

Parish Councillors, you are hereby summoned to a meeting of
Dinedor Parish Council
will be held on Thursday 20th February 2025 at 6.00pm
At Dinedor Village Hall

AGENDA

1. To receive Apologies, Declarations of Interest and requests for dispensations
2. Minutes
 - 2.1 To approve the minutes of the meeting held on [19th December 2024](#)
 - 2.2 To approve the minutes of the meeting held on [28th January 2025](#)
3. Public participation:
 - 3.1 Ward Councillors Report
 - 3.2 Matters raised by members of the public in attendance
 - 3.3 Police Matters
To consider any amendment to policing priorities
4. Information item: Clerks Report
5. Financial Matters:
 - 5.1 To authorise payments now due:

• Unity Trust Bank plc		
Bank charges – DD – 31.01.2025	£6.00	
Bank charges – DD – 28.2.2025	£6.00	
Total		£12.00
• E. Kelso		
Expenses – subscription		£47.88
• PrintPlus		
January newsletters		£55.00
• HALC		
HALC & NALC subscription 2025/6	£435.60	
VAT thereon	£87.12	
Total		£522.72
• Terry Griffiths Contracts		
January lengthsman work	£466.00	
VAT	£93.20	
Total		£559.20
 - 5.2 To authorise changes to standing order payments in respect of staff salary payments to reflect change of tax code
 - 5.3 To note receipts, if any, since the last meeting

• Bank interest paid 31.12.2024	£20.15
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 - 5.4 To note budget review for current year, account balances and bank reconciliation as at the date of the meeting

6. Planning Matters
 - 6.1 To consider planning applications now due for observations:
 - Ref: [250240](#)
Site: Rovello, Hollow Farm Road, Dinedor
Dev: Proposed extension and alterations to existing timber frame building
 - Ref: [250364](#)
Site: Building 704, Chapel Road, Rotherwas
Dev: Proposed construction and operation of micro-energy storage facility
 - 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
 - 6.4 To note any planning enforcement activity
 - 6.5 To note revised [National Planning Policy Framework](#) and advice on potential impact on development in Herefordshire
7. Highway Matters
 - 7.1 Lengthsman Scheme report
 - 7.2 Update on drainage scheme funding application and consider approval to proceed on funded projects
 - 7.3 To note recent flooding adjacent to the Village Hall and consider way forward
 - 7.4 Footpath Officer Report
 - 7.5 Update on Public Rights of Way funding agreement
 - 7.6 To consider speed restriction application through the Village
 - 7.7 To consider proposals for verge cutting within the parish
8. Dinedor Camp
 - 8.1 To note report from Dinedor Camp Steering Group
 - 8.2 To consider quotations for tree work on Dinedor Camp
 - 8.3 To review storage of Camp equipment
9. Village Hall Matters
10. To consider requests for councillor training, if any
11. Information item: Reports from Councillors
12. To consider amendment to future meeting date in April
13. Date of next meeting and items for the agenda

Liz Kelso

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FEBRUARY UPDATE

**BALLSTONE, BALLINGHAM & HENTLAND, DINEDOR, HOLME LACY,
LITTLE DEWCHURCH and LOWER BULLINGHAM
DINEDOR HILL WARD**



From your local County Councillor

David Davies

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Dear Residents

January always seems to be a long month and the sight of snowdrops emerging certainly is a welcome sign that spring is on its way.

As many of you may be aware The Chair of Herefordshire Council is also the Chair of the Rural Services Network – an organisation that works across political groupings campaigning for rural services across the whole of England. He has spent a lot of time over the last month working with colleagues across the country on co coordinating our submissions to government on the financing of local government. It is clear that the new government doesn't understand the particular pressures and issues of rural areas. Herefordshire received a cut of 3 million pound in government grant this year despite being an authority with social care responsibilities while urban councils saw significant increases in their grant support.

Another example is their demand for us to increase our rate of House building by 60% to 1,363 houses per year to support their target of 1.5 million new homes built before the next election; against a background of shortage of local construction workers and 40% of the county impacted by the phosphate issue shows no understanding of our problems.

Predominately urban authorities have over 40% more spending power than predominately rural authorities and rural households will pay on average 20% higher council tax than their urban counterpart. More details of our Rural Services Network website - www.rsnonline.org.uk

The Council were notified by Lugg Valley Travel on 21st January that they no longer intended to operate their routes in the County, which included 5 school routes and 11 public routes, with immediate effect. The council's transport team worked tirelessly to ensure all the routes were covered by other local bus operators leaving no gaps in service. The team will continue to liaise with other operators to discuss the opportunities longer term and safeguard the routes.

