for _____ pieces of silver (Matt.27:3)
 14 Jesus was _____ of any crime (Matt.27:4)
 15 The 12 companions of Jesus

DOWN

- 2 Jesus shed His _____ for our sins
 3 Judas Iscariot _____ Jesus (Matt.27:4)
 5 Roman commander of a hundred men (Matt.27:54)
 6 Jesus said " My God, My God why hast thou _____ me" (Matt.27:46)
 7 a title of Jesus (it means anointed one) (Matt.27:17)
 11 They laid the _____ of Jesus in a tomb (Matt.27:59)
 12 Jesus wore a "crown of _____"
 13 our Lord and Saviour

CLIFTON HAMPER RAISES MONEY FOR KANGAROO ISLAND

Clifton residents raised a total of £220 by raffling a luxury hamper in a bid to raise money for animals injured in the recent bush fires in Australia. Organiser Marie Thompson said, "We would like to thank everyone who bought tickets. The lucky winner was Ian Sparey and the money is on its way to help the animals on Kangaroo Island, South Australia."

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Don't use smoking, alcohol or other drugs to deal with your emotions.

If you feel overwhelmed, talk to a health worker or counsellor. Have a plan, where to go to and how to seek help for physical and mental health needs if required.



Get the facts. Gather information that will help you accurately determine your risk so that you can take reasonable precautions. Find a credible source you can trust such as WHO website or, a local or state public health agency.



Limit worry and agitation by lessening the time you and your family spend watching or listening to media coverage that you perceive as upsetting.



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CLIFTON WI

Joe Tierney has been curator of The Firs, Lower Broadheath for the last 3 years and treated us to an enthusiastic, informative and humorous talk on Edward Elgar. He took us through Elgar's life from his birth on 1857 at The Firs, to his death in Worcester in 1934. Elgar came from a fairly humble, but musical background. His parents could not afford to send him to any musical academy. Instead Elgar taught himself to play all the musical instruments in his father's shop, which gave him tremendous knowledge and insight when composing orchestral pieces. Elgar was always happiest when living in the countryside, which proved to be absolutely necessary for inspiration to compose his masterpieces. Annie, who volunteers at The Firs, thanked Joe for a most enjoyable talk.

Meeting to be held on 14th April



Our talk, 'The Magistracy' by Magistrate Judy Hulland, has been postponed for the foreseeable future. At the time of writing, our meeting will still go ahead, but with the rapidly changing advice on the coronavirus, this may change. Clifton WI will keep everyone informed of changes. In the meantime, we send our best wishes to everyone, members and non-members alike.

ALL SAINTS 'ANGEL'S' LUNCH

The aptly nicknamed 'All Saints Angel's' met for the first time as a group, for lunch at The Den late February. (See photo on the inside back cover)

The group are all volunteers on the Church cleaning and flower rota's for All Saint's Church, Shelsley Beauchamp. But as is often the way with these things, a rota tends to mean that you don't actually cross paths with many of your fellow team, even though you are all doing the same work for the same cause.

So the idea of a lunch all together was very popular and it was really lovely to see everyone and have a good old natter.

Plus wonderful service and food as always from The Den – thank you Mandy and Steve – we shall definitely be back!

Louise Hutton.

CLIFTON S106 FUNDING UPDATE

There are currently four projects being developed that could potentially access the fund that will be available from the new housing development in Clifton. While differing in size, concept and age involvement, they all have the same objective – to support all ages in the community with the ambition of supporting the health and wellbeing of local residents.

Chris Hurley, who leads the S106 Support Group team coordinating the various projects, is regularly talking to the different organisations in the village who might be interested in creating such projects as it provides an opportunity to share the rigorous criteria attached to the fund's conditions. It also gives him an insight into what might still be considered as qualifying and checking such issues with Malvern Hills District Council, ensuring that the community is seen by MHDC as managing the process and that time is not spent on projects that might not qualify for MHDC approval.

