

## HARTLEBURY PARISH COUNCIL

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### The Minutes of the Meeting of Hartlebury Parish Council held at 7pm on Tuesday 3 April 2012

**Present:** Cllrs P Holden (Chairman), D Stocker, H J Webb, A Bishop, Mrs C Boughton-Thomas, Mrs L Brookes, N Dowty, A Jones, G Howard, R Kirby

**In Attendance:** Mrs J Hyrons (Clerk), County Cllr M Broomfield, CSO A Leslie

**1. Apologies:** Apologies were accepted from Cllrs Mrs J Jones, A Cupper, D Southall

**2. Declarations of Interest:**

a: Register of Interests: Councillors were reminded of the need to ensure their register of interest is updated.

b: Personal Interests: None

C: Prejudicial Interests: None

The meeting was adjourned for <b>Public Question Time</b> – see notes appended at the end.
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**3. Minutes:** The minutes of the meeting held on 6 March 2012 were approved as a true record and signed by the chairman.

**4. Reports:**

**a: Police:** CSO Leslie reported a number of incidences of crime in the last month including a day-light house burglary, thefts from stored caravans, vehicle thefts and fly tipping. Residents are asked to be vigilant and report suspicious activity to the police. On a positive note diesel theft and scrap metal theft have reduced.

**b: Clerk:**

Lengthsman Scheme: The annual funding for the scheme has been increased.

Old Worcester Road Development: Consultation 3– 8pm on Tues 17 April in the village hall.

Post Office Noticeboard: It was agreed to follow up a proposal to site the new board on the green triangle on the corner of Inn Lane/ Old Worcester Road

Hartlebury Primary School: Cllr Broomfield has initiated discussions with Highways for a crossing outside the school.

Diamond Jubilee Planting: A suitable site to plant a Jubilee Oak is being sought – planting will take place at the end of the year.

Speed VAS: We are still awaiting a confirmed quote. The clerk was also asked to get a price for a solar powered one.

Church Lane: Highways has confirmed that it will not be feasible to change Church Lane to one-way as requested by local residents. The Parish Council does not intend to take any further action on this.

**c: County Councillor:** Cllr Broomfield noted that the papers are reporting 1,700 job losses at County Council – this includes teachers at schools who have moved to Academy Status and are therefore no longer County Council employees.

The County Council has spent £3m on improving rural roads – Hartlebury has had a share of this including improvements on Summerway Lane.

**d: District Councillor:** Cllr Dowty informed Councillors of documents relating to the new National Planning Policy Framework and Neighbourhood Plans. He reported that 3 refused planning applications in the parish are currently going to appeal.

**e: Other Committee Reports:**

**Diamond Jubilee Committee:** Plans for the event are progressing well – musical acts, food and children’s activities have now been confirmed as well as organisational help.

**Hartlebury Village Hall:** It was reported that the committee will formally ask the Parish Council to pay for the installation and maintenance of a broadband facility in the hall. The committee have identified priorities for fundraising money including toilets, Committee Room ceiling and the hall floor.

**5. Finance:** Payments totaling £2,958 were approved and passed for payment.

**6. Infrastructure Limitations to Additional Development:** Cllr A Jones will draft two letters based on the list discussed – one will focus on infra-structure limitations and will be an additional submission to the South Worcestershire Joint Core Strategy. The other will focus on issues specifically related to the proposed new large development on Old Worcester Road. These letters will be circulated to Councillors for comment / amendment.

**7. Parish Council Meetings:**

a: The minutes of the Finance Meeting held on 12 March 2012 were received.

b: Councillors were informed that, following the resignation of the clerk, the vacancy of Clerk to the Parish Council will be advertised in the Shuttle and on-line. The current clerk will be leaving in May – it was requested that the minutes reflect how well she has undertaken the role.

c: The minutes of the Trading Estate Liaison Meeting were received. Councillors noted that the Trading Estate Management will survey their tenants to see what the impact would be if the North Gate remained shut until 6.30am.

One company has been identified as the most likely cause of the low level noise vibration experienced by residents in Waresley Park. We understand that Environmental Health has visited them.

It was noted that thieves are driving across the fields to steal items from the estate – please be vigilant and report suspicious activity.

d: The minutes of the Wienerberger / Biffa Liaison Meeting are being produced by Wienerberger and are not yet available. Site visits to both Biffa sites will take place in the next few months for Councillors.

**8. Hartlebury Village Green:** It was resolved that the village green will not withstand two football teams using it on a regular basis – it is also unclear if the size of the green would allow league matches. The clerk was asked to suggest to Katie O’Ryans Football Club that they contact the New Elizabethan School to see if they can use their field.

**9. Neighbourhood Plans:** Two Councillors attended the briefing session at Wychavon and provided a report. It was agreed that all Councillors read the proposals on the Wychavon website in order that a detailed discussion be had at the next meeting. The New Homes Bonus will also be dealt with in the same way.

**10. Correspondence:** The correspondence issued with the agenda was noted. The clerk was asked to write to our MP in support of an early day motion to allow councils to appeal against planning decisions.  
The clerk was asked to email a copy of the Worcs C.C approach to Localism for discussion at a future date.

**11. Councillors' Reports and Items for Future Agenda:**

The state of the railway crossing on Station Road – agenda item next month.  
It was noted that some people writing in the Shuttle are calling for the scrapping of the 50MPH limit and traffic calming measures on A449. This will be dealt with if it becomes necessary.

**12. Date of Next Meeting:** Tuesday 1 May 2012 at 7pm at Hartlebury Parish Hall.

The meeting closed at 8.55pm

Signed .....(Chairman)      Dated .....

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**Notes from Public Question Time**

Three residents attended. One wanted to hear the update from the Trading Estate meeting. He also asked if additional speed enforcement could be done on Walton Road. CSO Leslie confirmed that a volunteer is currently undertaking the monitoring so he would be asked to include the location.

One resident has developed the new website – a meeting will be arranged with the website working party to review the changes.