In this month's update I outline the headlines of the proposed revenue and capital budget and the impact on Council Tax for 2025/26, information on energy grants, details of our Fire service's 5 year plan for consultation plus latest on Highways and usual contacts.

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

Stay safe and well

Dave

Setting the Council budget 2025/26.

The Government has issued its provisional financial settlement to all local authorities just before Christmas and regrettably Herefordshire along with many other rural areas has lost out to urban councils. The Government has scrapped the Rural Services Delivery Grant worth nearly 7 million pounds to us and although it has increased social care grants this struggles to meet the increase in care contracts costs caused by their own increase in National Insurance, lowering of the NI threshold, and increase in the national living wage.

The Council is proposing a revenue budget for 2025/26 of 231.5 million pounds which will require savings of 6.9 million pounds and of which 146.5 million will come from



Council Tax including an estimated 3.1 million from second and holiday homes. This will mean an increase in Council tax of 4.99% including the social care 2% levy and will be subject to scrutiny and discussion within the councils processes. A 1% increase in council tax raises just under 1.4 million pounds. The budget papers continue the freeze on car parking charges and local support for Parish councils on Drainage, lengthsman and Rights of way.

In the Capital budget there is more flexibility and this includes an additional 10 million spending on resurfacing and highway infrastructure, also an additional 3 million for road safety schemes and one million for flood risk measures. Work will continue on the Shirehall to ensure the building will reopen in 2026, and the council will prepare for the new highways contract when Balfour's period ends in June 2026.

The council also wants to tackle its huge transport bill for special education transport currently costing in the region of 4.5 million pounds. This is where children identified with particular needs are taken to school in taxi type services. By purchasing some vehicles, we hope to ensure better value for money.

The big element is however the commitment to begin the Hereford bypass with phase one from the A49 south of Hereford to the A465 Abergavenny highway. This was originally funded by government, planning permission gained and compulsory land purchases made. However under the Green/Independent administration the scheme was dropped and the land sold back and the funding lapsed. The current administration will borrow the 30 million required and seek support from government for the remainder of the highway from the A465 to the A49 to the west of the city. The government proposes that Herefordshire should build 26,000 houses between now and 2041 (currently Herefordshire has approx. 80,000 residences) the majority of these will be around Hereford- without investment in infrastructure it is difficult to see how the county can cope.

Herefordshire Council is currently accepting expressions of interest for the new Warm Homes Local Grant scheme.

The aim of the scheme, which will launch in April 2025, is to improve as many fuel poor homes as possible, helping to reduce energy bills for the occupants, and deliver carbon savings in upgraded homes.

Grants will be available for properties in Energy Performance Certificate (EPC) bands D, E, F and G across Herefordshire, subject to criteria. The scheme will run until March 2028, and will follow a whole house approach and ensure the building has appropriate windows, doors and insulation before looking at heating systems.

To apply for the fund your gross annual household income must be below £36,000 per year or you must be in receipt of means-tested benefits.



You can email the Warm Homes Local Grant team for further support at WarmHomesLocalGrant@herefordshire.gov.uk

Hereford & Worcester Fire Authority consultation

All Fire Services regularly review their risks and resources and have a Community Risk Management Plan and HWFRS are currently consulting on their draft Plan.

While continuing to identify dwelling and other building fires, road traffic collisions, water incidents as well as waste and heritage fires, the plan from 2025-2030 also recognises increase risks from Climate change of wildfires and more flooding. There are also aims and activities in prevention, protection, valuing the workforce and maintaining resilience.

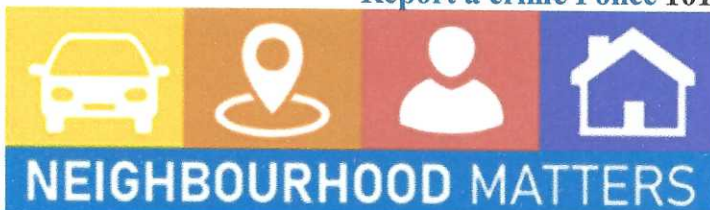
There are no proposals to close any local fire stations and of course during the plan period the new Hereford station and Leominster training centre will be built.