It has also meant that whilst there is the potential for a big project – involving the development of the playing field (the safe use by all age groups and provision of multi play and sports facilities) there is scope to support smaller projects. These smaller projects are now showing signs of progress and include the village hall (main hall acoustics and permanent audio video facilities); the church (garden of peace and tranquillity), and a sensory garden project as part of the main playing field site.

The various projects will soon begin their consultation process with the community as part of their funding applications to MHDC. However, in the short term the S106 Support Group will be encouraging the project teams to start sharing their thoughts with

the community so that the village can see how the S106 funds could be spent. Some projects will take more time than others, but the consistent message is that each project hopes to reach every member of the community.

The new parish noticeboard will be used to convey progress as will the village website and of course Teme Triangle (www.temetriangle.net). At this stage there is much work going on in the background but the annual parish meeting in May will allow the projects to share their progress and ultimate plans.

SAPEY LITTER PICK

Litter pickers from Lower Sapey Parish have cleared the lanes from Clifton to the High Lane going to Bromyard, of all litter in recent weeks. Candy Connolly said: "The ecological culture of our parish with our Silver Award for our eco Church has caused a new management strategy this year. Each residence adopted an allotted length of road to look after which meant it could be done in their own time and the end result was the whole three miles covered. Our annual drink at the pub to celebrate was part of the planning process."

They were also joined by the vicar from Stanford, Rev. Julia Curtis, to tackle some of the steep hill down to Stanford Church and collected 17 bags in two hours. It included a few car parts, about 500 plastic bottles and cans, 1,000 crisp and other packets, eight glass bottles, a plastic bag and 300 cigarette ends.

This is a voluntary Litter management group which meets annually and everyone takes responsibility for themselves. There is no insurance cover so it is therefore necessary to be over the age of 18 to participate. Participants provide their own litter picking kit – gloves, high-viz jacket and tongs. Anyone interested in further details please contact Candy on cconnolly111@gmail.com.

ACCOMMODATION FOR LATER LIFE IN CLIFTON

The ALLIC steering group are now working with a representative from the Worcestershire Community Led Housing Enabling Hub, which is currently under development.

We are still at the stage of identifying and considering key issues in order to decide what is the most appropriate model to follow. A number of potential sites have been identified and are being investigated.

Anyone who feels they can contribute to the process or who has questions can contact us at allicwr6@yahoo.com.

Abbreviated Draft Minutes of The Shelsleys Parish Council Meeting held on March 10th 2020

Present: Dr Laura Taylor (Chairman), Mr William Sutherland, Mr David Bates, Mr David Styles Mr John Stinton, Mrs Karen Metcalfe, Mrs Val Jones, Mrs Jean Hammond & Mrs Louise Hutton.

In Attendance: eight members of the public and the clerk.

Apologies: Councillor Palethorpe & Councillor Pollock.

Declaration of Interest: Footpath at Shelsley Walsh, Mr Stinton. who remained in the room but took no part in the discussion.

Minutes: The minutes of January 14th 2020 were agreed and signed as a true record.

Public Question Time: None.

Proposed Footpath Diversion at Shelsley Walsh: A representative from the Midland Automobile Club (MAC) outlined the reasons for the application, mainly for safety issues but also to facilitate the use of the hill without prior application for footpath closure to WCC. The Chairman opened the meeting to members of the public who voiced their reasons to object to the proposal – that there was no need for a change, that the proposed diversion was shorter, more difficult and removed the opportunity to walk, outside of competition days, on an historic race track.

If the MAC is allowed to close the hill on 30 competition days, there are 335 days currently available for walkers, which under the proposal, would be denied. The clerk recorded that letters and emails of objection but none of support had been received. The councillors having listened to these objections voted unanimously to oppose the application by the MAC and will send their reasons to Worcester County Council.

County Councillor and District Councillor's reports: Available on the website.

Highways and Lengthsman: Due to the large amount of fly tipping and rubbish on the Stirt lay by, it was agreed that a large waste bin will be purchased in order to keep the lay by free of litter. This was chosen and will be ordered.

Road sweeping in the parish. The Streets and Amenities department from MHDC sent a sweeper to clean those lanes identified by the Parish Council and requested by the clerk. The work was concluded on February 14th.

