

Parish Councillors, you are hereby summoned to a meeting of
Dinedor Parish Council
will be held on Tuesday 21st November 2024 at 6.00pm
At Dinedor Village Hall

AGENDA

1. To receive Apologies, Declarations of Interest and requests for dispensations
2. Minutes
- To approve the minutes of the meeting held on [22nd October 2024](#)
3. Public participation:
 - 3.1 Ward Councillors Report
 - 3.2 Matters raised by members of the public in attendance
 - 3.3 Police Matters
4. Information item: Clerks Report
5. Financial Matters:
 - 5.1 Staff salary:
To note and agree national agreement on local council staff salaries
backdated to 1st April 2024
 - 5.2 To authorise payments now due:
 - Unity Bank
Bank charges for November 2024
Payable by Direct Debit 30.11.2024 £6.00
 - Dinedor Village Hall
Room hire – 6 meetings £144.00
 - Liz Kelso
Office expenses – stationery & ink £35.83
VAT £7.16
Total £42.99
 - 5.3 To note receipts, if any, since the last meeting
 - 5.4 To note budget review, account balances and bank reconciliation as at the date of the meeting
 - 5.5 To note and agree amendment to bank mandate to remove external signatories
 - 5.6 To consider initial draft budget for 2025-6
6. Planning Matters
 - 6.1 To consider planning applications now due for observations:
 - 6.2 To note planning applications notified for permitted development, if any
 - 6.3 To note planning decisions by Herefordshire Council since the last meeting
7. Highway Matters
 - 7.1 Lengthsman Scheme report
 - 7.2 Update on drainage scheme funding application and agree signing of amendment to Lengthsman Contract
 - 7.3 Footpath Officer Report

- 7.4 Proposal to seek action on highway obstruction
- 7.5 Update on Public Rights of Way funding and to agree priorities for installation/work
- 8 Dinedor Camp
 - 8.1 To note report from Dinedor Camp Steering Group
 - 8.2 Update on flail mower repairs
 - 8.3 Dinedor Camp Access Road – action request from Dinedor Outdoor Centre
 - 8.4 Storage of equipment for Dinedor Camp maintenance
 - 8.5 Proposal for event during Herefordshire History Week 2025
- 9. Village Hall Matters
- 10 To consider responses to [Herefordshire Council's consultation on Trees, Hedgerows and Woodlands](#)
- 11. To consider requests for councillor training, if any
- 12. Information item: Reports from Councillors
- 13. Date of next meeting and items for the agenda

Liz Kelso

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NOVEMBER UPDATE

**BALLINGHAM, BOLSTONE & HENTLAND, DINEDOR, HOLME LACY,
LITTLE DEWCHURCH & LOWER BULLINGHAM PARISHES
DINEDOR HILL WARD**

From your local County Councillor

David Davies

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Dear Residents

I was pleased that the additional 8 million the Council has put into the capital roads programme could include more work in the ward.

This last month saw even more rain fall with over half a monthly rainfall in one day resulting in flooding issues which I address later in the update. Obviously the rain has occurred as potato, apple and maize harvest is still in full swing and I have liaised with the Police, Balfour and the larger agri-business to encourage signage and clearance of dangerous conditions.

Your black bin collections are taken to an Envir/Recover Energy to Waste facility in Worcestershire which processes 210,000 tonnes of non-recyclable waste each year. The waste is then processed to produce energy that is sold back to the National Grid. Recently the plant hit production of one million megawatts of energy from waste which is enough to power 40,000 homes per year since opening.

While the budget gave some indication of public spend we will have to wait till December to be given our provisional settlement for 2025/26. In this current year the council needs to make 19.5 million savings on a revenue budget of 212.6 million pounds.

I shall be attending the County Remembrance service in Hereford on Sunday 10th November.

In this month's update I cover the recent flooding, the Parish summit at plough lane, commemorating the 80th anniversary of the young farmers rural youth movement, highways and the usual contacts.

As ever if I can be of any help please don't hesitate to contact

Stay safe and well

ROGER

OCTOBER FLOODING

The high rainfall of recent months continued in October with a huge local deluge of rain on 16th on a saturated surface. The result was excess run off water on our highways and in our water courses causing flooding of highways. Once again Lower Bullingham Lane, Watery Lane, Hoarwithy Road and Holme Lacy Road were badly affected. – in many cases the third time this year. As well as localised flooding in Dinedor village. The work of the local Herefordshire 4X4 Response volunteers is tremendous ensuring drivers are alerted to the imminent risk, more vulnerable helped, and manning the closed highways in case of stranded motorists.

Bloor Homes had done some re-profiling of the field adjacent to the railway bridge on Hoarwithy Road. The initial indications was that this had kept water in the Withy Brook water course. However the rain of mid-October overcame the brook causing water once again to flood the road at the railway bridge. Then it ran down the footpath and flooded Lower Bullingham Lane. I did document the flooding and informed the drainage team and also Bloor Homes. They will now review this footage and come up with a new plan for future works.

Parish Councils are encouraged to collate information about the flooding to submit to the Environment Agency and Herefordshire Council, and I shall work with them on establishing a plan and timetable of prevention and mitigation of future events. If you have information on local flood risk areas please pass them on for my action.

There was a recent debate before the flooding at Council about maintenance and prevention of flooding and HC has held two open seminars with councillors about the recent flooding issues. One of the outcomes is that we can identify the hotspots and must ensure the drains are kept clear by our contractor Balfour, and with local landowners ensure drains, ditches and gulley's are as clear as possible. Recognising that at times of high water levels drains will be overrun but if they are free as the water subsides it will return to its normal channels quicker.

There has been much comment about roads badly flooded not being closed by signage. It is difficult in rainfall events like these to have the manpower capacity to be everywhere at the same time and main roads will usually take priority. However far too many people drive into flooded water and risk braking down. We also have incidents continually particularly in Lower Bullingham where drivers remove the signs and barriers or just drive through in high vehicles and 4X4s creating bow waves that can cause excess water into homes.

Sign up to police alerts, you can choose which areas you want to hear about and what activity is taking place in that area. You'll also hear about positive police action, good news stories and be able to play an active part in helping us with our public appeals.

<https://link.edgепilot.com/s/bb21d405/UARq0VNajkqv1vLf0zKSJQ?u=http://www.neighbourhoodmatters.co.uk/>

Emma Turberfield 07773041109 Felix Rawlinson 07971051480

Report a crime Police 101 Ext 61216



Second Parish Council Summit

Nearly a hundred Parish Councillors and Clerks attended the second Parish Summit at the Plough Lane Headquarters of Herefordshire Council. Topics included an update on Children's services, and the

382 children in the care of the authority.

The director of Adult Health care talked about a more preventative approach to supporting vulnerable older people to ensure they live well. The County has 54 businesses providing care support in the home and 86 care residential homes. A presentation on Public Rights of Way covering 2,000 miles of PROW with 1,873 footpaths, 257 bridleways and 20 Byways open to Traffic. This year the council placed more funding in both the revenue and capital budgets and allocated 250K for grants to Parish Councils.