The Plan is out for consultation from now till end of March – details can be found on the website www.hwfire.org.uk

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/>

Report a crime Police 101 Ext 61216



HIGHWAYS

I am pleased to welcome our new Balfour Steward Craig Sandman, overseeing for the Dinedor Hill Ward and I will be meeting with him each month. The relationship between Parish clerks, myself and our Balfour steward is so important as we try to deal with our large mileage of highways and their problems.



This is our locality steward out with me checking our roads and logging unreported faults.

I met up with the Council Road Safety Officer and other Council Staff and Parish Councillors to discuss the roads and issues around Hoarwithy.



Our Parish councils employ lengthsmen which Herefordshire council gives additional funding during the year to support more local work being done by parish lengthsmen. The ditching work undertaken to help reduce flooding on the highway by parish lengthsmen and I believe that targeting funding at this level helps get local problems better sorted and better value for money. I am pleased to see a continued commitment in next year's budget to this scheme.

I attended a recent briefing with Balfour on highways and was pleased to hear that the Council and Balfour had agreed a better action on pothole repairs to overcome the problem of two potholes filled while three next door are left untouched. Small reactive patching and larger structural patching will be introduced where there is a weak area to

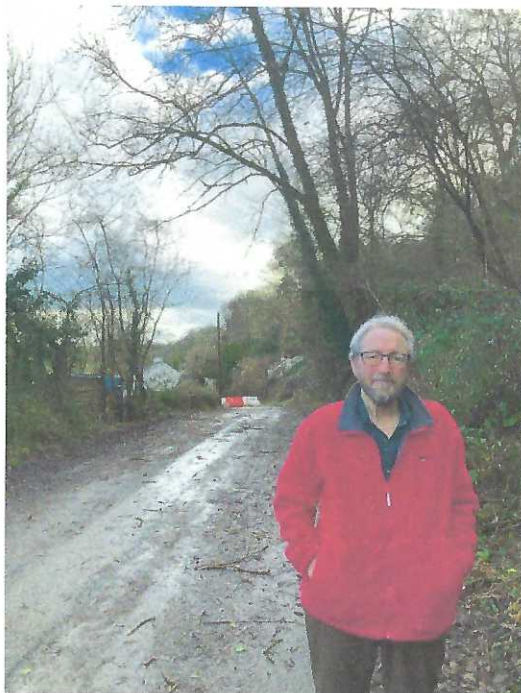
prevent continued return of teams. Using mastic asphalt and a cold lay product for more flexible use in the winter and wet.

All our A and B highways and most of the unclassified highways will be surveyed each year by scanner and video also skid resistance of sensitive sections, this is feed into an AI process which prioritises the highways. The amount of different potholes that are reported by the public and the visual inspections of Balfour Steward are also used to finalise the capital programme.

Local Road Closures



Closed due to landslip



The C1261 has been closed since September last year. This is due to the landslip and the ongoing danger of further rock falls. Public safety is paramount and the Council have been talking to all parties to resolve the situation.

I met with Cllr Barry Durkin Cabinet Member for Roads and Regulatory Services. We toured the area and also drove Laskett Lane noting all the areas of concern. He is keen to resolve the situation as we all are. The Council are in contact with the landowner and are trying to resolve the situation.

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**

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

Parish Contacts

Ballingham, Bolstone & Hentland PC **clerk@ballinghambolstonehentland-pc.gov.uk**

Dinedor PC **clerk@dinedorparishcouncil.gov.uk**

Holme Lacy PC **holmelacyparishclerk@gmail.com**

Little Dewchurch PC **parish.clerk@littledewchurch.org.uk**

Lower Bullingham PC **clerk@lowerbullinghamparishcouncil.co.uk**

If you want to discuss a planning matter please contact
planningenquiries@herefordshire.gov.uk

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.

