

**Honeybourne Parish Council**  
**Minutes of the Honeybourne Parish Council Meeting held at the**  
**Village Hall on 11<sup>th</sup> March 2014**

**Present:** Cllrs. Peter Brookes, T Probert, G Clelland, A Simmons, A Attridge, D George, D Cowan, S Matthews & C Clear.

**In Attendance:** Mr J Stedman (Clerk), and two members of the public.

**Note:** With the absence of the Chairman, the Vice Chairman, Cllr David Cowan took the Chair

**234. Apologies were received and accepted from :-** Cllrs B Johnson, M Powell and Cllr Alistair Adams

**235. Disclosures of Interests**

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

**Disclosable 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.

**236. Public Open Forum:**

A member of the public asked about the consultation on the village conservation area as he was representing the Sheaf family from Manor Farm who had not been consulted or notified of the consultation. The clerk outlined the process of public consultation and suggested the enquirer contacts the ward member Cllr Alistair Adams as the proposed changes would soon be considered by the WDC planning committee.

A resident of School Street expressed concerns over excessive traffic speed in School Street and in Meadow Walk whereby cars were driving in at speed and driving straight out again. The local PCSO will be informed of these late afternoon activities.

A further matter raised, was the intention of a neighbouring landowner to build two large dwellings on land next to Corner Farm and use the very narrow shared access onto School Street for the development. As an alternative the development might use the Fancutts site to access the High Street and then fill the remaining land with 13 more dwellings. The comments were noted as speculative.

**Ward Members Report:** Cllr Alistair Adams having sent his apologies for the meeting has sent his District and County Council reports which are appended to the minutes.

**237. Minutes:**

- a. Council agreed the wording of the minutes of the February ordinary meeting and the Chairman signed them as a true record of the meeting.

**238. Clerk's Report on Matters in Progress:**

Members noted the following reports

- a. Arrangements for a meeting with the Architect Mr K Chandler and the Village Hall committee to be arranged in the near future.
- b. VAS data sent to the local police and the Safer Roads Partnership requesting further speed enforcement.

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- c. Cllr Alistair Adams's divisional fund for Village Hall administrative support cannot be used for administrative purposes.
- d. Confirmation from Jem Teal that sec106 funds can be used to fund the VISA field drainage requirements.
- e. Confirmation from Jonathan Edwards that 106 agreements have been agreed and therefore cannot be used to restrict HGV routing to and from development sites.
- f. Dumped bags of rubbish in the ditch on Gloster Ades reported to WDC 28/02 and removed soon after.

#### 239. Planning Applications –

**W/13/02581/PP** Mr P Benfield 1 Mickleton Road, Honeybourne, Proposal: 1.8m wooden fence to include gateway. Four brick pillars 0.48 x 1.5m high for drive gateway.

The Council objects to the application for the following reasons: -

The fence is an overpowering feature on a rural village street scene due to its size and design. The height of the fence is beyond the permitted height for fences adjacent to the highway. The design of the fence is not in keeping with any other frontages on Stratford Road and therefore is an incongruous structure in a rural village street.

Concerns are raised over the fence obscuring the highway visibility splays when exiting the site very close to the village speed limit boundary.

#### 240. Planning Decisions

a. **W/14/00074/PP:** Mr D Blower 50 High Street, Proposal: Residential two storey extension to the side and rear of the property. Existing Garage and conservatory to be removed. **Granted** with 4 conditions.

b. **Planning Inspectorate:** Ref 2205247: Land to rear of 49 High Street, Honeybourne.

The Shorey appeal is granted with 30 conditions.

The Clerk having circulated the appeal inspector's report which allowed the development, Cllr Brian Johnson suggested, through the Clerk, that comments are returned to the planning inspectorate over perceived errors in the decision report. The Council agreed to the suggestion and wished the comments to be copied to Sir Peter Luff MP, Nic Boles MP and Cllr Alistair Adams, writing the comments was delegated to the Clerk in consultation with the Chairman.

#### 241. Planning Matters:

a. **Street names** on the Taylor Wimpey development; wishing to retain the historic use and name of the site the Council agreed to suggest the following street names: - Harvest Close, Fallow Field and Grange Farm Drive as the main route into the site

b. **Street names** for the David Wilson Homes site; wishing to retain the historic use and name of the site the Council agreed to suggest the following street names: - Shepherds Walk, Herdwick Drive and Clun Forest Way. The developers name of Abacot fields was rejected as it has no relevance to the site of the village

c. **Speed limits:** The Clerk reported on the ongoing issues over extending the speed limits & traffic calming on Weston Road for Grange Farm. Cllr Alistair Adams is in consultation with the County Highways officer and a site meeting is arranged to resolve the matter.

d. **Late night working:** The Clerk reported on the David Wilson Homes site late night working complaints whereby tradesmen were working on site after 23:00 hr. The site manager reported the matter was dealt with and no further problems have occurred.

