

Honeybourne Parish Council

Minutes of the Honeybourne Parish Council Ordinary Meeting held at the Village Hall on 10th June 2014

Present: Cllrs. C Clear, M Powell, T Probert, G Clelland, D George, A. Attridge & S Matthews.

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

In the absence of the Chairman, Cllr David Cowan, the Vice-chairman, Cllr Mike Powell took the chair for the meeting

1. **Apologies:** Apologies were received from: – Cllr P Brookes, A Simmons B Johnson, and D Cowan also Ward Member Cllr Alistair Adams.

2. 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.

3. **Public Open Forum:** The Chairman adjourned the meeting for public open forum.
Two members of the public expressed concerns and made comments regarding the highway access for the two dwelling off School Street which now have granted planning permission.

Ward Members Report: Cllr Alistair Adams's reports are appended to the minutes.

The Chairman closed the adjournment at 7.45 and reconvened the meeting.

4. Minutes:

- a. Council agreed the wording of the minutes of the May ordinary meeting and the annual meeting of the council, the Chairman signed them both as a true record of the meetings.

5. Clerk's Report on Matters in Progress:

- a) Request for hedge cutting fronting houses 14-24 on the High Street. The hedge has been cut back by Rooftop Housing, matter resolved.
- b) Clerk's request to Rooftop to remove an Elder tree on footpath 527C of Harvard Avenue; Rooftop acknowledged the request and will investigate the matter.
- c) Allotment rents collected and outstanding rents referred to Kevin Gisbourne. Cllr David George passed the Clerk £180.00 received from Kevin Gisbourne for allotment rent. This leaves a small outstanding rent balance which is being pursued.
- d) Weeds on the Station access walk way, this was reported to the Station Manager and she confirmed action to clear the weeds would be taken in the near future.

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- e) Network Rail site meeting to discuss parking problems and other matters. Mr Basu of Network Rail informed the Clerk it was necessary for a First Great Western representative to attend the meeting and he is waiting for their confirmation of availability and meeting dates, Clerk to pursue the arrangements as further parking problems were reported on Stevenson Way.

6. Planning Applications –

- a. **W/14/01068/OU:** Grange Farm, High Street, Honeybourne, Description of Proposal Demolition of buildings and erection of up to 75 dwellings. Provision of new village hall, public open space including amenity area, balancing pond, pumping station and associated earthworks, landscaping, car parking and other ancillary works - and as approved under permission reference number W/12/01020/OU but without compliance with condition 22 to allow commencement of development prior to road works.

The Clerk reported on a phone call from Mr Rob Bettie of Taylor Wimpey and explained the circumstances for the application for noncompliance of condition 22, the reasoning involved the site's full planning consent running out on 16th August and that Taylor Wimpey had not managed to purchase the site from the current owner. In considering these reasons and many others the Council resolved to offer no objection to the application.

- b. **14/01186/OUT:** SDC Planning Consultation Meon Vale 550 dwellings: Council noted the consultation.

7. Planning Decisions Noted:

- a. **W/14/00069/OU** Honeybourne Homes Ltd: Land off School Street, Outline planning permission for two no 4 bedroom houses with double integral garages to match local area. **Granted** with 16 conditions.

8. Planning Matters:

- a. **Planning Appeal; APP/H1840/A/14/2218792**, Mr A Walsh, Proposal: Outline Planning Application for erection of a single detached dwelling Site at land adjacent to The Elms, Buckle Street, Honeybourne. It was agreed no further representation would be made.
- b. Council considered reports from residents over the David Wilson Homes site when contractors were working on site on a Sunday and causing a considerable disturbance to the neighbouring residences, also an alarm was reported to be sounding in the evening and was not switched off until the following morning causing more nuisance to the neighbours all through the night. These matters were reported to the David Wilson Homes site manager and the Council considered his reply to the residents was unacceptable. The Council requested the Clerk to write and remind the manager of the relentless problems the construction works have caused over many months and the total lack of site security at night.

9. Council and Community Matters for Consideration–

- a. The litterbin sponsored by David Wilson Homes is now installed but in the wrong place on the Gate Inn crossroads. The sponsorship plaque is not fitted to the bin because no fixing holes were drilled in its corners. The Clerk will request WDC to move the bin to the requested site and request the Handyman to fix the sponsorship plaque.

