

Much Birch Parish council

Ward member report, March 2017

Planning

I attended an event in Bartestree on the evening of 23.02 held for the 17 parishes across the county who have had their NDPs adopted; there were some excellent speeches covering topics as diverse as: community shops, community transport initiatives, community sports facilities etc etc.

The evening reemphasised to me that NDPs are about much more than just housing and that Herefordshire Council has various officers in place to help with issues such as funding and enterprise support.

I note that several local applications have been contentious and would suggest that planning issues should get easier once MB get to reg. 16 stage.

Great British spring clean

I know that MBPC are passionate about living in a clean environment and I believe last year held a parish clean up with LBPC. The Great British spring clean is being held nationwide in March this year & Herefordshire Council is encouraging local parishes to get involved. Herefordshire Council spend over £1M each year on street cleaning.

To take part in the campaign and set up your own clean up event visit www.greatbritishspringclean.org.uk, you can also register on our website www.herefordshire.gov.uk/stopthedrop so you can advertise your event locally and encourage family, friends and neighbours to join in.

As soon as you have registered to organise a litter pick you MUST let Balfour Beatty know by ringing 01432 261800 so they can arrange to collect your bags of litter after your litter pick.

Balfour Beatty also have a limited number of litter packs available that can be borrowed free of charge. The Helping Hand Company are sponsoring the campaign by donating some of these packs.

Car parking charges

Herefordshire Council have implemented changes to some Hereford city centre car parks from Monday 27 February to enable greater flexibility for residents, commuters and visitors to the city.

Motorists who purchase an off peak season ticket will see the cost fall to £75 a year or £25 a quarter, with the off peak parking time extended for use from 5pm to 9am.

Merton Meadow car park will see the introduction of a simple £1 per hour tariff, up to £5 for 24 hours (or £4 for 24 hours if bought before 8am). The current Sunday tariff of £3 all day will remain, with the introduction of an hourly Sunday tariff to offer more flexibility to visitors to the city. Commuters to Merton Meadow who purchase a new weekly (Monday - Friday) tariff on a Monday will see the cost reduced to £20 for five days.

For long stay visitors to Hereford, St. Martins 2 (overflow) car park will see the daily tariff reduced from £5 to £3 a day.