Prior to the meeting various councils services put on small displays with the relevant officers there to help with any assistance or help parish councillors required.

HIGHWAYS

Local Road Closures

Balfour Beatty

C1261 From C1234 To Knapp Green Hoarwithy 23214885 C1261 Emergency Road Closure - Road closed -

Large protruding boulder precariously hanging over the edge of a hill with the risk of imminently falling into the carriageway. Closed until an engineering assessment can be carried out. (Enquiry 11166906)

Road Closure (carriageway)C1261 Between Hoarwithy and A49 28-09-2024 10-11-2024

BT Open Reach

C1261 Bogmarsh Lane To Knapp Green Little Dewchurch 23214882 C1261 Road Closure is required for pole testing. Road Closure (Carriageway)OPP LOWER WEAVERN C1261 BOGMARSH LANE TO KNAPP GREEN LITTLE DEWCHURCH HR2 6QB

06-11-2024 06-11-2024

Welsh Water

C1262 From Toll Houseweye Bridge To New M Hoarwithy 23214880 C1262 Change Meter Road Closure (Verge)ADJ TO SAMANTHA, HOARWITHY, HEREFORDSHIRE 03-12-2024 03-12-2024

BT Open Reach

Pencoyd St Owens Cross 23213552 U71401 road closure required for pole testing work and tree cutting

Road Closure (Carriageway)JNC OF PENCOYD AND LENASTONE LANE NR POULTRY HOUSES PENCOYD ST OWENS CROSS HR2 8NL

03-12-2024 03-12-2024

As the temperatures start to drop it would be good get our highway up to date with defects so

PLEASE report potholes and concerns

Report problems on the road –

www.herefordshire.gov.uk/roads-1/report-problems-road

Check on progress of a defect

herefordshire.gov.uk/roads-1/pothole-road-defect-progress-map

Report a serious pothole, flooded road or highway obstruction- Balfour Beatty Living Places : 01432 261800

Footpaths issues –

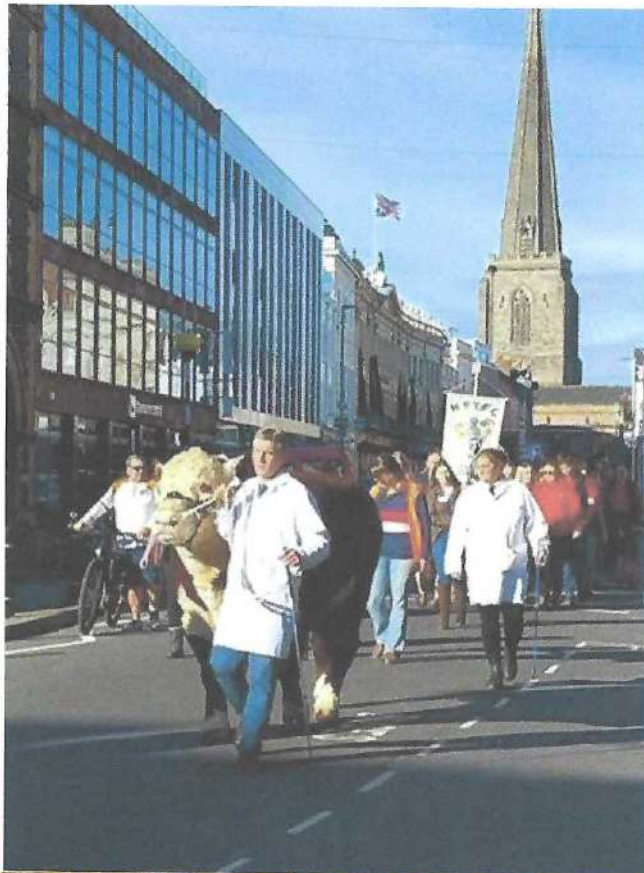
- PROW - PROW@herefordshire.gov.uk
- PROW No – [01432 383 550](tel:01432383550)

Report fly tipping it will be dealt with in a much quicker time frame. by either calling the Contact Centre on 01432 261800 or by logging the fly tipping via the council website on the links below as your

https://link.edgepilot.com/s/f452e836/Hy5YWk_SgEGkleekL2ROFQ?u=https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/info/200226/report_a_problem/98/fly_tipping

Picture Above- part of the Luntley highway resurfaced this past month.

HEREFORDSHIRE YFC celebrates its 80th anniversary



Herefordshire federation of Young Farmers clubs celebrated its 80th anniversary with a march through High town and Broad street to a special service in the Cathedral, followed by tea in the Town hall. The parade was led with a Hereford Bull.

The YFC movement is a voluntary organisation for any young people between ages 10-28 who live in rural areas, and encourages them to participate in activities and interact with other young people and grow them in confidence and competences learning values of community and countryside.

Opportunities to learn new skills – including hedging, cookery, public speaking; playing sports, charity fundraising entering competitions from stock judging to Drama and entertainments, and of course a large social programme of events.

The 80 years have seen huge social changes and changes in farming practices, living through foot and mouth outbreaks, covid pandemic, navigating safe guarding, risk assessments, embracing diversity, going from one horse power to hundreds of horse powers, from written word to the mobile text. A great organisation based on fun, learning and achievement.

More details can be found <https://hfyfc.org.uk/>

Exciting plans for Hereford's Shirehall



The two year renovation of one of Hereford's most historic buildings, the Shirehall, is now a step closer as design proposals are submitted that will transform the building into a new library and learning centre, and versatile community space. The exciting plans outline how the building's heritage features will be preserved when the Shirehall becomes a vibrant community hub.

The renovation will breathe new life into the building, offering a variety of spaces and services. In addition to being home to a modern library and learning centre, the Shirehall will feature: Meeting rooms, Community skills development areas, Heritage

interpretation and tours, Hireable courtroom spaces and the Offices for the Coroner and Registrars. The target for opening is Autumn 2026.

Temporary library relocation during Shirehall renovation is in the Town Hall

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Planning enforcement concern

PlanningEnforcement@herefordshire.gov.uk

Local Emergency Numbers

Environment Agency: 0800 80 70 60 (24-hours) or visit www.gov.uk/report-an-environmental-incident

Flood alerts: Floodline 0345 988 1188. Sign up online at www.gov.uk/sign-up-for-flood-warnings to get Flood Warnings from the Environment Agency by phone, email or text message. If you live by a river or stream, keep a watch on current and expected water levels.

Power cut: Call 105 or visit www.powercut105.com

BT phone line issues: www.downdetector.co.uk/status/bt-british-telecom

Gas leak: 0800 111 999 or visit www.wvutilities.co.uk/services/smell-gas

Welsh Water: [0800 052 0130](tel:08000520130) (Water emergencies) or [0800 085 3968](tel:08000853968) (Sewer emergencies) or visit www.contact.dwrcymru.com/

The Citizens Advice Bureau Online at advice@citizensadviceherefordshire.org.uk for initial contact by email. Please also give a contact phone number in case we need to contact you for more information.

