

NAUNTON BEAUCHAMP PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER MEETING OF NAUNTON BEAUCHAMP PARISH COUNCIL

Held in the Church
Tuesday 8th November 2022 at 7:30pm

Present: Cllr A. Howarth (Chair)
Cllr D. Hudson
Cllr G. Edwards
Cllr D. Dickens
District & County Cllr L. Robinson

In attendance: Clerk & one parishioner

Public Question Time- None present

1. **APOLOGIES-** None
2. **DECLARATION OF INTEREST-** None
3. **TO CONSIDER ANY REQUESTS FOR THE COUNCIL TO GRANT A DISPENSATION-** None requested
4. **THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 8th SEPTEMBER 2022-**
Approved as true and correct
5. **PROGRESS REPORTS FOR INFORMATION**

A. County & District Councillor's Report-Linda Robinson

New data which is released weekly shows that Wychavon Covid 19 numbers have dipped again. We currently have 102 cases down from 204 last week.

NHS England said on October 28th that 82 people were under the care of the Acute trust which runs Worcestershire Royal Hospital. Data from the last six weeks shows that Worcestershire had 25 deaths related to Covid 19.

Vaccination take up has been steady for both flu and Covid boosters.

Less good news for our wild birdlife populations in Worcestershire with cases of avian flu being confirmed nationally. Strict biosecurity measures have been introduced. It follows the deaths of wildfowl including swans at the lakes around County Hall and Nunnery Wood. All bird keepers are advised to keep their stock inside. This could have a knock-on effect for the supply of turkeys for Christmas. Two thousand were culled in Lancashire today.

People are being urged not to touch any sick or dead wild birds and to report sightings to officials. The risk to the public from avian flu remains very low, however it is possible for humans to catch the virus, so it is vital not to touch any sick or dead birds or have contact with their droppings, eggs or bedding which may also be contaminated.

In readiness for any downturn in the weather, Worcestershire's gritters are now on standby for the winter season. They have around 16,750 tonnes of salt stored in depots across the County, 36 gritting lorries and over 50 drivers. Let's hope they will not need it all and we avoid too many cold spells especially with the current energy crisis.

Residents urged to put their bin out on time

The time waste and recycling bins are collected across Wychavon may change for some residents next week.

Changes are being made to all waste and recycling collection rounds across Wychavon to further improve efficiency and ensure the current high standard of service is maintained.

Only Chawson residents in Droitwich Spa will see a change to their collection day and residents have already been contacted about this.

Across the rest of the district, collection days will remain the same but the time bin crews arrive may change from what people are used to. To make sure nobody misses their bin collection, residents are being urged from Monday (7 November) to make sure their bin is out by 7am on the day of their scheduled collection. Crews will collect anytime between 7am and 6pm.

Have your say on sites for Travellers and Travelling Show People in South Worcestershire

The South Worcestershire Councils are inviting comments on the provision of sites for Travellers and Travelling Showpeople. Worcester City, Malvern Hills District and Wychavon District Councils have prepared a Development Plan Document which includes information on the accommodation needs of Travellers and Travelling Showpeople across South Worcestershire. The document includes policies which seek to ensure that future Traveller sites are appropriately located and designed. The document proposes additional Traveller pitches on two existing Traveller sites at Newlands, Malvern and Charlton, Pershore and two existing sites at Aldington and Evesham are also allocated in case the latest planning permissions lapse. To help meet the medium to longer term needs of Travellers or Travelling Showpeople, new sites are also proposed on the new and expanded settlements at Worcestershire Parkway, Throckmorton and Rushwick, together with a site on each of the urban extensions at Worcester South and Worcester West.

The six-week public consultation runs from 1 November until Tuesday 13 December 2022 at 11.59pm. The public and other interested parties are being asked to comment on whether they believe the Development Plan Document is sound and legally compliant.

For the Development Plan Document to be considered sound it must show that it will meet the identified need for Traveller sites, is based on robust evidence, is deliverable and is consistent with national planning policies. To be legally compliant, the document must have followed all necessary legal and procedural requirements. The Development Plan Document has been informed by earlier public consultations held in 2016, 2018 and 2021. This is the last public consultation on the document before it is submitted to the Government's Planning Inspectorate for independent Examination in 2023.

Cllr David Harrison, Chairman of the South Worcestershire Development Plan Joint Advisory Panel,

said: "Providing sufficient appropriately located and designed sites for Travellers and Travelling Showpeople is vitally important, so I would urge people to make their voices heard on this essential issue."

While all comments submitted during the consultation will be forwarded to the Planning Inspectorate for consideration during the next stage of the document, the Government's Planning Inspector is only likely to consider comments that relate to the soundness and legal compliance of the document.

People can comment by visiting <https://www.swdevelopmentplan.org/consultations/south-worcestershire-traveller-and-travelling-showpeople-policy> from Tuesday 1 November and downloading and filling in the comment form, by email or by post. Paper copies will also be available from Customer Contact Centres, local libraries and some parish and town council offices.

