

Honeybourne Parish Council

Minutes of an Ordinary Council Meeting held at the Village Hall on 11th September 2012

Present: Cllrs. B Johnson (Chairman), A Attridge, T Probert, G Clelland, D George, S Matthews, A Simmons.

In Attendance: Cllr. Alistair Adams, Mr J Stedman (Clerk) and four members of the public.

Apologies were received from: Cllrs. S Kendrick, D Cowan, P Brookes and M Powell

Disclosures of Interests

To declare and disclose any pecuniary interests in items on the agenda and to declare any other Disclosable Interests in items on the agenda and their nature, if necessary.

Pecuniary Interests: **None** Other Disclosable Interests: **None**

Register of Interests: The Chairman reminded members of the need to update their register of interests and that the Clerk has copies of all members register of interests if they wish to review them.

95. The Chairman adjourned the meeting for public open forum.

Public Open Forum;

The three co-owners of the Shorey land west of High Street presented their proposals for the development of the land and again requested the Parish Council to support their proposal and in doing so, reject the option in the SWDP to delete the site from the plan. They reiterated their proposal for a maximum of 18 dwelling which also incorporates extensive flood alleviation controls upstream on the Gate Inn Brook on their own land. Mr Shorey said 18 dwelling is a small price to pay for a flood alleviation scheme for the Gate Inn cross roads area.

Mr Steve Bullen gave a detailed report on his request to have Gloster Ades designated as a "Quiet Lane" He informed the meeting that a national cycle route will be running through the parish and he wished to help in its success by creating quiet lanes in the area which includes Honeybourne and Bretforton with links to Wickhamford and Willersey. The quiet lanes would enable cyclists and walkers to enjoy the countryside on suitable routes and feel safer in doing so.

Ward Members Reports

Cllr. Tom Bean: Not in attendance but submitted a written report which was read to the meeting. The Chairman confirmed a telephone conversation which he had with Cllr Bean in which Cllr Bean stated that he was entitled not to support Parish Council proposals if that was his genuinely held view and that the Council should respect this. The Chairman had agreed with Cllr Bean but made the point that the Council would still pursue its proposals if they believed they benefitted the village with or without his support and Cllr Bean should respect that also.

Cllr. Alistair Adams: Alistair gave his report which is appended to the minutes.

The Chairman closed the adjournment at 8.28 and reconvened the meeting.

96. Minutes: Council agreed the wording of the minutes of the August ordinary Council meeting, and the Chairman signed them as a true record of the meeting.

97. Clerk's Report on Matters in Progress:

- a) Western Power Distribution further response: Members reported an improvement in the power supply and agreed to continue to complain whenever power failures occur.
- b) Forestry Commission Letter sent as requested and a reply is awaited
- c) Lorries parking in High Street reported to PCSO; Members reported the problem still exists and no response has been received from the PCSO.
- d) Wychavon Sport confirmation of entries; Noted.

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- e) Domestic Fowl Trust verge mowing request. Members reported this was resolved
- f) Banner advertising on the highway; Roy Fullee had responded to the Clerk's enquires for banner posting and the Council noted the information received. It was also noted Bretforton had also reported the same problem.

98. Planning Applications— Lead Members, Cllrs. Andy. Attridge, Sandra Kendrick and Mike Powell
None at this time

99. Planning Decisions to Note:

- a. Appeal Ref: APP/H1840/A/12/2171339 Land between Station Road and Dudley Road, Honeybourne - The appeal is allowed and outline planning permission is granted

100. Planning Matters:

- a. Proposed Significant Changes to the SWDP ref. SOC 073; Deletion of SWDP 23/27 land behind High Street; The following response was agreed: -
 The Council is concerned about the potential alarming increase in housing numbers in Honeybourne arising as a result of the currently flawed national planning process but, nevertheless in principle, the Parish Council supports the retention of SWDP 23/27, the land behind High Street.
 However, the following conditions must be applied if the site remains a preferred development site in the SWDP: -
 - i. A maximum site capacity of eighteen dwellings which are in keeping with the village design.
 - ii. An off-site flood alleviation scheme which is fully approved by the local authority must be included in the approved development plans for the site, and fully implemented, before the commencement of any development. This flood alleviation scheme being wholly within the control of the site's landowners.
- b. To receive members report on the CALC area meeting at Pershore on 6th September: Cllr Sandra Kendrick had attended on behalf of the Council and in her absence issued a report which is appended to the minutes.