Supporting Ukraine

Local teams continues to organise supplies - details can be found on

<https://www.talkcommunitydirectory.org/ukraine>

<https://www.facebook.com/drivingsupplioustoukraine/>

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Clerk's Report – Agenda item 4

The following items are brought to members attention but not the subject of a separate agenda item:

1. Parish Councillor Vacancy

Herefordshire Council's elections office has confirmed that no valid request for an election has been received in connection with the casual vacancy resulting from the resignation of Joe Davey. The parish council is now free to co-opt to fill that vacancy. A revised notice has been uploaded to the website and notice boards. Should anyone express an interest in the role, please ask them to contact the Clerk so that the relevant checks can be made prior to co-option.

2 Parish Council Charter

The Clerk has been working with a small working party consisting of councillors from other parish councils, HALC and Herefordshire Council on reviving the Parish Council Charter; a document dating originally from 2011 which sets out the relationship and expectations of parish councils and Herefordshire Council. The latest meeting of the group took place on Wednesday 18th September at which a draft, drawn up by the working group, was rejected by Herefordshire Council. There was discussion on the Charter at the parish summit and the group are now working again on a revised charter with additional elements to reflect the discussions at the meeting.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES PAY AGREEMENT 2024/25, a comparison with 2023/24 agreement

	01 April 2024		1 April 2023		Scale Ranges
SCP	£ per annum	* £ per hour	£ per annum	* £ per hour	Based on SCP
2	£23,656	£12.26	£22,366	£11.62	Below LC Scale (for staff other than clerks)
3	£24,027	£12.45	£22,737	£11.82	
4	£24,404	£12.65	£23,114	£12.01	
5	£24,790	£12.85	£23,500	£12.21	
5	£24,790	£12.85	£23,500	£12.21	LC1 (5-6) (below substantive range)
6	£25,183	£13.05	£23,893	£12.42	
7	£25,584	£13.26	£24,294	£12.63	
8	£25,992	£13.47	£24,702	£12.84	LC1 (7-12) (substantive benchmark range)
9	£26,409	£13.69	£25,119	£13.06	
10	£26,835	£13.91	£25,545	£13.28	
11	£27,269	£14.13	£25,979	£13.50	
12	£27,711	£14.36	£26,421	£13.73	
13	£28,163	£14.60	£26,873	£13.97	LC1 (13-17) (above substantive range)
14	£28,624	£14.84	£27,334	£14.21	
15	£29,093	£15.08	£27,803	£14.45	
16	£29,572	£15.33	£28,282	£14.70	
17	£30,060	£15.58	£28,770	£14.95	
18	£30,559	£15.84	£29,269	£15.21	LC2 (18-23) (below substantive range)
19	£31,067	£16.10	£29,777	£15.48	
20	£31,586	£16.37	£30,296	£15.75	
21	£32,115	£16.65	£30,825	£16.02	
22	£32,654	£16.93	£31,364	£16.30	
23	£33,366	£17.29	£32,076	£16.67	
24	£34,314	£17.79	£33,024	£17.16	LC2 (24-28) (substantive benchmark range)
25	£35,235	£18.26	£33,945	£17.64	
26	£36,124	£18.72	£34,834	£18.10	
27	£37,035	£19.20	£35,745	£18.58	
28	£37,938	£19.66	£36,648	£19.05	
29	£38,626	£20.02	£37,336	£19.41	LC2 (29-32) (above substantive benchmark range)
30	£39,513	£20.48	£38,223	£19.87	
31	£40,476	£20.98	£39,186	£20.37	
32	£41,511	£21.52	£40,221	£20.90	

Dinedor Parish Council
Bank Reconciliation
Year to 31.3.2025

Opening Balance	£ 17,897.08
Add receipts	£ 11,199.73
Less Expenditure	£ 17,762.83
Balance	£ 11,333.98

Meeting

Per bank statement	31.10.2024	20446000	£ 8,324.94
		20512154	£ 3,009.04

Add receipts since statement:

Less: payments not yet authorised at statement date
s/o since last statement

£ 11,333.98

£ -

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Agenda item 5.4 – Budget review

Supplementary Information

Attached is the budget review for the year to 31st October 2024 showing, as usual, actual expenditure for the current financial year, the budget for the current year and a forecast for the full financial year. This note is to explain some of the amendments made to the forecast figures for the current financial year.

Income

Income from grants includes the grant payable in respect of the main lengthsman scheme which can be claimed periodically through the year. Like all Herefordshire Council grants, payment is retrospective, i.e. is paid after the parish council has paid the invoice from the contractor. Dinedor currently has paid invoices from the lengthsman totalling £932.00 so this is shown as forecast income for the current financial year.

For other grants agreed - £3,000 under the drainage scheme and £2,949 under the public rights of way scheme – the deadline for work is 31st March 2025 and payment is made after the expenditure has been incurred. It is therefore assumed that expenditure will be incurred during the current financial year and be received as a grant in 2025-6.

Transmitter income of £2,000 is payable and usually received on 31st March year year.

Expenditure

Staff costs have been adjusted to reflect the recent pay adjustment.

Lengthsman scheme expenditure reflects routine lengthsman expenditure as per the annual maintenance plan plus expenditure on drainage projects as agreed under the drainage funding (see also note above regarding expected receipts of grant funding).

Other repairs and maintenance includes expected expenditure on footpaths maintenance and includes installation costs. As noted above, expenditure on materials is covered by agreed grant funding which should be received during the next financial year.

Maintenance for Dinedor Camp includes expenditure already incurred but also provision for additional work on the trees in Camp Wood which are currently growing over the road leading up to the camp and require cutting back. The provisional budget figure for this work is £2,000.00