Consultation starts on SWDP Review Publication

A six-week public consultation has started on a key planning document that will shape the future development of South Worcestershire.

The revised South Worcestershire Development plan allocates land for 13,240 additional new homes and 290.7 hectares of employment land to be delivered by 2041. This will help meet the Government requirement to allocate land to build 26,360 new homes and 350.5 hectares of employment land across South Worcestershire from 2021 to

2041. Not all sites in the Plan are new, with some being carried over from the last version of the SWDP and sites that already have planning permission being taken into account.

The majority of the new housing will be met through strategic growth sites at Worcestershire Parkway, Throckmorton, Rushwick and Mitton.

The public are being asked to comment on whether they consider the review of the South Worcestershire Development Plan is sound and legally compliant. To be considered sound the Plan must have been positively prepared, based on robust, credible evidence, show a clear deliverable vision and be consistent with national planning policies. On top of this the three South Worcestershire Councils – Worcester City, Malvern Hills District and Wychavon District Councils – must also show they have complied with planning legislation including the legal duty to help neighbouring councils meet their strategic housing needs. Comments can be made from Tuesday 1 November until 11.59pm on Tuesday 13 December 2022. Only comments made during the consultation can be considered.

People can comment by filling in the online comment form available on the SWDP website at www.swdevelopmentplan.org/review. Paper copies are also available from Customer Contact Centres, local libraries and some parish and town council offices.

A series of public information events are being held to help describe the proposed growth at each of the strategic sites and give people the chance to ask questions.

These will be held on the following dates:

- Rushwick expanded settlement - Thursday 3 November 12pm to 8pm at Rushwick Village Hall, Bransford Road, Rushwick, WR2 5TA
- Worcestershire Parkway new settlement – Wednesday 9 November 12pm to 8pm at Norton Parish Hall, Wadborough Road, Littleworth, WR5 2QB
- Mitton - Friday 11 November 1pm to 8pm at Bredon Village Hall, Main Road, Bredon, GL20 7QN
- Throckmorton new settlement - Monday 14 November 1pm to 8pm at Bishampton Village Hall, Broad Lane, Bishampton, WR10 2LU

After the consultation all comments will be passed on to the Planning Inspectorate. The Plan will then go for Examination where it will be scrutinised in detail to make sure it is sound and legal. A series of public hearings may also be held where people will have the chance to make representations and ask questions providing that they have responded to this consultation.

It is expected the plan will be formally adopted by the South Worcestershire Councils in late 2023.

Cllr David Harrison, Chairman of the South Worcestershire Development Plan Joint Advisory Panel, said: “At this stage we are seeking views on whether people feel the Plan meets the test of soundness and is legally compliant. We cannot make changes to the Plan at this time; however, all comments will be passed to the Planning Inspectorate for consideration. There is a lot of information available through the SWDP website and in local libraries to help people understand what is being proposed and how to comment. I urge people to get involved with the consultation and to make their views known.”

6. HIGHWAYS

All Cllrs agreed to try moving the location of the VAS sign to the other end of the village to check if it would be more effective, Cllr Dickens kindly agreed to move the sign.

7. LENGTHSMAN

Nothing to report

8. PLANNING

No new applications to consider, the following application was withdrawn:

W/22/00419/LB	Old House Farm Naunton Beauchamp Pershore WR10 2LQ	Extension to existing garage and convert roof space to home office with shower room.	Application Withdrawn
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9. FINANCE

a) The following payments were approved and cheques were signed:

Luke Farnsworth	L/man Aug/Sept	£135.00	Cheque 100643
Lisa Cope	Postage/ Stationery/ Expenses	£48.02	Cheque 100644
HMRC	Tax	£106.40	Cheque 100645
Lisa Cope	Staffing costs	£425.44	Cheque 100646

b) Budget 2023/24

A draft budget was presented to all Cllrs by the Clerk for 2023/24 to start considering before the January meeting

10. NEW VILLAGE BENCH

Cllrs requested the Clerk contact the company to order the bench and see if it can be ordered and paid for but stored until a March delivery date when the weather would be more agreeable for installation.

11. SWDP CONSULTATION

All Cllrs were shown maps of the SWDP and the proposed development at Throckmorton, a Public event is being held on Monday 14th November at Bishampton Village Hall 1-8pm to inform people of the plans, Cllr Edwards agreed to attend the meeting and put forward some of the concerns from Cllrs. These included concerns on sewage provision, construction traffic and the pressure on current services such as Worcester Hospital. The consultation ends on 13th December and so any comments need to be submitted to the planning inspector before this date.

12. PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE

Cllr Howarth suggested that being a small village at present a website is not necessary and communications are good within the village- all Cllrs agreed and will re-visit again in the future.

13. CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk shared correspondence regarding the SWDP with all Cllrs

14. COUNCILLORS REPORTS AND ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA

Cllr Howarth requested co-option be on the January agenda
Confirming the 2023/24 budget and precept will be on the January agenda

15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next Meeting was confirmed as Tuesday 10th January 2023 starting at 7.30pm in the Church.

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