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- b. Scheduled Litter Pick, the 6th June scheduled contractors litter pick on Station Road did not take place and the only operation carried out was street cleaning with a road sweeper, members reported the verge and ditch litter still remains well littered. The matter will be reported to the District Council for their action to clear the litter as scheduled.

10. Finance:

- a) Council approved the Clerk's schedule of Payments, Receipts and Balances.
- b) The Council approved increasing the Council's mileage expenses payments from 40p to 45p per mile.

11. Street Lights:

- a. The streetlight by the Village Hall was reported to be working satisfactorily
- b. Members requested streetlight timers are placed on the July agenda and the ownership of the various streetlights identified.

12. Public Rights of Way (PROW) & Parish Paths Warden (PPW)

- a. Signage on footpath 527C is now turned around and the "No Horses" sign fitted. Investigation will be made to have suitable barriers fitted to help prevent horses and motorbikes accessing the path.
- b. PROW 537B where the bridge over the brook has a broken gate. The Gate is removed.
- c. Clearance of undergrowth on PROW 549. Completed by Lengthsman.
- d. A wooden footpath gate has been left by the entrance to the churchyard; the handyman will be requested to dispose of the unwanted the gate.

13. Highways:

- a. New highway matters to be reported: -
 - i. A small utilities chamber cover is missing north of Station Road Bridge, this matter was previously reported and no action taken despite photographs being sent, the matter will be reported again.
 - ii. Flash flooding on Shinehill Land caused by an unresolved ditch clearance, this and a blocked verge gully at the same location will be reported to the WDC drainage officer again.
 - iii. The ground water emanating from the carriageway at the Gate Inn crossroads is still causing standing water, County Highways to be informed and request Cllr Alistair Adams to investigate a solution.
- b. Routing of large HGV's on Mickleton Lane, and the requested weight limit. Following investigations by County Highways officers the weight limit request has been rejected as the officer considered no alternative routes are available. Members considered further investigation should be made as an alternative route is signposted to avoid the low bridge on the Weston Subedge to Mickleton road. As this route is in Gloucestershire Cllr Alistair Adams will be asked to liaise with the Gloucestershire County Council ward member to gain support for the weight limit in Honeybourne and inform the County Highways officer of the alternative route as signposted.
- c. County Highways verge mowing enquiry –The Clerk reported meeting with the officer Mr Rob Deri and his request for a map of the areas of verge mowing carried out in Honeybourne by the Parish Council. The Clerk will issue the required maps.

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14. Mowing Contract Matters:

- a) The Clerk confirmed sending a letter on 14th May to Gardens by Design terminating the Council's mowing contract and requesting a new April invoice in the required format, the requested invoice had not been received to date.

Following further complaints received during May regarding the quality of grounds maintenance in the cemetery and churchyard further correspondence regarding the extremely poor quality of workmanship was sent to Gardens by Design on 22nd and 31st May.

An email received by the Clerk on 5th June from Mr Jon Hubert, the owner of Gardens by Design confirming the cessation of the mowing contract with the council.

In consideration of the contract termination the council agreed to pay the outstanding April invoice and inform Gardens by Design it was in full and final payment of the account as no other invoices had been received. Clerk to action the payment with a covering letter.

Note: Having an interest in the next two items the Clerk withdrew from the meeting for the debate.

- b) Council considered a letter from Limebridge Rural Services Ltd accepting the remaining contract as tendered for in 2012 also a request to bring the contract sites into a maintained state before commencement of the scheduled maintenance works. The Council agreed the terms to restore the contract sites and requested the maintenance is commenced as soon as possible starting with the cemetery.
- c) A quotation from Limebridge Rural Services Ltd to extend the verge mowing on Station Road to include the extended 30 mph zone was accepted by the Council.
- d) Fortis Living Housing Association requested the Council to add to its mowing contract the amenity areas at Meadow Walk and Gooch Road as it is un-economical for their contractors to travel to Honeybourne for such a small job which involves a small amount of grass mowing and hard surface cleaning. Fortis Living offered to fully reimburse the Council for the contractor's costs with a single annual payment. The Council agreed to the proposal in principal and considered a small administration fee should be added to the annual charge. The Clerk will obtain a contractors quotation for the two sites and inform Fortis Living of the annual cost to carry out the maintenance.

