

The Parish Council met on 9th September at 7pm following the summer break in August at St Leonard's Church, Cotheridge.

The meeting noted the sad news of the recent death of Eric Dale. Eric was a councillor and also Chair of the Parish Council and contributed significantly to the life of the community.

Some good news

The Parish Council was successful in its application for new Defibrillator (via the MHDC defibrillator scheme). We are canting to work with Laylocks and St Leonards to secure defibrillators in each place, so that alongside the ones located at the Royal Oak and Broadwas Croquet Ground, there will be a good level of provision across the Parish.

It was good to learn that the Royal Oak has re-opened after a refurbishment and we wish them well.

The Height Restriction Barrier at Berryfields has been repaired and restored and is now fully operational again.

Thanks to Parishioners who have arranged to cut back overgrowth, this makes a valuable contribution to road safety and the visual appearance of the parish. (See also below)

Adopt a Street and litter picking Members of the public have undertaken a further litter pick along Lightwood Lane. Their continued contribution to keeping the parish tidy is appreciated. If you wish to adopt a street please see information on the MHDC website:

[Adopt a street](#)

Some other news

We would continue to support parishioners in managing overgrowth, and where necessary we will be reporting this to the County Council via <https://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/council-services/travel-and-highways/report-road-or-path-issue/overgrown-or-fallen-tree-and-shrubbery>

Anyone can report issues (for example blocked drains, foot paths and pavements) to the County Council or where appropriate the District Council and we could encourage parishioners to do this. When we become aware we also report and follow up with the support of our County Councillor Mel Fordington. If you do and can let us know this helps as we are not made aware of reports from other sources, or feel free to get in touch with the Clerk and we will report.

Broadgreen - the case of the leaning post box - despite the fact we reported this some months ago there has been no response from Royal Mail so we are chasing, pending its collapse.



The work at Berryfields as a result of the Legacy grant award is moving forward into its final stages, white lining of the car park including spaces for disabled drivers will take place shortly, We are finalising the appointment of a contractor to replace the fencing, and are appointing a designer to create and advise on the new seating area, where the container used to be.

Emergency Plan

The Parish Council now has a high-level plan aimed at completing its emergency plan over the next few months. This includes identifying and involving local stakeholders and working with Wychavon District Council's emergency planning team in addition to creating a local risk register and locating suitable rest centres around the parish. Advice to households on how to prepare for emergencies has been added to the Parish Council website [Wildfire risk and advice for emergencies – Broadwas and Cotheridge Parish Council](#) and more detailed guidance will be forthcoming as part of this project. The council is keen to reassure residents that we are not anticipating any imminent threats but working to ensure that we as households, and a community, are well placed to look after ourselves and each other, and support emergency services should an incident occur.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Wednesday 7th October 2026 at Broadwas Village Hall.