

## **HOPE MANSELL PARISH COUNCIL**

### **Notes from the meeting held on 20th May 2009**

**Chair: Robert Duberley**

#### **Annual Parish Meeting**

The Chairman gave his report on the achievements of the Parish Council over the past year.

The 40 mph speed limit at Bailey Lane End is now in place, and the Council expressed thanks to (Herefordshire) Councillor Harry Bramer, and to Andrew Lee-Jones of the Highways department for their help to achieve this.

The road clearing towards Drybrook has been half completed.

The footpath sign at the top of Harechurch has disappeared and is still to be replaced. Nothing has been done by Herefordshire Council about the caravan at The Rocks, which has now been vandalised. The Parish Council is still pursuing the matter of a replacement post box in the village.

Gloucestershire Highways has been contacted, and the road to Drybrook just over the border has now been patched/repared.

One person has offered to assist planting daffodils.

Councillor Harry Bramer sent a written statement of the achievements of Herefordshire Council over the year, which largely centred on Hereford itself, but did mention Ross-on-Wye briefly!

#### **Ordinary Parish Council Meeting**

##### **Footpaths:**

The relevant person from Herefordshire Council has now inspected the footpath from Summerhouse to near Cowles house, and will supply 4 self-closing gates to replace the current broken or non-existent stiles. Steps will also be made at the steepest point, and the Council will cut back the overhanging tree growth if the landowner cannot be contacted. We should see improvements to this footpath soon.

##### **Sandbags:**

The Herefordshire County Flood Plan is offering sandbags to anyone who needs them.

##### **Save Our Small Shops:**

Jesse Norman, our prospective Conservative parliamentary candidate is encouraging locals to get involved in a Save Our Small Shops Campaign.

##### **Policing:**

West Mercia Police Authority is holding a meeting in the Herefordshire Music Room at the Larrapurz Centre on Thursday 11th June, 7-9pm, to give the public the opportunity to discuss issues that concern them.

##### **Planning:**

The Parish Council made some comments for consideration on the planning application at Hopes Ash Farm, but no comment on the Cyder House, New Town application.

The application for a permanent site at Cuckoo Patch, Hope Mansell, has been turned down as it is in breach of the conditions of the original application.

The Council will request an extension for comments on the Coleraine Farm planning application, which includes 173 caravans for up to 700 seasonal workers, change of use of agricultural land, hard core tracks, recreational space, landscaping, and polytunnels. Anyone from Hope Mansell wishing to comment on the application should telephone Bob Duberley on 01594 541639 (see also page 2, and the Weston Parish Council notes on page 13).

*The next meeting will be at 7pm on Wednesday 22nd July, at Bailey Lane End. Members of the public are welcome to attend and will have an opportunity to speak.*