	Year to 31.3.2024		Budget 2024-5		Actual to 31.10.2024		Forecast 2024/5	
Income								
Precept	£	9,500.00	£	9,500.00	£	9,500.00	£	9,500.00
Grants	£	5,120.99	£	310.00	£	-	£	932.00
Outdoor Centre Insurance reimbursement	£	981.13	£	1,000.00	£	1,069.44	£	1,069.44
Transmitter income	£	2,000.00	£	2,000.00			£	2,000.00
Insurance Claim	£	-						
VAT reclaim	£	1,414.89	£	-	£	621.25	£	621.25
Bank Interest					£	9.04	£	25.00
Total income:	£	19,017.01	£	12,810.00	£	11,199.73	£	14,147.69
Expenditure								
<u>General Expenditure</u>								
Staff costs	£	5,435.79	£	6,000.00	£	3,083.76	£	5,672.00
Temporary Staff Costs			£	-				
General Office Costs	£	639.99	£	500.00	£	395.74	£	550.00
Room Hire	£	264.00	£	350.00	£	120.00	£	300.00
Insurance	£	1,664.29	£	1,800.00	£	1,805.46	£	1,805.48
Lengthsman Scheme	£	1,820.00	£	3,000.00	£	932.00	£	3,920.00
Repairs & Maintenance - Other (Footpaths)					£	-	£	4,790.00
Repairs & Maintenance - Camp	£	695.00	£	6,000.00	£	8,105.49	£	10,200.00
Purchases, other			£	600.00	£	-	£	600.00
Subscriptions	£	459.34	£	550.00	£	-	£	550.00
Audit Fees	£	249.75	£	300.00	£	283.25	£	283.25
Election costs	£	141.50	£	-	£	-	£	-
Advertising/publicity					£	-	£	-
Training	£	90.00	£	150.00	£	50.00	£	50.00
Website	£	225.00	£	250.00	£	225.00	£	250.00
Newsletter	£	330.00	£	400.00	£	220.00	£	220.00
Miscellaneous	£	330.00	£	100.00	£	-	£	100.00
VAT	£	621.25			£	1,982.13	£	1,982.13
<u>Other Expenditure</u>								
Legal costs	£	-	£	500.00	£	-	£	-
Neighbourhood Plan	£	-	£	500.00	£	-	£	-
Donations & Grants	£	1,460.00	£	1,000.00	£	560.00	£	560.00
Total Expenditure	£	14,425.91	£	22,000.00	£	17,762.83	£	31,832.86
Net expenditure:	£	4,591.10	-£	9,190.00	-£	6,563.10	-£	17,685.17
Reserves:								
Opening Balance	£	13,305.98	£	17,897.08	£	17,897.08	£	17,897.08
Add: Net expenditure	£	4,591.10	-£	9,190.00	-£	6,563.10	-£	17,685.17
Closing Balance:	£	17,897.08	£	8,707.08	£	11,333.98	£	211.91

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Agenda item 5.6 – Initial Draft Budget 2025-6

Supplementary Information

Attached is the initial draft budget for the year 2025-2026. A final budget for 2025-6 will need to be agreed by end January 2025 at the latest as the precept for that year needs to be submitted to Herefordshire Council by end January 2025. Below is some further explanation of the figures suggested and should be read in conjunction with the supplementary information for agenda item 5.4.

Income

The draft budget assumes that all work in accordance with grants awarded during 2024-5 is carried out in 2024-5 and a full claim is submitted and paid in 2025-6 in accordance with the funding agreement. It follows that if the work is not carried out in accordance with the funding agreement, income will not accrue in financial year 2025-6.

Expenditure

All expenditure is shown net of VAT as this is reclaimable but it is worth remembering that VAT is payable in one year and (usually) reclaimable the following year so does have cash flow implications.

Staffing costs reflect an expected inflationary increase in salaries as per any agreement nationally but also reflects the impact of the increase in employers national insurance contributions as announced in the recent Budget Statement, applicable from 1.4.2025.

It has been suggested, albeit not confirmed, that further grant funding through the lengthsman scheme might be available for routine maintenance and/or drainage etc. in 2025-6. This will incur additional expenditure initially (usually reclaimable in the following financial year) but in the absence of any formal agreement, has not be included in this draft budget.

There is no provision for election costs. The next full elections will take place in 2027 but if/when a parish councillor resigns or leaves the public have the right to request an election. Herefordshire Council will recharge the full cost of any by election to the parish council and for a parish the size of Dinedor, that recharge is expected to be in the region of £3,000.

Expenditure on Dinedor Camp includes, at the request of the Camp Steering Group, provision for materials to repair and improve the parking area and expenditure on an event during Herefordshire History week, to attract volunteers to work on the camp. Equipment storage costs are also included. Any additional work, particularly in relation to tree management, has not been included.

There is currently no provision for legal costs that might be incurred if/when the Village Hall adopts a new constitution.

Audit costs assume that the parish council is not able to claim exemption for an external audit for year ended 2024-5. An exemption from external audit can only be claimed if neither expenditure nor income exceed £25,000 for the year under review.

Reserves

Dinedor Parish Council has no formal reserves policy but guidance contained within the JPAG Guide (Joint Panel on Accountability and Governance) suggests that parish councils should be holding between three months and twelve months expenditure as general reserves (i.e. excluding any reserves earmarked for identified projects etc.) to allow for unexpected expenditure or incidents with smaller councils expected to hold towards the upper limit of that recommendation.

Dinedor Parish Council

	Year to		Actual to		Forecast		Draft Budget	
	31.3.2024		31.10.2024		2024/5		2025-6	
Income								
Precept	£	9,500.00	£	9,500.00	£	9,500.00	£	11,500.00
Grants	£	5,120.99	£	-	£	932.00	£	6,879.00
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Purchases, other			£	-	£	600.00	£	600.00
Subscriptions	£	459.34	£	-	£	550.00	£	600.00
Audit Fees	£	249.75	£	283.25	£	283.25	£	510.00
Election costs	£	141.50	£	-	£	-	£	-
Advertising/publicity			£	-	£	-		
Training	£	90.00	£	50.00	£	50.00	£	60.00
Website	£	225.00	£	225.00	£	250.00	£	250.00
Newsletter	£	330.00	£	220.00	£	220.00	£	220.00
Miscellaneous	£	330.00	£	-	£	100.00	£	100.00
VAT	£	621.25	£	1,982.13	£	1,982.13		
<u>Other Expenditure</u>								
Legal costs	£	-	£	-	£	-		
Neighbourhood Plan	£	-	£	-	£	-		
Donations & Grants	£	1,460.00	£	560.00	£	560.00	£	750.00
Total Expenditure	£	14,425.91	£	17,762.83	£	31,831.86	£	16,390.00
Net expenditure:	£	4,591.10	-£	6,563.10	-£	17,684.17	£	7,196.13
Reserves:								
Opening Balance	£	13,305.98	£	17,897.08	£	17,897.08	£	212.91
Add: Net expenditure	£	4,591.10	-£	6,563.10	-£	17,684.17	£	7,196.13
Closing Balance:	£	17,897.08	£	11,333.98	£	212.91	£	7,409.04

clerk@dinedorparishcouncil.gov.uk

From: Lengthsman <Lengthsman@herefordshire.gov.uk>
Sent: 06 November 2024 12:58
To: 'clerk@dinedorparishcouncil.gov.uk'
Cc: Davies, David
Subject: 2024/25 Drainage Grant
Attachments: Drainage Grant Claim Form.docx; Drainage Grant Guidance Notes.pdf; Dinedor Contract Variation Agreement.docx

Dear Clerk,

2024/25 Drainage Grant

Thank you for submitting an application for the 2024/25 Drainage Grant for which we received a high level of interest.

After careful consideration we are pleased to confirm the following:

Dinedor

Type of works	Bid for (yes/no)	Comments	Grant awarded (£)
Ditching Works	Yes	Approved	£2,000.00
Drainage Asset Survey	Yes	Approved	£1,000.00
Minor Drainage Schemes	Yes	To be confirmed once details have been approved by Herefordshire Council/ Balfour Beatty.	£0.00
Gully Clearing and Cleansing	Yes	To be undertaken by Herefordshire Council	£1,800.00
Total Grant			£3,000.00

**to be paid directly by Herefordshire Council to their contractor.*

With regard to the grant that you have applied for under the Minor Drainage Schemes element of the funding, we would like to discuss the proposed works with you further and we will be in touch shortly. An additional contract variation will be sent to cover this element if further funding is awarded.