On the beat in

Hereford Southside & Rural

Safer Neighbourhood Team Newsletter

January 2025

Where we work



Team contact details

Team email: herefordsouthside.snt@westmercia.police.uk

Safer Neighbourhood Officer: PC 21260 Martin Gillett **Mobile:** 07970544262

Safer Neighbourhood Officer: PC 21946 Jack Davies **Mobile:** 07817158224

Police Community Support Officer: PCSO 6324 Carol Marsh **Mobile:** 07890524667

Police Community Support Officer: PCSO 40259 Hayley Warne **Mobile:** 07773052560

Police Community Support Officer: PCSO 40272 Lewis Thomas **Mobile:** 07773051508

Police Community Support Officer: PCSO 40559 Tally Hunt **Mobile:** 07773 054156

We are happy to receive calls from Members of The Public, however, please do not use these to report crimes and/or incidents. For more information on reporting a crime/incident please go to www.westmercia.police.uk and select 'Report' or call 999 (Emergency) / 101 (Non-Emergency)

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Introduction

From all at South Wye, we hope you all had a great Christmas and New Years. 2025 is now fully underway and we have some news to report on that has happened over the last 2 months.

Good News – Child Found

Earlier this month, a call came to Police stating that a three year old boy was seen on his scooter with no one with him. Before Police arrived, three amazing young children had stopped the boy, given him a jacket to keep him warm, and kept him safe.

Thankfully, the young boy was taken home and everyone was OK!

A huge well done to these three children, you should be proud of yourselves!

Burglaries

Throughout January there was a series of burglaries, one of which occurred in South Hereford.

On the 17/01/2025, at approximately 17:45PM, two individuals broke into a property on Home Lane, Hereford causing significant damage to two doors. When confronted by the resident, the two individuals ran away.

We are appealing for anyone with CCTV cameras to check their footage for 2-3 individuals with masks, as well as any unattended vehicles that look suspicious. We ask that you stay vigilant and report any suspicious behaviour to the Police. If you have any CCTV footage that could be in relation to the burglary, please email your local Safer Neighbourhood Team-

herefordsouthside.snt@westmercia.police.uk

Lamping/Poaching

We have received recent reports of possible lamping/poaching across the rural communities of Herefordshire.

To help protect your land and deter poachers, here are a few measures you might want to consider:

Surveillance and Cameras: Security cameras, trail cameras, and motion sensors can be effective in identifying intruders. Even decoy cameras, which are often more affordable, can discourage trespassers.

Weather-Proof Rural Crime Signage: Displaying clear signs that your land is protected and monitored can send a strong message. These signs can also highlight that poaching is illegal, which could help deter potential poachers. If you'd like some signs for your property, please get in touch.

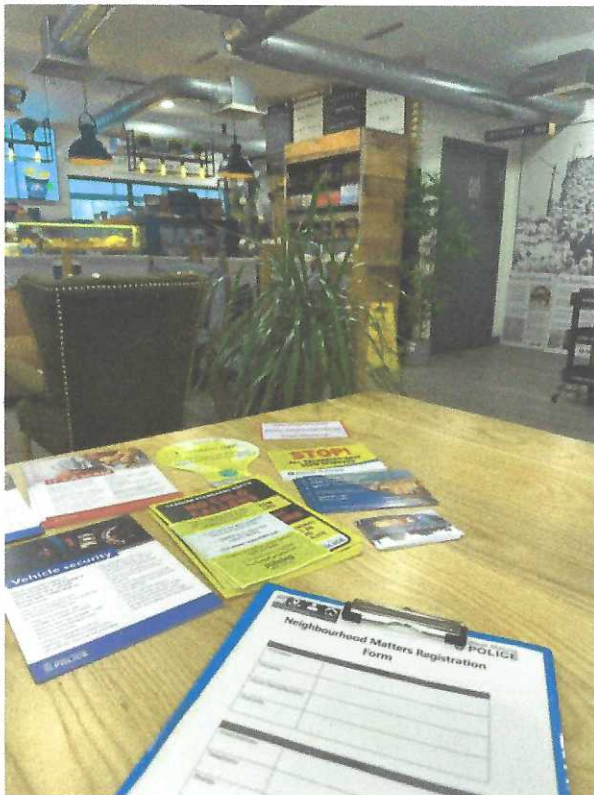
Community Collaboration: Farmers and local communities can work together to share information and stay vigilant. Please take a moment to talk to your neighbours, friends, and family about "Neighbourhood Matters" to keep everyone informed.

Coffee with a Cop

On Monday 20th January PCSO Hunt attended The Shell Store in Rotherwas, Hereford for 'Coffee with a Cop'.

Attending to have a chat with people about the local area, security and prevention advice, and any other concerns which was raised over a cup of coffee.

Coffee with a Cop may pop up anywhere within the local area. Ensure you sign up to Neighbourhood Matters (see below) to be alerted of the next time it is going on in your area.



