Yarpole Group Parish Council Information Sheet – September 2025

1. **Correspondence from Residents.**
   a) Comments relating to Planning Application P251683/V shared with councillors
   b) Thank you letter from recipient of Amazon voucher (Wigmore School)
   c) Advice on Trees in a Conservation Area sought.
   d) Name of company supplying oak buildings emailed to the clerk.
   e) Thanks from resident for sweeping Green Lane and request that the same is done at Croft Crescent and Green Lane Crescent.

2. Planning Updates
   a) **P251899/K - Works to Trees in a Conservation Area** Croft and Yarpole, Bircher, Lower House Yarpole Leominster Herefordshire HR6 0BA. Proposed removal of large fir tree adjacent to house. The tree is past its prime.
   NOTE although not discussed at a parish Council meeting, the following was submitted:
   "*This application has not been discussed at a Parish Council meeting, however, I have been asked to submit a comment requesting that the tree not be felled during nesting season. Thank you.*"
   The application was **determined on 13 August** - Works to Trees in a Conservation Area.
   b) **P251906/XA2 - PP - Approval of details reserved by condition** Croft and Yarpole, Bircher, Threshing Barn & Machine House Home Farm Croft Leominster HR6 9PW. Application for approval of details reserved by condition 3 attached to Listed Building Consent 250864, Valid. **Comments not being accepted**.
   c) **P251464/PA4 - (Part 3) Class Q - Prior Approval** Croft and Yarpole, Bircher, Pound House Yarpole Herefordshire HR6 0BA. Notification for prior approval for a proposed change of use of agricultural buildings and land within their curtilage to form one smaller dwellinghouse and two larger dwellinghouses (Class C3) and for operational development necessary to facilitate the conversion., Determination Made. **Prior Approval Not Required**. *I have asked whether the Parish Council will be consulted when a Regulation 77 application is submitted. (18* Aug**)**
   d) **P233625/F - Planning Permission** Croft and Yarpole, Bircher, Manor Ground Farm Orleton Ludlow Herefordshire SY8 4JJ. Proposed manure storage barn., Determination Made **Approved with Conditions**
   e) **P250455/F - Planning Permission** Croft and Yarpole, Bircher, St Leonards Church Green Lane Yarpole Herefordshire HR6 0BB. Proposed storage shed., Determination Made. **Approved with conditions**.
   f) **P252067/PA7 - All others - Prior Approval** Kingsland, Bircher, Oaklee Farm Kingsland Leominster Herefordshire HR6 9PT. Application for prior notification for an agricultural general storage and covered livestock handling building together with access track., Determination Made. **Prior Approval Refused**
   g) **P251683/V - Certificate of Lawfulness (CLOPD)** Croft and Yarpole, Bircher, Homelea Bircher Leominster Herefordshire HR6 0AU. Application for a Lawful Development Certificate for the proposed use of land for the station a mobile home granny annexe for use incidental to the main dwelling, Determination Made. Refused
   h) **P232103/F - Planning Permission** Croft and Yarpole, Bircher, Land at Leys Lane Bircher Leominster Herefordshire HR6 0AY. Proposed erection of 1 no. dwelling with associated development, including access, parking and landscaping (Re-submission of refused application 222800), Determination Made. **Formally disposed.**

i) **P251474/L - Listed Building Consent** Croft and Yarpole, Bircher, Church House Farm Yarpole Leominster Herefordshire HR6 0BB. Proposal to partially replace roof cladding on detached listed barn., Determination Made **Approved with Conditions**

j) **P251473/F - Planning Permission** Croft and Yarpole, Bircher, Church House Farm Yarpole Leominster Herefordshire HR6 0BB. Proposal to partially replace roof cladding on detached listed barn., Determination Made **Approved with Conditions.**

k) **P251906/XA2 - PP - Approval of details reserved by condition** Croft and Yarpole, Bircher, Threshing Barn & Machine House Home Farm Croft Leominster HR6 9PW. Application for approval of details reserved by condition 3 attached to Listed Building Consent 250864, Determination Made. **Approved**

l) **P251218/FH - Full Householder** Croft and Yarpole, Bircher, Timbers, 5 Old Barn Court Bircher Leominster Herefordshire HR6 0AU. Proposed single storey extension to accommodate extended garage and a proposed canopy to the rear door., Determination Made. **Approved with conditions.**

3. **Planning Enforcement**. No update since July meeting re Case Ref 385090. Approx location What3Words Decisive.home.thumb on the B4361.

4. **Balfour Beatty (BBLP)**
   i. Fly tipping near Bicton Crossroads reported, subsequently cleared away by the Lengthsman.
   ii. Update sought regarding drainage issue at Bircher FS-Case-707131282 / FS-CASE-719731167 (BBLP 11186188).

5. **Grit Bin Relocation and Replacement.** Requested 18 February, followed up 17 June and 20 August. No reply received to the following –
   Please could missing bins (marked as 'missing' or 'not present') be replaced, relocating the missing bin opposite Croft Crescent [shown on map as Not present] to a position closer to the newly installed bench at the junction of Green Lane/Croft Crescent, and potentially moving an unused bin from near Pound House Yarpole [Overgrown and full] to the top of Green Lane, near The Old House.

6. **Accident in Yarpole village**
   On 6 July2025 at about 5 am a car ended up in the ditch Lugg Green Road in front of Mulberry Meadow. Please see report from Di Hill for further details.
   Following the incident, the clerk was in touch with Herefordshire Council and the Environment Agency to arrange collection of the absorbent pads/boom. Cllr Hill is thanked for checking the situation almost daily, for providing photos and a video for the EA, and for pulling the items onto the bank ready for collection – as instructed.

7. **Sweeping Green Lane**
   A resident swept part of Green Lane on 30 June/1 July – the day of the last parish council meeting.





8. **Litter Pick 12 July 2025** Arranged by Cllr Di Hill. Thanks to all for volunteering!



9. **Playground check on 15 August.**
Rabbit hole under the slide. Working Group agreed that Marches Grounds Maintenance be asked to fill it in. Job completed on 19 August. More soil to be brought to fill other rabbit holes.





10. **Dogs on the Community Meadow.**
An incident involving an aggressive dog has been reported to the Police. It is understood the handler used the play area to contain the dog which was out of control. The Police confirmed the incident has been logged.

11. **Welsh Water (water butts).** An updated received 29 July –*" No decision has been made yet with regards to what budgets we would have available to support this project. We have recently been gathering all future opportunities for codelivery, to which I have added Yarpole. Jenny and I are continuing to look at the various funding streams that could become available. It is still something that we are keen to support*."

12. **Passing Place signage for Yarpole and Lucton** has been delivered to the Lengthsman ready for installation. To enable recovery of VAT, an account has been set up with TFM Farm and Country Superstore Ltd., in Ludlow.

13. **Parish Council Laptop**. Support for Windows 10 ends on October 14, 2025. After this, the computer will still run but without security updates, leaving it vulnerable. To stay secure and supported, an upgrade to Windows 11 is required. As the current laptop is not compatible, a replacement is needed.

14. **Photos – supporting items in the agenda.**



Cars at junction 30 July 2025



Bench outside the burial ground at Lucton



Damage to bench at Lucton

27 August 2025