We have attached a set of guidance notes that provides information on what you now need to do, along with a Contract Variation Agreement which you need to sign and return (please complete the On Behalf of Service Provider section at the top of the second page).

Once again, thank you for your submission. Should you have any questions at any time then please do not hesitate to contact us via lengthsman@herefordshire.gov.uk

Kind regards,

Ed

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Economy & Environment Directorate
 Plough Lane
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 HR4 0LE

AGREEMENT TO VARY THE LENGTHSMAN AGREEMENT CONTRACT

THIS AGREEMENT is made **BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF HEREFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL** ("the council") of Plough Lane, Hereford, HR4 0LE and **DINEDOR PARISH COUNCIL** ("the service provider") and is supplemental to the Lengthsman Agreement contract in respect of Public Realm Maintenance Work (service) and made between the parties to this agreement.

The council and the service provider agree that:

1. Lengthsman Agreement contract is varied as detailed below:

DETAILS OF VARIATION

In section 1 Interpretations

In the "funding" definition add:

£3,000.00 in relation to Drainage grant funding for the purposes of undertaking work on the drainage network as detailed in the original submission by the Parish.
(Nominated Task)

Add new definition

"Drainage network" Shall means the drainage network within the Parish.

Add Nominated Task to the Annual Maintenance Plan in Annex 2

The Parish will undertake work on the drainage network as detailed in their original submission attached hereto and in accordance with any and all verbal or written instructions from the Council and in compliance with any relevant statutes.

Public Rights of Way network works will be completed by 31st March 2025.
The final claims for grant funding will be submitted no later than 11th April 2025.

2. This Lengthsman Agreement contract shall, as from 28th October 2024 be deemed to have been varied to give effect to this agreement and subject to such variation shall continue in full force and effect.

ON BEHALF OF SERVICE PROVIDER

ON BEHALF OF THE COUNCIL

Signature

Printed name

Position

Date

Signature

Printed name

Position

Date

Drainage Grant 2024/25

Accessing grant funding

- The grant funding will be distributed through the Parish and Town Council Lengthsman Agreement process by way of the attached Contract Variation Agreement. Please sign and return this agreement to lengthsman@herefordshire.gov.uk. Works need to be completed by 31st March 2025 and invoiced by 30th April 2025.
- A purchase order will be issued to you for the value of the grant initially awarded, but you can start work whilst you wait for the purchase order. Please note that the value of any gully clearing or cleansing works will not be included in the purchase order to you as this will be paid directly from Herefordshire Council to its contractor.
- You will be issued with further purchase orders if and when additional grants are awarded, e.g. confirmation that you can proceed with minor drainage scheme works.

Before you start

- Please ensure you have read the information provided on the following pages regarding ditching works, drainage surveys and gully clearing and cleansing.
- Parish and Town Councils are responsible for ensuring that work is carried out by suitably qualified individuals, either working under their own insurance or that of the Parish or Town Council.
- We recommend that a risk assessment and method statement is provided to you before works start. Consideration should be given to matters such as lone working, first aid, personal protective equipment (clothing, safety gloves and safety glasses), safe use of tools and equipment, site access and parking, working on or next to the highway, manual handling of materials to and from site, ground conditions and livestock.
- Where ditching or minor drainage works are undertaken then a search should be undertaken for any utilities that may be present on site, e.g. gas, water, electric etc. Environmental considerations should also be taken into account (see following guide for ditching). If you are unsure then please contact us via lengthsman@herefordshire.gov.uk
- Where you are working on the highway then check to see if you need a highway permit to undertake the works. This will apply if you are planning to use a road or lane closure for example.
- Inform the relevant landowner that you are undertaking the works- details of responsibilities can be found via <https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/downloads/file/16062/guidance-on-landowner-responsibilities-for-ditches-and-drainage>

When you start

- Undertake a pre-start risk assessment to make sure it is safe to work and to check that nothing has changed - ground or traffic conditions can differ from day to day.
- If you are working with a group, make sure everyone is aware of any risk assessments and that you are clear on their roles and responsibilities.
- Make sure you act responsibly and dispose of any materials appropriately.

When you finish

- Please take a photo of each job that you undertake and complete the relevant details on the attached claim form. You need to send this to lengthsman@herefordshire.gov.uk as part of any claim.
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Ditching Works

Whilst further detail has been provided below, DEFRA provide information on how land managers can improve habitats for wildlife by creating and managing ditches.

<https://defra.farming.blog.gov.uk/create-and-manage-ditches-for-wildlife/>

Removing obstructions

Frequently check for and remove any physical obstructions such as large rocks, rubble, fallen trees and branches and other waste materials (litter, grass cuttings etc) so that water can flow freely. All non-organic waste should be completely removed off site and disposed of in an appropriate manner. Any green waste resulting from the maintenance of ditches can be left a safe distance from the bank for a few days to allow any organisms to move back into the watercourse, after which the green waste should be removed so it doesn't wash back into the watercourse.

Mowing and trimming

Keep growth of vegetation (trees, weeds, reeds and grass) under control with regular trimming and mowing of banks where appropriate. To minimise the environmental impact of mowing banks, do this less frequently during the period of March to mid-July, in order to avoid disturbing spawning fish and nesting wildlife.

Managing invasive plant species

For information about how to manage non-native plants such as Himalayan Balsam, Japanese Knotweed and Floating Pennywort, the following organisations have produced some useful guidance.

<https://www.nonnativespecies.org/>
<https://canalrivertrust.org.uk/specialist-teams/maintaining-our-waterways/vegetation-management/invasive-species-control>

De-silting

Silt build-up within an ordinary watercourse gets worse over time and becomes more expensive to rectify. Regular removal of silt is much more cost effective and will ensure the watercourse remains in full working order. When de-silting ditches, it is important that you consider any impact on biodiversity. Therefore, it is suggested that you temporarily deposit silt on top of the banks of the watercourse, this allows for organisms to migrate back into the ditch. However, you have no legal right to deposit silt on a highway verge and doing so might result in enforcement action against you if it is deemed to be causing an obstruction to the highway. In these instances, you should remove the silt and deposit it elsewhere; ensuring permission is in place from the landowner.

When and how often should this be done?

Most watercourses and ditches require annual maintenance to some degree, but the frequency will be dependent on the amount of material you receive from upstream. The best time of year to undertake major clearance works is in late September, in preparation for increased winter flows and once vegetation has already begun to naturally die back. This will also avoid fish breeding and bird nesting seasons. You should inspect your watercourse regularly to ensure no blockage has occurred.

Environment and nature

If a watercourse is carefully maintained, it can create an excellent habitat for wildlife. Careful planning, such as trimming alternate banks of the watercourse each year to remove obstructive vegetation, allows you to help fulfil your riparian responsibilities, whilst enhancing the environment. This approach allows wildlife to migrate to opposite sides of the watercourse each year, rather than be forced to leave.