Neighbourhood Matters

Sign up to Neighbourhood Matters your brand-new community messaging service.

Neighbourhood Matters enables residents, businesses and community groups to keep in touch with local policing teams. You can choose exactly what type of alert you wish to receive and how you receive them, whether that be by email, text or telephone.

Sign up now at: www.neighbourhoodmatters.co.uk



Dinedor Parish Council

Meeting to be held on 20th February 2025

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

We currently have one vacancy for a parish councillor for Dinedor. Notices are on the website and notice boards but as yet no one has come forward to express an interest. Please encourage local residents with an interest in serving their community to come forward. 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.

3. Consultation into strengthening the standards and conduct framework for local authorities in England

The Government is currently conducting a consultation on strengthening the standards and behaviour framework for local authorities in England. You can take part in this consultation as an individual councillor, staff member or as a parish council. The closing date for responses is 26th February.

Dinedor Parish Council
Bank Reconciliation
Year to 31.3.2025

Opening Balance	£ 17,897.08
Add receipts	£ 11,219.88
Less Expenditure	£ 20,125.56
Balance	£ 8,991.40

Meeting

Per bank statement	31/01/2025	20446000	£ 5,962.21
		20512154	£ 3,029.19

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

£ 8,991.40

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	Year to		Budget 2024-5		Actual to		Forecast	
	31.3.2024				31.1.2025		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					£	29.19	£	30.00
Total income:	£	19,017.01	£	12,810.00	£	11,219.88	£	14,152.69

Expenditure

General Expenditure

Staff costs	£	5,435.79	£	6,000.00	£	4,627.30	£	5,576.00
Temporary Staff Costs			£	-				
General Office Costs	£	639.99	£	500.00	£	449.57	£	750.00
Room Hire	£	264.00	£	350.00	£	264.00	£	300.00
Insurance	£	1,664.29	£	1,800.00	£	1,805.46	£	1,805.48
Lengthsman Scheme	£	1,820.00	£	3,000.00	£	1,398.00	£	1,688.00
Repairs & Maintenance - Other (Footpaths)					£	-	£	-
Repairs & Maintenance - Camp	£	695.00	£	6,000.00	£	8,105.49	£	10,700.00
Purchases, other			£	600.00	£	-	£	-
Subscriptions	£	459.34	£	550.00	£	-	£	483.00
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	£	275.00	£	220.00
Miscellaneous	£	330.00	£	100.00	£	-	£	100.00
VAT	£	621.25			£	2,082.49	£	2,082.49

Other Expenditure

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	£	20,125.56	£	24,848.22
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Net expenditure:	£	4,591.10	-£	9,190.00	-£	8,905.68	-£	10,695.53
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Reserves:

Opening Balance	£	13,305.98	£	17,897.08	£	17,897.08	£	17,897.08
Add: Net expenditure	£	4,591.10	-£	9,190.00	-£	8,905.68	-£	10,695.53
Closing Balance:	£	17,897.08	£	8,707.08	£	8,991.40	£	7,201.55



Directorate/Division: Economy and Environment
Team: Development Management
Our Ref: 250240
Please ask for: Awaiting Allocation
Direct line: 01432 260000
Email: DMScanning@herefordshire.gov.uk
Date: 11/02/2025

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Clerk to the Parish
Dinedor PC
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clerk@dinedorparishcouncil.gov.uk

Dear Mrs Liz Kelso

APPLICATION NO & SITE ADDRESS: Planning Consultation - 250240 - Rovello, Hollow Farm Road, Dinedor, Hereford, Herefordshire HR2 6LQ
APPLICATION TYPE: Full Householder
DESCRIPTION: Proposed extension and alterations to existing timber frame building.
GRID REFERENCE: OS 353306, 236722
WEBSITE: www.herefordshire.gov.uk/searchplanningapplications

Please note: Due the high caseloads currently being held by officers we are currently allocating new applications to officers on a capacity basis. This application is currently in a holding pile awaiting the allocation of an officer in the interim please respond using the online comments form.

However, if you are requesting an extension of time in which to make comments, in due course a site visit will be carried out and an appropriate notice erected. Once the site notice has been erected a further 21 day consultation period will be given following the date of the notice is erected therefore before requesting an extension of time you might want to check the website for the current consultation end date. Any requests for extension of time should be emailed to planning_enquiries@herefordshire.gov.uk and someone will assess your request.