101. Cemetery & Churchyard Lead Members, Cllrs David George and Sylvia Matthews.

- a. The Clerk reported the maintenance of various grave plots will be included in the remedial work scheduled for December 2012.
- b. Council agree the posting of the Clerk's public notice outlining the remedial works to level the memorials in the Garden of Remembrance and tidy the cemetery and grave plots.
- c. A quotation for the remedial works and supply of graded topsoil was agreed by the Council and the works are scheduled for December
- d. The Clerk reported on the cemetery gates repair work indicating a portable welder is required for the repairs, Cllr Sylvia Matthews will make enquires to get the repairs carried out.

102. Street Lights:

- a. Lighting faults to be reported: none at this time.

103. Public Rights of Way – Lead Members, Cllrs. Trish Probert and David Cowan

- a. There were no new matters to be reported to PPW
- b. The PPW reported that several footpaths were in need of clearing and the works would be undertaken as soon as possible.
- c. The County Council PROW office requested a full report from our PPW and this was forwarded by the PPW.

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- 104. Highways:** Lead Members, Cllrs. Trish. Probert and David Cowan
- a. Highway matters to be reported to County Highways
 - i. Potholes in Bretforton Road by Fir Tree corner
 - ii. Mickleton Lane bridge potholes
 - iii. Station Road bridge potholes on the south side
 - iv. Stratford Road under the two bridges several potholes

 - b. Members considered a request for a tree canopy reduction in Brick Walk and agreed the Clerk should get quotations for the work which would include a canopy lift to two smaller trees on The Green.

 - c. **Quiet Lane:** The council considered a proposal for Gloster Ades to be designated as a “Quiet Lane” in highway terms. After considering the full scheme which embraced linking up national cycle routes and local walking routes, the proposal was agreed in principle and the proposer Mr Steve Bullen will now liaise with Bretforton PC to allow the scheme to continue from Gloster Ades into Back Lane Bretforton. Further information will be given at the next meeting.

 - d. Heavy lorry traffic movement between Honeybourne and Mickleton; Roy Fullee has requested HGV monitoring on the Mickleton Lane and will report his findings and recommendations when the data is available.

 - e. Purchase of a second hand VAS for £750; after considering all the information requested at the last meeting and the Clerk’s information from the manufacturers it was agreed to proceed with the purchase of the VAS. The Clerk will liaise with Roy Fullee to get various VAS sites approved and the necessary support posts put in place. Members expressed their disappointment in the lack of support and negative comments from Cllr Bean.

 - f. Extension of the 30 mph limit on Station Road: The Council considered Roy Fullee’s comments on the criteria to change traffic regulation orders and noted his comments that speed limits need to reflect the local environment to ensure greater compliance for introducing a 30mph zone in a rural environment. With no significant indicators in the motorist’s mind to support a 30mph speed limit, may not result in speed limit compliance. Roy Fullee also stated a request for changes can be considered by the County Council, but such a request would need to be discussed with the local County Councillor in the first instance. Cllr Bean’s written report states there is no case for this proposal and he offers no support for the speed limit extension. The Parish Council consider there are many significant indicators to support the extension, i.e. The Railway Bridge, traffic lights, Stevenson Way junction and the Shinehall Lane junction and the long downhill straight road approach to the village. These significant indicators will be brought to the attention of the County Council and a strong request will be made for the 30mph extension to the north side of the Railway Bridge. The ward members’ lack of support will be noted in the request to the County Council.
- 105. Lengthsman** Lead members, Cllrs. Trish Probert and David Cowan
- a. New matters to be reported for action:
 - i. Strim the two grass areas at the junction of Green Close
 - ii. Strim around the lamp posts in Station Road
- 106. Handyman**
- a. New matters to be reported for action; None at this time.

