

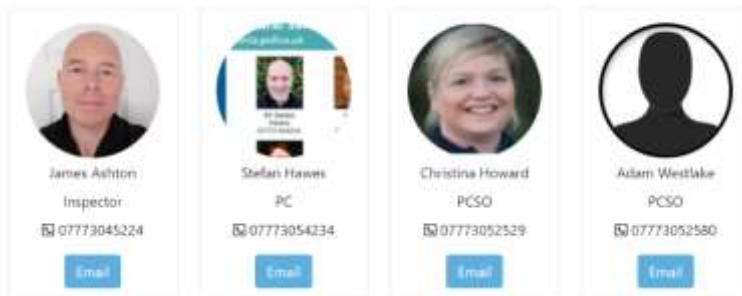


Hello,

We held our first Parish Council meeting of 2024 on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2024 and, by the time you read this, the draft minutes will be available to read on the website.

Of note, we were joined by PC Stefan Hawes from our Local Safer Neighbourhood Team.

### Hereford Rural North



He reported that the team are very aware that our top priority is road safety, specifically speeding, and acknowledged that they aren't able to get out with the speed gun enough. However, he also reported that a device known as a 'Tru Cam' is being deployed by Traffic Officers around the county.

The Tru Cam is an inconspicuous camera that records traffic data which is then downloaded and tickets are issued by post. The Parish Council have asked if data can be collected from before the traffic calming measures were installed, and again some time afterwards so that we can assess the impact of the new scheme. PC Hawes said they would welcome feedback from parishioners, and encouraged anyone with concerns to get in touch. Contact details as above.

### Traffic Regulation Order (TRO):

We have received the consultation papers for the TRO to move the 30mph speed limit further out of the village to incorporate the new developments. The consultation papers can be found on the website here: <https://fownhopeparishcouncil.gov.uk/traffic-calming>

Although the consultation has a closing date for comments of 27th February, the Parish Council have been allowed an extension to enable an agenda item for discussion at the March meeting. Therefore, if you have any comments you wish to make, please submit them directly to ADL before the 27th February or to the Parish Council before the 6th March.

The second village gateway will be sited at the new 30mph zone, as noted on the traffic calming plans, also available on the website.

### Proposed Planning Application for an EE Mast on Woolhope Road:

We have been informed that EE intend to submit a planning application on the Woolhope Road, just outside Fownhope in Woolhope parish. You may recall that an application to site a mast on the B4224 west of Mount Pleasant was refused in 2022. Whilst the site location is

not within our parish, it is very close to the boundary and so we shall still be consulted for comment. At the time of writing, the application has not yet been submitted so this note is just for information at this time.

**Neighbourhood Development Plan Review:**

Herefordshire Council's draft Local Plan has now reached the Consultation 18 stage. Public consultation will run for eight weeks from 25th March 2024 to 20th May 2024.

The Parish Council have been advised that Fownhope's Neighbourhood Development Plan will need to be reviewed once the draft Local Plan has been published in order to maintain weight. To that end, we shall be hosting an initial consultation event at the Fownhope New Memorial Hall during the afternoons of Saturday 30th March and Sunday 31st March. More information will be forthcoming in due course, but please note the dates in your diary and come along to give your views.

**New Development on Land Adjacent to Fownhope Medical Centre:**

We are able to advise that the application (232195) to approve the reserved matters on this development has been approved by Herefordshire Council and can now proceed. The Parish Council understands that the removal of the hedge that forms part of the application will be actioned sooner rather than later so that restrictions around the bird nesting season can be avoided. I have shared this so that residents are forewarned.

**Parish Council Vacancies:**

We still have vacancies on the Parish Council which we are keen to fill to enable the PC to run at full capacity. We'd love you to get in touch if you'd like to find out more.

**Regular Newsletters:**

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**Dates for your diary:**

- **Parish Council Meeting: 6<sup>th</sup> March, 7pm, Pavilion**

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