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- e. **Sponsor for a new litter bin:** David Wilson Homes have offered in principal to sponsor a new litter bin at the Gate Inn. The Council agreed it would be of amenity benefit and agreed to pay the annual fee of £87.00 to the District Council for emptying and cleaning the bin. Clerk to pursue the matter with David Wilson Homes.
- f. **HGV restrictive signage:** Members reported the HGV construction traffic restrictive signage is now in place in Bretforton and the junction of Gloster Ades. Concerns were raised over the small size and the colouring of the signs as they are not what was proposed by County Highways, Cllr Alistair Adams will be informed of the Council's concerns.
- g. **Lioncourt development:** The Clerk reported the Lioncourt development is expected to start in the spring when the land is finally transferred to Lioncourt.
- h. Stratford District Council consultation on the EIA Scoping Opinion for 550 homes on Meon Vale, Long Marston. Members noted its content without comment.

#### 242. Council and Community Matters for Consideration–

- a. Council agreed to respond to NALC regarding the Local Audit and Accountability Act – Openness of Local Government Bodies Draft Regulations and delegated the response to the Clerk in consultation with the Chairman
- b. **Opportunity Vale of Evesham** local information folders. Council considered a request for a person to be responsible for information folders placed in the village “The Folder Holder” and three venues for the folders. Cllr. David Cowan agreed to be the folder holder and the folders would be placed in the two public houses and the Church

#### 243. Finance:

- a. The Council approved the Payments, Receipts and Balances as listed in appendix A

#### 244. Street Lights:

- a. No new faults were reported

#### 245. Cemetery & Churchyard

- a. Members noted the placement of Norman Griffiths memorial and the receipt of required fees
- b. **Bags of Wreaths:** The Clerks reported on the removal of 8 black bags of Christmas wreaths which have now been removed from the cemetery as the bin collection crew were unable to take them when emptying the bins. It is understood that the District Council did remove the bags following requests from the Clerk and Ward Member. It was agreed to amend the council's mowing contract to have the wreath collection service amended to remove the collected wreaths from the cemetery and dispose of them off site.

#### 246. Public Rights of Way (PROW):

- a) No new PROW matters were received for the PPW's attention.
- b) Footpath 527c from Beaufort End to the field behind Harvard Avenue was reported to be impassable on foot due to excessive use by horse riders. The PROW sign is not erected and the Handyman will be requested to re-install the sign to allow new signage stating “No Horses Please” The County Highways footpath officer has been informed and restrictive access measures are being considered.
- c) Council consider a proposed diversion of Footpath 541(C) on the Taylor Wimpey site, the proposal is supported by the Ramblers Association and takes a new route around the development site instead of through the middle, the Council supported the proposals

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### 247. Highways:

- a. No new highway matters were reported by members.  
It was noted that the list of highway defects reported to County Highways from the February meeting are still unresolved. Gloucestershire County Council had carried out pothole filling requested by the Clerk.
- b. Members requested a litter pick is carried out on Station Road as soon as possible by the District Council contractors
- c. **VAS data record:** After collecting ten months of data and noting a small reduction in speed limit infringements the Council agreed to request rigorous speed enforcement is carried out particularly between 6.00 & 9.00 am on Station Road. Clerk to action this with the police and the safer road partnership.

### 248. Lengthsman and Handyman:

- a. Gullies and grips were cleared at the Gate Inn cross road; no new jobs were requested

### 249. The Leys Playing Field:

- a. **Inspection:** The regular weekly visual inspection report was considered to be satisfactory. Moss treatment is still outstanding and will be requested to be completed by the Handyman.

### 250. VISA Field Development

- a. Matters arising from the Ken Watkins presentation and the discussion meeting will be considered at agenda item 23

### 251. Community Centre & Village Hall

- a. An email from Cllr Alistair Adams regarding misgivings in the promised funding from David Wilson Homes was noted as Cllr Alistair Adams is still in negotiations over the matter

### 252. Matters Raised by Members none requested

### 253. Correspondence:

- a. Avon Rail Link letter requesting support for the Stratford to Long Marston rail link; in view of the large scale development in Long Marston the Council agreed to support the inactivates in the latter, the Clerk will send a letter of support.
- b. Cllr Alistair Adams asks the Parish Council's views on: -  
What you see as the top three things I have achieved for your Parish?  
Councils response
  - i. The repairs and re-surfacing on Bretforton Road
  - ii. Efforts to improve broadband in Honeybourne & Pebworth
  - iii. Supporting the 30 mph zone on Station Road and the Weston Road layout and speed limit zones related to the Taylor Wimpey development.

What you think my priorities should be for the next 12 months for your Parish?

- iv. To get the SWDP completed and its adoption by the government
- v. Ensure the village receives its allocated section 106 funds from the village developments.
- vi. Highway matters to include traffic calming and highway repairs completed in a shorter time span.

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### 254. Meeting Dates:

- a. Members confirmed the next Ordinary Meeting is scheduled for the 8<sup>th</sup> April at the Village Hall at 7.30.
- b. After considering the 29<sup>th</sup> April for the Annual Parish Meeting it was confirmed the Annual Parish Meeting will be held on the 22<sup>nd</sup> April at the Village Hall at 7.30.