 - b. The Clerk reported the Council’s strimmer is broken down and a quotation of £65 for its repair was accepted from Vale Gardens.

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- 107. The Leys Playing Field** Lead Members, Cllrs. Graham Clelland and David Cowan
- a. **Inspection:** Cllr. Graham Clelland reported that the regular monthly visual inspection found no problems with the play equipment
 - b. The Clerk reported on information received regarding dog control orders which confirmed the WDC control order would be enforced in a fully fenced play area. There were notices available for fixing to play areas and the Clerk will investigate their availability from WDC.
 - c. The report on the proposed new picket fencing is delayed due to member's holidays.
 - d. The Clerk reported the remedial works to the seat area and hedge cutting behind the swings is completed.
 - e. The mowing of the rough area at the lower end of The Leys was questioned by members and Cllr. David George offered to inspect the area and report any required actions to the Clerk
- 108. VISA and Recreation Field :**Lead Members, Cllrs. Graham Clelland and David Cowan
- a. The VISA report on the progress with the recreation field was not available.
 - b. **Field Lease:** The Chairman confirmed that the latest draft of the recreation field lease is complete and only a text error still exists; it was returned to the VISA solicitor in August for final correction but not returned to date.
The Parish Council's Conveyancer wishes to add further clauses to ensure compliance with the land transfer document from W.R. Haines and avoid any future conflict.
- 109. PACT:** Lead Member Brian Johnson
- a. Nothing to report at this time
- 110. Mowing Contract:**
- a. Council agreed to the renewal of the mowing contract for 2013-15. A full tender process will be undertaken for the new contract and a public notice will be placed in the local press in October requesting interested contractors to tender.
 - b. Members agreed several amendments and additions to the current mowing contract and specification details for the 2013-15 contract. The Clerk will submit a amended draft for the next meeting.
- 111. Allotments:**
- a. **Management Handover:** Cllr David George informed the Council he was to meet with Mrs Fairfax on 12th September to receive the administrative documents and agree the handover of allotment management. He will report further at the next meeting.
 - b. Cllr David George reported on his site visit and considered plot clearance might be needed on unused plots and some occupied plots, he will liaise with Mrs Fairfax to find a resolution to the matter
- 112. Training:**
- a. Members agreed to a locally held autumn training programme facilitated by CALC. Subjects to include the Localism Act, changes to the Finance Act and the Code of Conduct. It was also agreed to join with Pebworth PC members to make up numbers and share costs. Dates and venues will be arranged by the Clerk.

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113. Stevenson Way

- a. **Commuted Sum:** The Clerk reported on a letter received from Taylor Wimpy in response to his request for a 20 year term and inflation linked commuted sum for the balancing pond maintenance. Taylor Wimpy had declined the inflation link but did agree to increase the term from 15 to 20 years. As the ownership title of the balancing pond is still not resolved the Clerk will respond that we note the offer and await the transfer of ownership from the estate properties to Taylor Wimpy.
- b. **Foul Water Pollution:** It was reported to the meeting that further foul water pollution had emanated from Stevenson Way estate into the Gate Inn brook, the Environment Agency had made inspection and Severn Trent Water were to carry out remedial works

114. Party in the Park Report:

- a. Cllr Trish Probert reported that £650 had been shared between the Village Hall & VISA.

115. Broadband and IT: Lead Member, Cllr Peter Brookes

- a. Cllr Peter Brookes, in his absence, sent a report on the local broadband situation and included the broadband consultant's report which was emailed to all members. The Clerk reported on the payment of the Council's contribution to the consultation.