There was no lengthsman's Report, the worksheets were inspected and agreed and the lengthsman will again be asked to provide photographs before and after tasks.

The grating at Brockhill Court which was causing excess water on Kingswood Lane was very speedily dealt with by the Brockhill Estate land agents.

Drainage by the airstrip WCC 835039, this will be attended to in due course. WCC currently engaged in clearing flood damage.

Safer Roads Partnership. Further information will be sought. Flooding. The clerk had notified MHDC of local flooding damage.

Planning: No plans received.

Nora Parsons Day Centre: £200 will be donated in response to an appeal. Finance: The following payments were agreed. Salt invoice WCC £178.54.

Lengthsman's payment for January and February: HMRC PAYE £140.00.

Councillors' Reports and items for future agenda.

There was a lengthy discussion on the possibility of implementing a 30mph speed limit on lanes used to approach the Shelsley Walsh Hill Climb. This has been considered in the past but discounted using highways criteria. The Safer Roads Partnership will be contacted again on the grounds of safety for all road users, pedestrians, cyclists and horse riders.

Next Meeting Date: May 5th The meeting concluded at 8.25.

To view the minutes and agenda online go to the WCC website and look at The Shelsleys.

<http://e-services.worcestershire.gov.uk/myparish/>

Jan Speyer Clerk 01886 812 444.

CLIFTON-UPON-TEME PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held Thursday 5th March 2020 At the Village Hall commencing at 7.40 pm

Present: Councillors J. Bowden (Chairman), A. Henry (arr. 8.30 pm), S. Haywood, C. Haywood, and J. Collins. **Also present:** County Cllr K. Pollock, M. Alexander (Clerk) and 12 members of the Public.

Apologies: Councillor J. Dawson (Vice Chairman), Cllr R. Henry & Ward Cllr C. Palethorpe.

Welcome: The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Declarations of Prejudicial & Pecuniary Interests: None.

The meeting was suspended at this point to allow members of the Public to address the Council: Matters raised at the meeting – The meeting noted that the village shop and Lion PH are advertised for sale. The Clerk was asked to check if they had been previously registered as Assets of Community Value (ACV) with MHDC. There may be an option to register them if not done already. The Clerk was asked to chase up MHDC regarding the two wheelie bins for the BP Hut. The flower tubs on the village green are looking 'tired' and the PC was asked to consider replacing them. The Chairman explained the current options regarding the village green 'no parking' scheme.

Approval of the Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held 6th February 2020: Proposed by Cllr Bowden, seconded by Cllr S. Haywood, that the minutes be agreed and signed as a true record. All agreed. No matters arising.

District & County Councillors Reports: Reports will be uploaded to the PC website.

Matters raised included the recent flooding impact, Worcs Parkway opening, Southern Link Rd (Worcester), waste & recycling, Bright Ideas funding.

Financial & Governance Matters: Payments were approved as per the schedule, proposed by Cllr Bowden, seconded Cllr S. Haywood. All agreed. Receipts were noted as Came & Company Insurance reimbursement £326.09 and Glasdon UK Ltd credit note £31.43. Highways offer of funding for VAS & White Gates – it was proposed by Cllr Bowden, seconded by Cllr S. Haywood that the PC accept the offer of funding. Highways to contribute £500 for x5 white gates, £250 for Lengthsman works and £1500 for VAS (from County Cllr Divisional Fund). The PC to contribute the additional £1000 required. All agreed. Clerk to notify Highways. Nora Parsons Day Centre – it was proposed by Cllr Bowden, seconded Cllr S. Haywood that the PC make a £100 donation to the day centre. All agreed.