We have received an application which affects your Parish. The application is described above and we are seeking the comments or views of your Parish Council. If the land concerned is on or near the parish boundary, we consult both councils as a matter of courtesy and welcome local views.

The planning application and its supporting documentation can be viewed, normally within 24 hours, by using the website link above and entering the application number 250240.

If you wish to make comments which you would like the Council to take into account before making a decision on the application, please respond by **04/03/2025**. If you do not respond by this date it will be assumed that you have no comments to make.

You will be able to monitor the progress of the application, including all of the correspondence received, any amended or additional documentation, the officer report and the decision by viewing the application on the Council's website.

Yours faithfully

TECHNICAL SUPPORT OFFICER



Directorate/Division: Economy and Environment
Team: Development Management
Our Ref: 250364
Please ask for: Awaiting Allocation
Direct line: 01432 260000
Email: DMScanning@herefordshire.gov.uk
Date: 12/02/2025

Mrs Liz Kelso
Clerk to the Parish
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Dear Mrs Liz Kelso

APPLICATION NO & SITE ADDRESS: Planning Consultation - 250364 - Building 704, Chapel Road, Rotherwas, Hereford, Herefordshire HR2 6LD
APPLICATION TYPE: Planning Permission
DESCRIPTION: Proposed construction and operation of micro-energy storage facility
GRID REFERENCE: OS 353576, 238124
WEBSITE: www.herefordshire.gov.uk/searchplanningapplications

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The planning application and its supporting documentation can be viewed, normally within 24 hours, by using the website link above and entering the application number 250364.

If you wish to make comments which you would like the Council to take into account before making a decision on the application, please respond by **05/03/2025** If you do not respond by this date it will be assumed that you have no comments to make.

You will be able to monitor the progress of the application, including all of the correspondence received, any amended or additional documentation, the officer report and the decision by viewing the application on the Council's website.

Yours faithfully

TECHNICAL SUPPORT OFFICER

From: Riddle, Siobhan <Siobhan.Riddle@herefordshire.gov.uk>
Sent: 20 December 2024 17:03
Subject: Latest Planning advice from National to Local

Dear Parish and Town Councillors,

As you may be aware the [National Planning Policy Framework](#) (NPPF) was issued on 12 December 2024. At the time of its publication there was quite a lot of news circulating about the Government's plan to deliver 1.5 million homes across England. The NPPF has implications for Local Plan making as well as Neighbourhood Planning which we are currently working through to understand. In the first instance I want to make you aware of some of the higher level changes in the NPPF.

The Government has set mandatory housing targets for councils across England. Targets are no longer advisory and this level of growth must be accommodated. Contrary to the council's feedback in September 2024 to the NPPF consultation to substantially reduce the proposed housing target, this figure remains high at 27,260 homes (240 homes lower than the 27,500 proposed in the draft NPPF). The current emerging Draft Local Plan passed Regulation 18 but it only had provision for 16,100 new homes, the new NPPF requires an additional 11,160 homes over the 20 year plan period. The NPPF makes clear that all growth should be accommodated in sustainable locations.

For Development Management decisions, the new NPPF takes immediate effect from 12 December 2024, and this has a significant impact upon 5 Year Housing Land Supply (5YHLS). Prior to the publication of the NPPF Herefordshire had a 5YHLS of 5.79 Years. The application of the new NPPF reduces the 5YHLS down to **3.09 years**. The revised housing target for the county now results in a lack of a 5YHLS. Therefore there is a *Presumption in Favour* of development and deviation away from the plan led process where a 5 year supply cannot be demonstrated. In the absence of a 5YHLS it is anticipated that there will be an increase in speculative applications which would not have otherwise come forward.

Where Neighbourhood Development Plans are concerned, the age of the plan is important in decision making. This means that for plans that contain policies to meet their identified housing requirement, and which are not more than five years old, paragraph 14 of the NPPF allows the decision maker to attach significant weight to the neighbourhood plan even when the council cannot demonstrate a five year housing land supply. For parish groups with plans that are less than 5 years old; both *a* and *b* of paragraph 14 is applicable and will be a material planning consideration when assessing the principle of speculative housing developments in the Designated Neighbourhood Area. Where NDPs are older than 5 years from December 2024, then the NDP is out-of-date and paragraph 11d of the NPPF is what the decision maker must determine the application against particularly for housing provision.