116. Finance:

- a. The Council approved the Payments, Receipts and Balances as listed in appendix A
- b. The Clerk informed the Council of possible bank charges on payment services

117. Matters raised by members and items for future agendas – none

118. Correspondence: For consideration - none

119. Correspondence Noted; Clerks and Councils Direct

120. Meeting Dates:

- a. It was confirmed the next Ordinary Meeting is scheduled for the 9th October at the Village Hall at 7.30 pm
- b. It was confirmed the Finance group meeting is scheduled for the 12th November @ 7.30

121. There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 10.22 pm.

Chairman _____

Date _____

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APPENDIX A: FINANCE

Payments to be Authorised

Sep-12

Cheque No.	Payee	Details	Total Payment	VAT Element	Net Payment
1021	G Clelland	Newsletter Delivery	80.00		80.00
1022	Wychavon Sport	Entry fees 2 events	12.00		12.00
1023	Cllr Sandra Kendrick	Travel and Parking expenses	27.20		27.20
1024	Cancelled	Writing error	0.00		
1025	Limebridge Rural Services	Cemetery maintenance	28.60	4.76	23.84
1026	Broadband Consultancy Ltd	Broadband consultancy	600.00	100.00	500.00
1027	Hightrees	Mowing Contract	740.52	123.42	617.10
1028	J Stedman	Clerks Salary & Expenses	749.46		749.46
1029	John Hyde	Lengthsman Works	115.92		115.92
1029	John Hyde	Handyman Works	65.63		65.63
1030	Cllr Sandra Kendrick	Travel expenses	9.60		9.60
			2,428.93	228.18	2,200.75

Account Transfer

Payments received and banked			
Received From	Details	Amount	Banked
Allotment Tenants	Allotment Rent	80.00	16-Aug
Total		80.00	

County Council Ward Members Report Cllr Tom Bean

1) Proposed extension of the speed limit north of the railway bridge on Buckle Street
In the opinion of Roy Fullee there is no case for this proposal. I entirely agree!

2) Proposed VAS in Station Road

For the past few years until about 5-weeks ago, Mrs Bean and I regularly approached Bidford from the Salford Priors direction, virtually every Saturday at approx. 1pm. I've noted that drivers in front of us regularly ignored the VAS. They were of course breaking the law. However considering the road from a purely visual point of view, they were driving perfectly safely with a proper consideration for others and using their own judgement. That road regarded from the visual point of view is remarkably similar to Station Road. I would suggest if you install VAS there you could get exactly the same result as Bidford. That is why I will not support you!

3) Proposed Weight Restriction in Mickleton Lane

Roy Fullee has told me he will arrange for tubes to be put down to determine HGV flow. The chief HGV users appear to be Barry Jeffrey Transport. Given their location on Mickleton/Emmas Lane they will still be able to use the lane even if a weight restriction were to be placed on it.

T.J. Bean 09 September 2012

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District Councillor report - Honeybourne