Consent to carry out works

General maintenance probably won't require consent but permanent and temporary works affecting a watercourse may require consent. Temporary works could be the damming of a watercourse to allow permanent work such as the installation of a bridge. If in doubt contact us via lengthsman@herefordshire.gov.uk

Drainage Surveys

- When we announced details of the drainage fund we explained that a resilient and effective drainage network requires us to have a complete picture of all drainage assets within a parish. Unfortunately as contractors and systems have changed knowledge may have been lost.
- We invited Parish and Town Councils to apply for funding on a "day rate basis" to allow their Lengthsman or a suitably qualified alternative, to review the existing drainage map of the Parish and log any assets which need adding to our system.
- As part of any funding that you have been allocated to undertake a drainage survey, a map of existing gullies and grips has been created for you to review and update. The map can be found via <https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/council/technical/9?password=ea2b31a0> and we would ask that you plot any gullies and grips that you have found and that are not already shown on the map. To do this you simply click on the above link and find the appropriate location. You then zoom in to the appropriate scale and left click where the gully or grip is located. You then simply choose report gully or report grip.
- Please note that the above link is private and should not be given out beyond those undertaking the survey work.
- The online map only allows you to submit point data (i.e. grips and gullies). If you collect any information regarding other assets (i.e. pipework or ditches) then please feel free to draw these on a plan and send them to us via lengthsman@herefordshire.gov.uk and we will update our records.

Gully Clearing and Cleansing

- When we announced details of the drainage fund we explained that Parish and Town Councils could put forward drains / gullies for clearing and cleansing by Herefordshire Council's contractors.
- If you have been allocated funding for this work then the locations that you have provided will be passed to a Council contractor for the work to be completed within the days purchased.
- Works will be completed as soon as practicably possible and by the end of March 2025.
- Please do not undertake the work yourselves as you will not be able to recover the costs from us!

Thank you for helping to improve Herefordshire's drainage network!

- **The Turnpike Road Highway– require Herefordshire Council to take action to remove fence and screwed closed gate obstruction.**

Because Herefordshire Council has established that the Turnpike Road is a Highway (the DMMO Order is a separate procedure) the Parish Council can require Herefordshire Council to take action to remove the obstruction to the Highway.

BACKGROUND:

From the Open Spaces Society information Rights of Way: Parishes dealing with highway obstructions - Open Spaces Society :

"..there is a long-standing and simple procedure available to a parish council which believes that a highway (of any kind) has been obstructed. The procedure is also available to a parish meeting where there is no council (for brevity, we refer only to parish councils below, and when we refer to parish councils, we include references to councils for communities in Wales, and councils for parishes or groups of parishes in England with alternative styles^[1]). And the courts have made clear that the highway authority must act assiduously where the procedure is initiated."

2.1 Under s.130(6) of the Highways Act 1980:

'If the council of a parish or community or, in the case of a parish or community which does not have a separate parish or community council, the parish meeting or a community meeting, represent to a local highway authority—

(a) that a highway as to which the local highway authority have the duty imposed by subsection (3)^[2] above has been unlawfully stopped up or obstructed, or
(b) that an unlawful encroachment has taken place on a roadside waste comprised in a highway for which they are the highway authority, it is the duty of the local highway authority, unless satisfied that the representations are incorrect, to take proper proceedings accordingly and they may do so in their own name.'

2.2 S.130(6) has its origins in s.26(4) of the Local Government Act 1894.

2.3 The procedure applies to any highway for which the local highway authority has responsibility. That includes all public rights of way and local roads, with the exception of trunk roads and motorways. The procedure can therefore be used in relation to local roads, including unsealed (unpaved) minor roads, as well as public paths. It cannot be used in respect of obstructions or encroachments on trunk roads for which Highways England or the Welsh Government is the highway authority.

PROCEDURE:

3.1 In order to trigger the s.130(6) procedure, the parish council must 'represent' to the highway authority that the way identified in the representation has been 'unlawfully stopped up or obstructed', or that there is 'an unlawful encroachment' on roadside waste.

3.2 The council should place details of the obstruction, and the intention to make a representation under s.130(6) about it to the highway authority, on the agenda of a council meeting. The council should resolve to authorise the clerk to the council, or the chairman of the council, to make the representations on its behalf.

3.3 Representations should be made in writing, by the clerk or the chairman, and addressed to the chief executive to the highway authority. There is some uncertainty whether representations can validly be made by email^[3], so it is safer to convey them in a formal letter sent by post.

3.4 The representations should make clear that they are made under s.130(6), and that the writer is authorised to act on behalf of the council. It may be helpful to remind the highway authority that, having made the representations, the authority is under a duty, 'unless satisfied that the representations are incorrect, to take proper proceedings accordingly'.

[3] It is not clear whether representations under s.130(6) are a 'notice, consent, approval, order, demand, licence, certificate or other document required or authorised by or under this Act to be given or served on any person' to which s.322(2) applies.

Footpaths Officers:

Cllr. M. Louch & Peter Keyse

Dinedor Parish Council

Dinedor Camp Management Steering Group Notes from a meeting held on 6th November 2024

Present: Joe Davey In the chair
Paul Davies
Brian Granthier
Andy Preedy
Chris Waters

In attendance: Liz Kelso Clerk

1. To elect a group chair

Paul Davies agreed to chair the group going forward. Joe Davey agreed to take the chair for this meeting.

2. Apologies

Apologies were noted from Hazel Preedy, Tim Greenow and Malcolm Louch.

3. Notes from previous meeting

Notes from the meeting held on 24th July 2024, which had been previously circulated, were confirmed.

4. Report from Parish Council meeting held on 22nd October 2024

A verbal report on the meeting of the parish council held on 22nd October was noted, which included:

- Authority to proceed with the repair to the flail mower up to a maximum costs of £250.00 was given. The Clerk reminded members that the invoice for the repair needs to be addressed to the parish council.
- The parish council was supportive of an event to encourage visitors to the camp with a view to attracting further volunteers to the working group. See agenda item 7 for further discussion on this topic.

5. Community Volunteer Activity

- The regular working group day in October had been cancelled due to poor weather.

- A member of the public has suggested using Community Payback to undertake work on the camp as a one off site clearance to remove brambles etc. that have become overgrown over the past summer. The clerk noted that having approached Community Payback recently they were not able to undertake work on the site at the present time. The Outdoor Centre is to work with a veteran group who might be willing to undertake a similar role and will investigate further.
- As an alternative to the working group activity, a member of the public had also suggested the hire of a heavy-duty mower which is designed to cut the brambles back. As this is a tracked piece of equipment, the group would need to be dry to avoid damage to the ground surface and it was suggested that Historic England be approached first to ensure they were happy with the equipment proposed. The daily cost of hire was thought to be in the region of £500.00 and one day was considered sufficient for the camp. The Clerk would approach the parish council with a view to adding this to the budget for the next financial year.
- Finally, a member of the public had also identified an individual who would cut back some remaining wood free of charge in return for taking the wood away. A copy of the individual's chainsaw certificate(s), insurance and a method statement would need to be provided prior to any work taking place.