15. Lengthsman and Handyman:

- a. To receive the Clerks report on actions raised at the May meeting
- i. Hedge cutting at the Mickleton Lane allotment site.
 - ii. Replacement of the Perspex in the door on the notice board at Stevenson Way
 - iii. Tree growth obscuring the new 30 mph signs north of the bridge on Station Road
- b. New matters for the Lengthsman or Handyman.
- i. Weed clearance on the road at the raised footway at the Gate Inn crossroads
 - ii. Tree canopy lift outside 42 High Street as they are obstructing the footway
 - iii. Remove old and outdated fly posters and notices throughout the village
 - iv. Clear vegetation from the 30mph repeater sign south of the bridge in Station Road

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16. The Leys Playing Field:

- a. **Inspection:** The regular weekly visual inspection report was considered to be satisfactory. The round litter bin is reported to be loose in the ground and will be monitored.
- b. The annual safety inspection to be carried out by Wicksteed Playscapes has not materialised and will be pursued by the Clerk.

17. VISA Field Development

- a. The Clerk reported VISA Ltd will issue their public liability insurance certificate for field maintenance later as the renewal date is 1st June and the certificate will be forwarded to the Clerk shortly.
- b. A meeting with VISA members and the Parish Council to agree the field development was agreed for Tuesday 24th June.
- c. Mr. Rushton confirmed several events were planned for the field during the summer and the local Scouts will hold a summer camp on 20th June
- d. Council considered a donation request to VISA to enable the purchase of cricket equipment for regular village use, the Council agreed a donation of £650 to enable the purchase of the equipment and a cheque for the donation was handed to Mr Rushton the VISA Chairman.

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- e. A pre-application planning consultation with a WDC planning officer is complete and the report passed to the Village Hall committee.

18. Matters Raised by Members none requested

19. Correspondence to Note Wychavon Parish Matters

20. Meeting Dates:

- a. Members confirmed the next Ordinary Meeting is scheduled for the 8th July at the Village Hall at 7.30.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.38 pm.

Chairman _____

Date _____

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District Councillor report

- Honeybourne

Month: June 2014

Prepared by Alastair Adams

Honeybourne & Pebworth Ward, Wychavon District Council

Planning

1. **W/13/00132/OU - 380 new houses next to SIMS re-cycling plant in Pebworth Appeal ref APP/H1840/A/13/2202364** – Last chance to write to Eric Pickles if you want to object to this planning - decision due 23 July. I would recommend to all residents to write to Eric Pickles saying you don't want or need this unsustainable development – his email address is picklese@parliament.uk
2. **Stratford District Councils public consultation for 3500 new houses on the Long Marston Airfield.** The good news is Stratford District Council voted against this development as part of their core strategy. Hopefully this is now dead. A BIG thank you to BARD for helping to campaign against this.
3. **Grange Farm – Traffic Calming** - I have spoken to Taylor Wimpy who have sent me the amended drawings of the traffic calming scheme by the entrance to their site. I am not happy with the changes, and have flagged up my concerns to Highways.
4. **Planning Ref W/14/00069/OU – Land off School Street, Honeybourne** – unfortunately this planning application was approved although we did fight it.

County Councillor Report- Honeybourne

Month: June 2013

Prepared by Alastair Adams

Littletons Division, Worcestershire County Council

Highways :

1. **Ways to stop HGV's using Mickleton Rd as a rat run** - Following a request by a local resident, I have been discussing with Highways to see if a restriction can be put in place on Mickleton Rd to stop HGV's using it..

County Council News:

1. Bus subsidies have been reviewed following the public consultation and only being cut by £1.5m now instead of the proposed £3m. More support for the Community Transport schemes which should benefit the villages
2. Broadband – The good news is Pebworth & Badsey telephone exchanges have been upgrade with fibre optic Superfast Broadband. The bad news is we have to wait for the fibre optic to be connected from the exchange to the cabinet in the village. Honeybourne's Industrial estate cabinet is due to be connected in June/July. No date has been set yet for connection to the Cabinet outside the village hall but we all assume it will be about the same time .

Councillor's Divisional Fund

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

1. St Mary & St Milburgh Church in Offenham have requested help with buying some tables so the church can be used as a community centre
2. Cleeve Prior Heritage Trust has asked for help buying some building materials to repair paths
3. Bretforton Silver Band – request for help with a shed to store equipment
4. Footpath mower requested by Cleeve Prior and Littletons path warden
5. Badsey Girl Guides have requested help with buying some uniforms