Month: September 2012

**Prepared by Alastair Adams – Honeybourne & Pebworth Ward,
Wychavon District Council**

1. Planning

- i. **Planning Appeals** – The bad news is the Planning Inspector has ruled in favour of the 70 dwellings - Lioncourt Homes development at Station Road . We are still waiting to hear regarding the 44 dwellings – Sheep Sales Fields – Sharba Homes. As a consequence of this decision, the Executive Board Member of the WDC, Judy Pearce, has written a very strong letter to the Planning Minister, Bob Neill, complaining the new National Planning Policy Framework is putting all the emphasis on the 5 year land supply but using the outdated numbers imposed by the RSS(Regional Spatial Plan) which the Conservatives have agreed will be abolished. This means for Wychavon that it should be providing planning permissions for 1000 new homes per year **and making sure they are built!** This level of building has never been achieved previously in Wychavon. The average completion is 436 house per year over the last 16 years. And in the current economic situation more planning permissions have been approved (1500 granted in last 14 months), but the builders are not building. The Council cannot force builders to build! Peter Luff has supported Judy in a press release called “Alice in Wonderland” National Policies!
- b. **SWDP** – The results from the public consultation have at last been printed, and for Honeybourne it states that one site for potential development (SWDP23-27) has been deleted, and the other site (SWDP 23-26) has been increased in the size but the overall number of new homes is static at 75. There is another opportunity for everyone in Honeybourne to voice their approval/disapproval of these changes as the 2nd public consultation has now started and more details can be obtained on <http://www.swdevelopmentplan.org>. The 2nd public consultation on these changes in the SWDP lasts until 14th September. The local family that owns the plot SWDP23-27 contacted me and I had a meeting with them with the Chairman of the Parish Council. They are objecting to the deletion of their site, and are suggesting the site could alleviate the flooding problem by The Gate pub.
- c. **Taylor Wimpey Site – 75 dwellings** This is the site mentioned in the SWDP 23-26 between the High Street and Weston Road and it went to planning committee on Thursday 19th July and was voted unanimously for resolution for approval for Outline Planning. However, the Highways Dept of Worcestershire County Council varied the original plan for the extension of the speed limits along Weston Road saying it was not necessary. I support the Parish Council and the many residents who have objected to this change, and I have written to the Portfolio member for Highways on the WCC asking him to help in this matter. The Developer is happy to revert to the original plan which extends the 30mph limit and introduces a 40mph speed limit too.
- d. **Long Marston Army camp development** – I attended the SDC Planning committee on 3rd September at Quinton Village Hall where the permission for the detailed planning was thrown out by the councillors as they supported the Joint Parish Council Working Committee saying this development must be “Leisure –Led” and therefore the full leisure facilities should be built sooner rather than later.

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- e. **SIMS Recycling plant in Long Marston/Birds Group** - the planning applications at this site will affect not just Wychavon District Council but also Stratford District Council and Cotswold District Council. Therefore a meeting has now been set up with the Heads of Planning and other key personnel for the 19th September and I will be attending to discuss the following::
- i. **Pre-planning application for 380 dwellings** –this proposed planning application by Birds Group has stirred up a lot of resident reaction in Quinton, Long Marston, Dorsington and Pebworth. Although, it is believed it would be extremely unlikely to get planning approval, as it is not in the SWDP, there is still fear about it. The various Parish Councils in the area have joined forces as they did to fight the Eco Town, and I attended their first meeting of the Joint Parish Council Joint Working Party on Wednesday 8th Aug
 - ii. **Planning application to change the working hours of the SIMS recycling plant** – planning applications have been submitted to remove the restrictions on the working hours which could mean 24 hours, 7 days a week working. Naturally again there is concern from surrounding villages due to noise and increase in traffic.
 - iii. **Weed-killer applied to a large area within the site** – it was brought to the attention that weed-killer had been applied to a large area within the site which had been proposed for the 380 houses. As part of pre-planning, an environmental and ecological report had been requested, and it is now doubtful whether the report will be representative.
 - iv. **Noise** – the on-going complaints from local residents about the noise since the erection of the ASR1 buildings, and the noise that goes on throughout the night, ie the residents believe the plant is working outside its allowed working hours.
2. **30mph Wheelie Bin Speed stickers** – about 20 have been requested by Honeybourne residents and all delivered
 3. **Broadband** — The consultant has had responses back from BT and it is positive news – the fibre Optic cable is close by to the village and the cost of linking the cabinet from the nearest fibre optic node should not be expensive. A copy of the report is now available to view (if you want a copy please email me on adams.pebworth@gmail.com) The Consultant is suggesting attending the next Parish Council Meeting with potential suppliers. It has been suggested to hold this meeting at Honeybourne Village Hall provisionally on Tuesday 9th October starting at 6.30pm. We should have heard back from DEFRA by then about our application for funding.
 4. **Ward Walks** – I will be accompanying Jack Hegarty, the MD of Wychavon District Council, on Friday 21st September when he visits our villages. These ward walks are designed to give feedback to the local District Council from residents, businesses, and community groups. He wants to try and visit all the businesses in the ward, and see how the local council can help local businesses grow and employ more staff. If you have any questions or comments for Jack, or would like him to visit your business, or community group on this date, then please email me adams.pebworth@gmail.com, or phone me on 07725 979 277

End of report.