6. Revised supplementary management plan

A revised supplementary management plan, based upon the requirements of Historic England to clear part of the sit, was agreed and adopted. The parish council has also agreed the plan, subject to confirmation by the Steering Group.

7. Community Event

It was noted that the parish council was broadly in agreement with an event to attract more volunteers to the working group and the group agreed that an event in the spring when nights are lighter would be preferable. After some discussion, it was agreed to approach Dinedor Heritage Group with a view to a joint event to coincide with Herefordshire History week in May 2025 with a suggestion of a guided tour, a talk about the history of the site and refreshments or a family picnic. The approximate cost of a speaker was estimated at £200.00 and hire of the Outdoor Centre was suggested at around £200.00 so a total budget of approximately £500.00 to include some additional material such as interpretation boards, signage etc. was felt to be appropriate. The Clerk will approach the parish council with a view to inclusion of this in the budget for 2025-6. A provisional date of 18th May was agreed.

8. Any other business

- Andy Preedy asked that consideration be given to a payment for storing the group's equipment (flail mower and strimmer) at the Outdoor Centre. A figure of £250.00 p.a. was suggested.

- It was agreed that the group would conduct a walk around to create a list of work that can be undertaken by volunteers on the community volunteer days. It was agreed that these would start in March next year.
- It was suggested that a regular article be drafted for the parish newsletter which details the history and/or work on the camp. It was felt this would be more noticeable and might start to encourage further volunteers.
- It was suggested that some remedial work on the car parking area should be carried out to include scalplings added to the surface would improve drainage and the appearance of the area and some of the signage requires renewing and/or repositioning. The hire of a digger to work on the site would be in the region of £500 per day plus material costs. The Clerk will approach the parish council with a view to including provision for this in the budget for 2025-6.

9 Date of next meeting

It was agreed that the next meeting would take place on 8th January 2025 at 6.30pm, venue to be confirmed.

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From: andy preedy <info@dinedoroutdoorcentre.org.uk>
Sent: 11 November 2024 08:21
To: clerk@dinedorparishcouncil.gov.uk
Cc: Hazel Preedy; PR Centre; Dinedor Parish Council
Subject: FW: Brookfield School - Dinedor

Importance: High

Good morning Liz, could you please add this item (access road) to the next parish council meeting and let me know the outcome so that I can respond to Brookfield School, hopefully with a positive message, we can't afford to lose the booking.

warmest regards

ANDY PREEDY
Interim Centre Manager
07926 963793

From: Marian Ellis <mellis@brookfield.hereford.sch.uk>
Date: Friday, 8 November 2024 at 11:32
To: Info <info@dinedoroutdoorcentre.org.uk>
Subject: Brookfield School - Dinedor

Hi Andy

Just wanted to let you know why we weren't at Dinedor this morning.

Unfortunately our first minibus got stuck about ¾ of the way up the road, then couldn't get going again because of all the wet leaves.

The driver felt very unsafe as the wheels were slipping and she was worried she might burn the clutch out as well as they could smell burning.

I advised the driver to reverse back down to a safe point to turn around – but she was not happy to do this because of the state of the road.

She said there are pot holes all over the road and combined with the slipperiness of the surface she felt she was not confident to do so.

The second minibus got there and then that minibus driver also agreed that the road was not safe to travel on especially with carrying children as well.

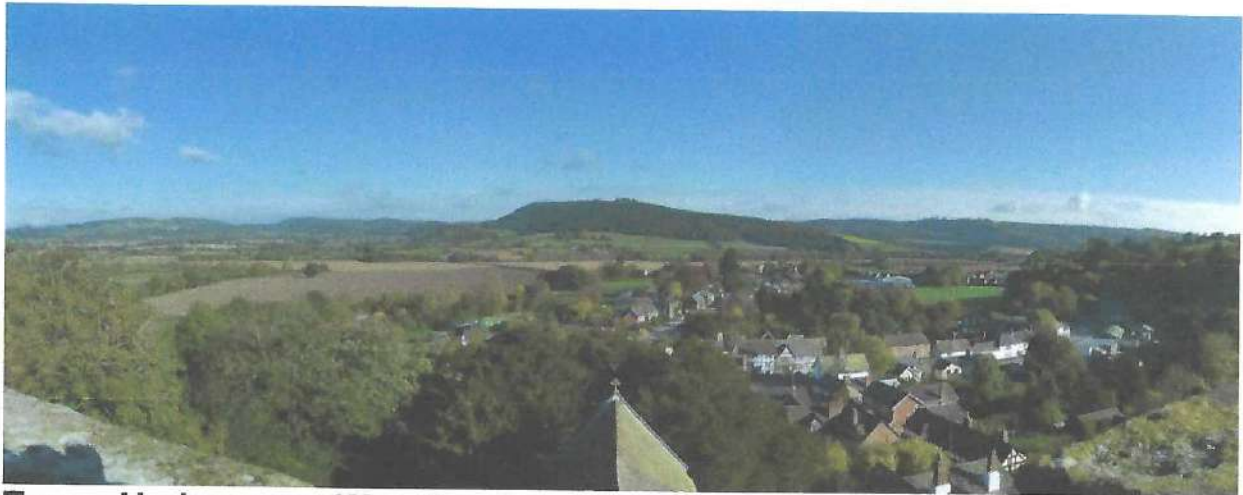
Unfortunately that means we are unable to attend site today, obviously this is really disappointing as we are an SEMH school and our students really appreciate being outdoors on Fridays as this has a positive effect of their mental health and wellbeing – which is why we have a weekly booking with you.

Please can you give some assurance that the road issue will be addressed as going forward we need to be able to access the provision that we have booked throughout the year.

Ultimately if we are not able to safely access Dinedor we will have to look for an alternative provision, which would impact on your income as a charity and our ability to get our students out locally.

We also cannot afford to book a provision then not attend so would also hope that you could refund the cost of today or offer a FOC day in the future.

Kind regards



Trees, Hedgerows, Woodlands...have your say!

This your chance to have a say on everything trees and hedgerows for the county. Herefordshire Council is working with LUC to facilitate a Tree Hedgerow and Woodland Strategy for the county (h-THaWS) and has launched a 4 week online public consultation. This is your chance to respond personally or on behalf of a community or group and help guide the production of this strategy for the county's treescape, including actions that everyone can help deliver. What makes trees and hedgerows important to you? What is already happening locally? What type of tree-hedgerow schemes would you support? How do you see the future treescape of the county urban & rural? We need your thoughts, ideas and views. The aim is to have a final h-THaWS launched in Spring 2025 helping support an increase in Trees and Hedgerows across the county and encouraging better management of those we already have.

