

## **Much Birch Parish council**

Ward member report, December 2015

### **Road safety**

#### **A49**

I would like to invite Highways England (HE) to a parish council meeting early in 2016 if MBPC is in favour. There have been two fatalities within a month and we should be asking them (HE) what options they have for making the road safer. I will contact HE if MBPC is in agreement.

#### **Tump Lane**

I met with a representative from Beau homes on 23.11.15 to discuss possible solutions to the traffic issues in Tump Lane (also present were Cllr Paul Rone, Dave Atkinson from BBLP, Hayley Crane from HC and several others). Beau homes (working with Herefordshire housing) are looking to resubmit planning on the 'Larkrise' development (10 market homes and 10 affordable), for more information - <http://www.hhl.org.uk/who-we-are/new-homes/planned-schemes/>

The developers are proposing several benefits to the residents of Tump Lane if the scheme goes ahead, they are as follows:

- A footpath all the way up Tump Lane to the A49
- Traffic calming measures in Tump Lane (speed and weight)
- More parking spaces (to alleviate parking problems on the lane)
- An enlarged and fully refurbished play area.

This scheme may well divide opinion on Tump Lane between those who object to any development and those who see (speeding & heavy) traffic as the main issue.

It may be sensible for the parish council to host a residents meeting early in the New Year and I am happy to help in any way possible.

#### **Core Strategy**

In the absence of a Neighbourhood development plan it will be difficult for the local community to challenge the Larkrise planning application. This further emphasises the need to have an adopted Neighbourhood development plan.

#### **Petition**

I have supplied Eric Joseph with the necessary details for presenting his 330+ name petition to the full council on 18.12.15. We hope that the Hereford Times will be in attendance to record the story.

## Check your home is fire safe!

Hereford & Worcester Fire and Rescue Service provide advice to everyone and for the more vulnerable such as the elderly, people living alone and those with reduced mobility the Service offers a free of charge fire safety check in the home.

As its name suggests, a Home Fire Safety Check involves representatives from Hereford & Worcester Fire and Rescue Service calling by at your home to offer safety advice specific to your household and personal circumstances.

During the visit, they will check your smoke alarms and install new ones if needed. They will ensure that you are doing all that you can to avoid the risk of a fire in your home and will also help you work out an escape plan in the event of fire.

We would urge anyone who might be vulnerable themselves or knows an elderly family member, friend or neighbour who lives on their own or has reduced mobility who might benefit from a visit, to get in touch using the number below and request one on their behalf.

To see if you qualify for a **FREE Home Fire Safety Check** contact the Community Risk team on **0800 032 1155** quoting **reference PN14**.

*Note that those doing the Homes Fire Safety Checks will always make an appointment in advance of their visit, and will always carry identification which they will be very happy to show you.*