Parish Matters: Community Transport s.106 funding – the Chairman updated that a survey is now required and will shortly be drafted for approval. Options for delivery of the survey were discussed and it was agreed that a variety of ways should be used including through letterboxes, TVT, and electronically / social media. Community Led Housing – J. Wain was invited to make a report to the meeting which included recent changes to MHDC staffing, a visit to Esk Moors development in Leamington Spa, discussions with the Abbeyfield Society (charitable trust) and Great Witley Surgery, and the '5 stages' required for this type of project. The meeting noted that commitment will be required across the whole community for this to be progressed. The Clerk was asked to check whether funding for this type of project is still available. Great British Spring Clean litter picking event to be held Sat 4th April 2020 at 9.45 am at the Pavilion. Cllr A. Henry to co-ordinate. Clerk to produce a poster for TVT and to go out via social media. Easter Egg Trail to be held Sat 4th April 2020 – risk assessments have been received together with insurance details. The event will be held in the afternoon and will use the Pavilion.

Section 106 Committee update: C. Hurley updated the meeting on the following matters for the s.106 project group. MHDC Planning response approving PC permitted development re the perimeter path and play area. A meeting with MHDC s.106 Officer is to be held next week. Smaller projects updates – the Church, village hall improvements, and a sensory garden. Money to be ring-fenced and ideas to be checked with MHDC at the meeting next week. A Gt Witley s.106 meeting attended – very positive & helpful. CFAF meetings continue to discuss quotes and draft plans. An informal consultation from residents sounds positive. Further site visit arranged re the MUGA / tennis courts to look at delivery options. Topographical survey completed – report awaited. Drainage options are being considered for the field. It was agreed that CH and the Clerk can continue to look at these and approach local contractors. Any work would need to be scheduled as part of the s.106 planning process. The draft budget has allocated £25k to this but this is unconfirmed. PC to be

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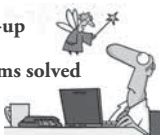


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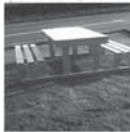


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consulted regarding any future funding requirements. External funding options also to be explored. Biodiversity options being discussed with reference to Natural Networks. Worcs CC funding expires in 2020 so may need to be looked at shortly.

Planning Matters: None to be considered.

Highways Matters: Recent Lengthsman tasks undertaken were noted with thanks – mostly gully clearance. It was noted that despite it being reported, there has still been flooding by the Kennels.

Correspondence: None.

Councillors Reports & Items for Future Agendas: Cllr Bowden is looking into the footpath by the sewage works as requested by a resident and has written to Worcs CC re reported problems. The new notice board needs to have a header for the PC across the top – Cllr C. Haywood agreed to progress this.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.00 pm

Next meeting to be held Thursday 2nd April 2020 at 7.40 pm.

Church Matters

by Rebecca Elliott

Certainty in an uncertain world

We live in an uncertain world. As I write this, Coronavirus numbers are rising and we don't know what the outcome will be. Perhaps by the time you read it we'll have more of an idea. Our country is uncertain about the exact details of its position following Brexit, we are uncertain about the weather. Will we get more floods? Can we stem the tide of global warming? Some of us live with personal uncertainties. Health, finances and future plans can all cause concerns and questions that we do not have the answer to.

Spring is a season that reminds us that we live with certainties too. The daffodils will bloom, there will be baby lambs playing in the fields and the evenings will finally get lighter. As Christians, we celebrate Easter and Easter brings us more than just an abundance of chocolate eggs. Easter brings us a message of certainty, a message of hope that there is life beyond the limitations of this one.

The Church of England priest and poet Malcom Guite has written a series of poems that tell the story of Jesus' death and resurrection. You can find them on his blog, www.malcolmguite.wordpress.com and in his book, *Sounding the Seasons: Seventy Sonnets for the Christian Year* (published by Canterbury Press 2012).

One of them reflects on the point when Mary Magdalene finds the empty tomb on Easter morning – a point when everything seems lost and uncertain.

“He blesses every love which weeps and grieves
And now he blesses hers who stood and wept
And would not be consoled, or leave her love's
Last touching place, but watched as low light crept
Up from the east. A sound behind her stirs
A scatter of bright birdsong through the air.
She turns, but cannot focus through her tears,
Or recognise the Gardener standing there.
She hardly hears his gentle question 'Why,
Why are you weeping?', or sees the play of light
That brightens as she chokes out her reply

'They took my love away, my day is night'
And then she hears her name, she hears Love say
The Word that turns her night, and ours, to Day."