Further information and the online survey can be found at [Herefordshire Tree, Hedgerow and Woodland Strategy \(h-THaWS\)](#) or you can email us at hthaws@landuse.co.uk

The consultation and survey will close on **8th December 2024** so please don't delay having your say.

Image by James Bisset – Treescape of North Herefordshire from top of St James' Church, Wigmore

Herefordshire Tree, Hedgerow and Woodland Strategy

LUC Consultation Privacy Statement

This privacy statement sets out the basis on which Land Use Consultants ("LUC") may use your personal data in respect of the consultation on the Herefordshire Tree, Hedgerow and Woodland Strategy.

You acknowledge that your personal data submitted or collected under or in connection with this consultation ("Personal Data") will be processed pursuant to this statement; that the Personal Data might include your name, address, contact details and any opinions that you include in response to the consultation; that once you have provided your Personal Data to LUC, LUC will have a legitimate interest in utilising that Personal Data to review, analyse and produce reports in respect of the consultation; that LUC will use your Personal Data solely for the purpose of consultation and for no other purpose; that LUC may share the Personal Data with select third parties involved with the consultation; that LUC will store, process and retain your Personal Data only for as long as is necessary, and otherwise in accordance with data protection law and that LUC will not transfer your personal data outside the European Economic Area without suitable data protection agreements in place, such as those meeting EU-US Privacy Shield standards.

You have legal rights regarding the Personal Data (including the right to request access to, or the correction of, your personal data). For a summary of these, see LUC's Data Privacy Notice.

If you have any questions, or if you wish to exercise your rights over your Personal Data, you may contact LUC at 250 Waterloo Road, London SE1 8RD or database@landuse.co.uk.

* Required

1. Do you consent to the use of your personal data for the purposes set out in the privacy statement? *

- ☒ I consent to the use of my personal data for the purposes set out in the privacy statement
- ☐ I do not consent to the use of my personal data for the purposes set out in the privacy statement and would like to end the survey

2. Are you responding to this consultation as a:

- ☐ Member of the public/resident
- ☐ Agent, developer or landowner
- ☐ Councillor
- ☐ Town/parish council
- ☐ Neighbourhood planning group
- ☐ Community or interest group
- ☐ Statutory body (Environment Agency, National Highways, Natural England etc.)

- ☐ Utility company or infrastructure provider
- ☐ Business/organisation
- ☐ Another planning authority
- ☐ Other

3. If you are responding on behalf of an organisation, what is the name of that organisation?

Enter your answer

4. What do you consider are the key benefits to Herefordshire of increasing tree cover and improved management of the treescape?

Please select at most 3 options.

- ☐ Wildlife provision (including habitat creation and enhancement)
- ☐ Improved health and well-being (improved connection with nature)
- ☐ Regulating local climate (providing shading and cooling)
- ☐ Improved air quality (by removing pollutants)
- ☐ Contributing to carbon neutrality (through increasing carbon sequestration by trees)
- ☐ River catchment and flood management (through rainfall attenuation)
- ☐ Reduced soil erosion and water pollution (by tree roots binding soil)
- ☐ Enhancing resilience to a changing climate (through appropriate species selection and management)
- ☐ Protecting and improving distinctive features of the county (including traditional orchards ancient woodlands, veteran trees and designated sites)
- ☐ Successional and replacement planting (to replace trees coming to the end of life and those lost to pests/diseases)
- ☐ Supporting the local economy (by improving the aesthetic appeal of spaces)
- ☐ Other

5. Thinking about your local treescape, please state the extent to which you agree with the following statements. Pick **one** answer for each statement.

I value my local trees, woods and forests because...

[illegible]

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Indifferent	Agree	Strongly agree	Unknown	Skip
They stimulate my senses	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
They provide me with places for fun and enjoyment	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
They can help me learn more about nature	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Being among them makes me feel part of something bigger than myself	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
They connect me with memories from my past	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
They provide places for the community to come together	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
They make me feel creative and inspired	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

6. Which of the following statements should be priorities for Herefordshire Council in relation to the treescape.

Herefordshire Council should...

Please select at most 3 options.

- ☐ Improve tree protection and policy enforcement in relation to new trees and areas of woodland
- ☐ Provide improved management and protection to the existing tree stock
- ☐ Ensure consideration is given to the principle of the 'right tree in the right place' when delivering new tree planting
- ☐ Address the deficiencies of trees in streets and the urban environment
- ☐ Increase knowledge of the benefits of trees through public engagement
- ☐ Ensure trees and hedgerows on development sites are well managed

- ☐ Ensure appropriate age and species diversity of Herefordshire's treescape
- ☐ Attract additional funding for the provision of trees and woodland
- ☐ Other

7. Please state the extent to which you agree that the following factors are key current and future pressures/threats facing the treescape of Herefordshire? Pick **one** answer for each type of pressure/threat.

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Indifferent	Agree	Strongly agree	Unknown	Skip
Pests and diseases	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Inappropriate management	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Pressures from development	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Vandalism	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Climate change	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Lack of legal tree protection and enforcement	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Other	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

8. Please provide an explanation of your answer to the above question, or other pressures/threats facing the treescape of Herefordshire.

Enter your answer

9. Please state the extent to which you agree that the following locations should be prioritised for future tree planting in Herefordshire. Pick **one** answer for each type of benefit.

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Indifferent	Agree	Strongly agree	Unknown	Skip
Herefordshire Council managed parks and greenspace	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Urban streets	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Road corridors and verges	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Privately owned open space	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Privately owned gardens	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Rural/agricultural land	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Other	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

10. Please provide an explanation of your answer to the above question, or other locations which should be prioritised for future tree planting in Herefordshire.

Enter your answer

11. Which of the following present the greatest barriers to delivery of increased tree planting within Herefordshire?

Please select at most 3 options.

- ☐ Lack of local funding
- ☐ Lack of understanding of the benefits of increased tree cover
- ☐ Lack of understanding of how to deliver tree planting schemes including establishment and longer term management and maintenance of trees
- ☐ Lack of community and/or political support or buy-in
- ☐ Lack of co-ordinated effort between partners
- ☐ Lack of support within Planning policy
- ☐ Lack of awareness of the importance of trees

☐ Land ownership and cross-boundary issues

☐ Land management capability and capacity

12. Please provide an explanation of your answer to the above question, or other barriers to the delivery of tree planting in Herefordshire.

Enter your answer

13. Please specify if you regularly take part in any of the following community involvement initiatives relating to trees. Tick all that apply.

☐ Informative public talks on trees

☐ Tree related activities with local schools

☐ Community tree planting

☐ Volunteering e.g. Herefordshire Tree Forum

☐ Herefordshire Tree Wardens

☐ 'Sponsor a tree' or similar scheme

☐ Distribution of free trees

☐ Technical advice to residents about private trees

☐ None

☐ Other

14. Are you aware of other initiatives relating to the conservation and/or enhancement of tree, hedgerow and woodland cover in Herefordshire?

☐ Yes

☐ No

15. If yes, please provide details (including name of initiative and location).

Enter your answer

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