The significant increase in housing numbers cannot be accommodated by the current Regulation 18 Local Plan as consulted upon in March 2024. The LPA must accommodate this mandatory housing target. The current Draft Plan cannot progress in its current form as it does not take the additional 43% housing increase into account. The current evidence to support the Local Plan that makes provision for 16,100 dwellings would not support this level of growth. As a result, the Council must decide how it wishes to proceed with Local Plan making. Consequently, this will affect how Neighbourhood Plans also wish to proceed as they will need to meet the 'basic conditions' and be in conformity with an adopted local plan when embarking on progressing with a new or reviewed NDP.

Given the significance of the changes proposed in the NPPF, further clarification is being sought in respect of a number of matters and these may need to be reported at a later date.

Please note that due to timing of this information, staff may not be available to answer queries over the Christmas and New Year break but will be available in early January 2025.

Happy Christmas and best wishes for the New Year

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RECORD OF WORKS CARRIED OUT BY TERRY GRIFFITHS CONTRACTS

PARISH COUNCIL	Dinedor Parish Council.
ACCOUNT	Roads-routine maintenance.
MONTH	January 2025 (1). Green
INVOICE NO.	TGC3057

Description of work carried out: -

Visit Day.
17-01-25

Routine Maintenance Work.

Clear grids and clean out road gullies.

Clear road culverts.

Check inspection pits.

Clear ditch headwalls.

Clear grips and reform leads.

Clear minor obstruction from ditches and reform leads.

Clean off road signs.

Clear minor storm debris off roads.

Strim round grit bins and road signs.

Strim verges on bends junction splays and areas extensively used by pedestrians and no footway is present.

Collect litter and rubbish from areas worked.

Roads covered on this visit.

U72009.

From B4399 to U72011.

U72011.

From U71009 to Dinedor Camp east side only.

U72011.

From U72009 to C1261.

U72012.

To filled in cattle grid.

Material.

Marker spray.

Notes.

Several defect were identified on this visit details of which have been included in the report to the parish council.

From: Robinson, Simon (02) <Simon.Robinson02@balfourbeatty.com>
Sent: 03 February 2025 15:06
Cc: Agate, Anthony
Subject: Verge Cutting Season 2025

Dear Parish / Town Clerk,

As we begin to leave the colder weather behind us and move into spring we are planning for this year's verge cutting programme. As with last year we will be cutting the verges twice as contracted; our first verge cut is currently scheduled to take place around the last May Bank Holiday and the second cut towards the end of the growing season will take place towards the end of August. Specific timings may vary dependent on environment conditions and growth.

Last year we had listened to feedback from many parishes who wished to have only the second verge cut in the late summer where there was a wish to encourage greater biodiversity in the verge. By having only one cut any wildflowers in the verge are given the opportunity to flower and set seed over the summer providing food for key pollinators and also habitat for wildlife.

I am pleased to communicate that we are again open to feedback from the Parishes as to whether you wish to have 1 cut carried out towards the end of the growing season or whether you wish for us to carry out 2 cuts. Whilst we are happy to consider Parishes that may wish to identify specific roads or stretches that are to be left during the first cut, we will refer to the Locality Steward for feedback in relation to safety concerns. Please note, ALL verges will receive a second cut towards the end of the cutting season. I am aware that some Clerks have already indicated that they wish to be included for this year's programme but I would ask that you would indicate your preference in reply to this email so that I can co-ordinate the responses and help build the programme with our grounds maintenance team.

If you have any roads that you would like to nominate to not receive a cut please can I ask that your response is returned by **Friday 18th April 2025** to enable the maps to be created and passed to the contractors. Herefordshire Council's interactive map is available at <https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/travel-transport/highways-public-rights-way-map> where the road name/number can be found by clicking on the line. Alternatively, you can pin point the locations using Grid Reference Finder at <https://gridreferencefinder.com/>. Whilst we appreciate the request for a section of a road to not receive a cut, this can be difficult to communicate to the contractor physically carrying out the works and therefore, we encourage full road lengths to not receive cuts as opposed to sections of road. However, we will of course consider all requests and communicate if there are any issues posed.

Safety is of paramount importance so any locations on A & B class roads cannot be considered. Visibility splays and junctions will continue to receive regular cuts though the growing season as well as our teams making reactive visits to sites that are identified through feedback to our customers services team or Locality Stewards.

Thank you,

Regards

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