

## Aymestrey Parish Council Information Sheet October 2025

### 1. Correspondence

- a. Update regarding tarmac repairs by Welsh Water. Balfour Beatty explains: These are temporary reinstatements only. Due to the small volumes of material needed for each patch, Welsh Water will be doing all these at the same time.
- b. Update regarding erosion on the Lugg. Balfour Beatty is monitoring the situation. An update is expected before 22 October.

2. **Responsibility for Notice Boards.** The agenda goes up on boards and the website on the Friday before each Parish Council meeting. Could responsibilities be agreed between members. The clerk can assist if necessary.
3. **Vacancies on the Parish Council.** Confirmed by Herefordshire Council that an election has not been called following a recent resignation. The Parish Council is required to co-opt a member as soon as is practically possible. Two vacancies can therefore be filled by co-option this month.
4. **Yatton Defibrillator.** Status check completed on 15.10.25. Thank are due to a resident for completing the check and submitting information to The Circuit.
5. **Herefordshire Council Monitoring Officer.** Views sought on a Local Resolution Process. Clerk responded that the deadline, 16 October, did not allow this to be discussed at a meeting. It is therefore not on the agenda. “Reason for Proposal... over 40% of all complaints (2024-25) against Parish/Town council (PTC) members were raised by members of the same PTC. ... It seems that the Code of Conduct process is being used to resolve differences of opinion between members expressed.”



6. **Bins at Covenhope.** Conversation with Charlotte Bevan, Waste and Recycling Officer Herefordshire Council (HC) on 7 October.

- HC has a duty to provide glass recycling facilities – most likely boxes.
- Concern regarding photo provided that existing bin may topple over.
- A second bin could be provided, but not until the area is levelled.
- Could alternative storage area be considered, e.g. Six black and six green bins or a different location, potentially opposite the existing, near the barn.

### 7. Mortimers Cross

- a) **Road Safety.** The Aymestrey Traffic Calming Working Group co-ordinate attended the public meeting at The Grange on Tuesday 30th September where road safety issues were discussed. See report at Appendix 1.

### 8. Updates on actions

- a) Fly tipping near Bath Cottage reported to the Police and Herefordshire Council. The online form requires details of what has been fly tipped and how long has it been there. Ref FS-Case-752114860
- b) Water on A4110 just south of the Hall. Ed Bradford (Herefordshire Council) is following this up with Balfour Beatty.
- c) Forestry England contacted regarding destruction of bench near Mortimer Trail, and potential replacement of a stile.

## Appendix 1

Feedback from Open Meeting about Road Safety at Mortimer's Cross. From Rob Crampton, co-ordinator of the Aymestrey Traffic Calming Group.

The Grange, Tuesday 30 September at 6 p.m.

### **Attendees:**

Organisers:

Chris Sedgfield (Mortimers Cross)

Mike Snoswell (Mortimers Cross)

Ian Goddard (Leintwardine)

2 members of public (YaDon)

2 members of public (Covenhope)

8 members of public (Mortimers Cross)

Rob Crampton (Aymestrey)

### **Notes from Meeting:**

IG opened the meeting and introduced himself, MS and CS. Members of the public were then invited to introduce themselves.

IG introduced the meeting, explaining:

- This was an introductory meeting to start the ball rolling and to get feedback from residents of Mortimers Cross and other interested parties.
- That Aymestrey Parish Council is in support of the meeting
- That Kingsland Parish Council has expressed interest and would be keen to hear the outcome of the meeting (though no representation at the meeting)
- That any future works would need to be approved by Parish Councils and would then need to be submitted to Hereford Council with support from Ward Councillors.
- That we should all keep an open mind – and not at this stage dismiss – or even discuss the merits / viability of submitted ideas.

IG then asked the floor for their understanding of what the problems were in and around Mortimer's Cross.

Main points raised were:

- Speed
- Frequency of accidents
- Confusion over right of way for traffic heading from Shobdon / Lucton (B4362)
- Night time drivers pulling out from the B4362 onto At110 without due care
- Speed of HGVs
- Noise

IG then asked for proposed solutions (with emphasis on not to discuss / dismiss at this stage)

Ideas proposed included:

- Traffic Lights at junction
- Give way signs on all four approaches
- Reduction of speed throughout Mortimers Cross to 20mph
- Roundabout
- Chicanes
- Reduction of speed limit to 40mph through to Aymestrey
- Entrance gates and Signs at outskirts of village
- Hatched / Coloured road markings through village
- Better lighting
- Better maintenance of roadside hedges and verges to improve visibility
- Mobile Speed Cameras (van or bike)
- Request speed data from previous surveys
- Request accident data
- SID
- Rubber strips to monitor current traffic / speed
- “Outside the box” ideas (e.g. Sheep)
- Maintenance of mirrors at junctions

IG thanked everyone for their input and then asked for volunteers to form a steering group to drive things forwards.

Steering group formed of:

Ian Goddard

Mike Snoswell

Chris Sedgefield

Rob Crampton

3 members of public from Mortimers Cross

Next meeting to be held on Monday 13th October, 6pm at The Grange.

Meeting closed at approximately 7.30pm

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**Note from me.**

I have offered my services for the steering group as I have gained a good understanding of Traffic Calming (and the processes by which things can be approved by Hereford Council) through my involvement with the Aymestrey initiative.

In the short term and until such a time that active involvement is required from Aymestrey PC, I am happy to report back to the PC from meetings held.

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