Even in that moment of death, God's power is at work in ways that set us free. Christians believe that Jesus' death was not simply the end of the life of an ordinary man, but the beginning of a new relationship between God and his people. We believe that on the morning of that first Easter Sunday, when Mary Magdalene went to Jesus' tomb, she didn't just find that Jesus' body had gone, she came face to face with the risen Jesus, resurrected from the dead and revealed as the Son of God. We believe that through his death on the cross and his resurrection, Jesus has opened the gates of heaven, that he has given eternal life to all who will receive it. This is our faith, this is our certainty, and this is why we celebrate Easter with joyful hearts, hands and voices.

TEME VALLEY WILDLIFE

Calling all computer whizzes with an interest in wildlife! The Teme Valley Wildlife Group has recently had a plea from the county butterfly conservators for records of butterfly sightings in the Teme valley area. We know that our beautiful, quiet valley is home to many birds, mammals, plants and insects, but those who strive to protect them need information to plan their strategies. If you live within an area from Spurtree, near Burford, to Frith Common, west to east, from Spurtree to Thornbury north to south, from Thornbury to Lower Sapey, west to east, then Lower Sapey back up to Frith Common south to north, then reports of butterfly sightings are eagerly awaited by our local Butterfly Conservation experts.

So, say you spot a brimstone or a holly blue, two early species, both common hereabouts, what next? Well, note the date and place, and here's where the computer know-how comes in. This particular wildlife charity takes its records from an online database called iRecord. You need a computer and some computer skills to send along your sighting. If you live between the points mentioned above, don't struggle with your 6-figure Ordnance Survey reference number, just put in SO66.

It is SO66 that they are interested in, because in the last five years only 148 butterfly records have been noted from here, compared with 9,200 from SO95. Now, I haven't looked up where SO95 is, and I bet it's a hot-spot for keen-as-mustard, expert butterfly-records, but I'd wager a pound to a penny that its butterflies are not better, rarer or more numerous than those in this lovely valley. So, if you spot a butterfly in 2020, head to a computer and grapple with iRecord to put us on the map.

If you've taken part in the Big Butterfly Count then well done, because you've already contributed some records to the database. What about enlisting a grandchild? Get them outside in the holidays, help them to identify what they find, then send off a record. The average 9-year old could probably do it in seconds on their phone!

The TVWG regularly does its bit to help children learn about butterflies. In the summer we take to Tenbury's Burgage armed with butterfly nets, specimen pots and identification charts and a gaggle of small people in tow. This is organised by Tenbury Library as part of their summer children's activities and this year, although we picked a day with sweltering heat, it was much enjoyed by all.

So, have I whetted your appetite? Can we put SO95 in the shade? – I hope so.

For up-to-date information on what wildlife is being seen in the area, or to give us your sightings or comments, visit our Facebook page. Our programme of events, bird survey and archive photographs are available on our website www.temevalleywildlife.co.uk. We normally hold meetings on the second Thursday of the month. All are welcome. Contact us by telephone on 01584 881 397 or by email at twwg@outlook.com.



AND FINALLY

A reminder again that Teme Triangle has a Facebook page – so you can keep abreast of all the latest news on our site: www.facebook.com/TemeTriangle.

Also, our printed magazine will continue to be available in all local shops and community spaces so you can choose how and when to keep up to date.

In these unprecedented times, with so many worldwide, countrywide and indeed local events being cancelled, it seems odd to ask for you to keep sending your articles and photos in....but now is the time, more than ever, that we need to keep communication going. Re-telling our stories and experiences to each other has never been more important. So let's use this wonderful community service, the Teme Triangle, to do so. Thank you.

Be safe everyone and Happy Easter,

Best wishes from all The Teme Triangle Team – Andrew B, Anna B, Helen G, Jerry J, Louise H, Marion W and Michelle W.



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Another stunning painting from Mel Williams – 'David Moore's Chrysanthemum's looking over the Teme Valley towards St. Andrew's Church, Shelsley Walsh'.



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