### 255. Exclusion of the Public from the Meeting.

**Chairman proposed that the Council consider the following resolution: -**

*That in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, it is advisable in the public interest that the press and public be temporarily excluded and they are instructed to withdraw.*

**The resolution was unanimously agreed and the public were asked to withdraw.**

**VISA field project:** Various commercially sensitive matters were discussed and the Clerk was instructed to investigate further and report back to a future meeting.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.55pm.

Chairman \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

### APPENDIX A: FINANCE

Cheque No.	Payee	Details	Total Payment	VAT Element	Net Payment
1177	Volunteer Centre Evesham	Donation	100.00		100.00
1178	P D Long	Streetlight Maintenance	69.60	11.60	58.00
D/D	Information Commissioner	Annual Fee	35.00		35.00
1179	J Stedman	VISA field project expenses	478.78		478.78
1180	John Hyde	Handyman Works	15.00		15.00
1180	John Hyde	Lengthsman's Works	185.05		185.05
1181	J Stedman	Clerks Salary and Expenses	991.28		991.28
1182	Westhill Direct	Stationery	55.49	9.25	46.24
1183	Ken Watkins Associates	Visa Field	350.00		350.00
			<b>2,280.20</b>	<b>20.85</b>	<b>2,259.35</b>

Account Transfer

0.00

#### Payments received and banked

Received From	Details	Amount	Banked
Willcox Granite	N Griffiths Memorial Inv 190	115.00	25-Feb
Funeral services Ltd	Baby Rowe Plot 205c	25.00	14-Mar
Total		<b>140.00</b>	

#### All paid up Account Balances

CURRENT ACCOUNT	£8,735.98
DEPOSIT ACCOUNT	£67,578.22
<b>TOTAL FUND BALANCE</b>	<b>£76,314.20</b>

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### **District Councillor report - Honeybourne**

**Month: March 2014**

**Prepared by Alastair Adams**

**Honeybourne & Pebworth Ward, Wychavon District Council**

Thank you to all those that wished me a swift recovery – I am now back on my feet and soon will be able to drive again

I am reviewing the last 12 months and am interested in the Council's views on the following questions:-

It is nearly 12 months since I started on my journey to become your County Councillor, and I asked your Parish Council's the following questions :

1. What you see as the top 3 things I have achieved for your Parish?
2. What you think my priorities should be for the next 12 months for your Parish ?

Their answers are:

#### Question 1

- i. The repairs and re-surfacing on Bretforton Road
- ii. Efforts to improve broadband in Honeybourne & Pebworth
- iii. Supporting the 30 mph zone on Station Road and the Weston Road layout and speed limit zones related to the Taylor Wimpey development.

#### Question 2

- iv. To get the SWDP completed and its adoption by the government
- v. Ensure the village receives its allocated section 106 funds from the village developments.
- vi. Highway matter to include traffic calming and highway repairs completed in a shorter time span.

I will endeavor to work on these priorities

### **Planning**

Unfortunately the Planning Inspector ruled against the Parish Council, and the District Council's decisions and approved the planning for 14 houses on the Shorey site, even though the problems with flooding at the crossroads. Considering the outrage in the press recently about flooding, and new houses being built in the flood plain, I can not believe the Planning Inspector's decision

### **County Councillor Report- Honeybourne**

**Month: March 2013**

**Prepared by Alastair Adams**

**Littletons Division, Worcestershire County Council**

#### **Highways :**

1. **Honeybourne Road to be surface dressed end of April** – further to the repairs to this road last year, Highways have confirmed the road will now be surface dressed
2. **30mph speed limit** moving the 30mph sign to other side of railway Bridge towards Bidford. This has been approved and should occur in the next month

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3. **Dangerous parking outside the school** –Highways have agreed to put the “No Parking- School zig-zags” across the offending area in March/April
4. **Sign to be erected to Construction Traffic** –Signs have been erected reminding construction traffic about the 7.5tonnes weight limit in High Street.
5. **Taylor Wimpy site – Grange Farm** – Highways have once again changed their mind on the traffic calming at the entrance to this site. The original plan Dwgs 002b extended the 30mph speed limit and added a 40mph buffer zone. Everyone was happy with this plan, but Highways are now saying it is against policy. I have involved the Leader of the Council to help try and get the original plan re-instated. This is still on-going.

#### **County Council News:**

1. The appointment of the new Chief Executive of Worcestershire County Council was announced – Clare Marchant who was deputy CEO. She will start in her new role on 1<sup>st</sup> June
2. Additional funding has been allocated for buses – following the public consultation on the buses, £1.1m has been allocated to help reduce the impact of removing the bus subsidies.

#### **Councillor's Divisional Fund**

In addition to the good causes already authorised, the following actions have happened this month :

1. Offenham Cricket Club for new bowling mats – **Approved**
2. Offenham Maypole – painting – grant request submitted
3. Pebworth Villahe Hall – I have received a request for help with the speaker system
4. Honeybourne Cubs & Scouts – I have received a request for help with their marquee

End of report