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REF: P3 Scheme

Dear Parish Clerk

**P3 Scheme – Supply of Materials for Works on Public Rights of Way**

As you are aware, Herefordshire Council co-operates, as far as it is able, with the provision of materials for use by parish council P3 volunteers when undertaking works on public rights of way. These might have included materials for the repair of stiles or steps or by providing gates, etc.

The cost of providing these materials has become something of a challenge in recent years but, for the most part, we have been able to cope within reason. We had hoped that, this year, we would still be in a position to provide materials to satisfy a reasonable level of demand. However, recent difficult decisions and choices made about available budgets means that, as it stands at the moment, we are left with an insufficient level of resource to finance the provision of these materials.

I am aware that many parish councils have a number of projects earmarked for this year which are very worthy and something that we, otherwise, are very keen to support. As it stands, at the moment, however, I need to advise that we are in no position to provide resource over and above the agreed P3 grant.

Your parish council can obtain materials itself, using the P3 grant if you wish, and it might be that we can obtain these on your behalf but we would need to recover the cost from you.

I apologise that we have to bring you this news and that it comes when we are already within the new financial year. In future it would also be helpful if, as part of your P3 Annual Plan, you can accurately identify structures etc. that you wish to purchase / replace. We understand that these are sometimes identified reactively over the course of the year but these should be the exception rather than the rule.

If this situation changes I will, of course, let you know.

Yours

Louise Greig