

## Honeybourne Parish Council

### Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Parish Council

Held as a virtual meeting via the internet at 7:15 pm on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2020.

#### In attendance

Cllrs. Graham Clelland (Chairman), Cathryn Steward, Colin Clear, Chris Gear, Sylvia Matthews, Trevor Askew, Heath Jobes, Graham Taylor, Jonathan Barnes, and Matt Henson

**Also in attendance:** J Stedman (Clerk), and nine members of the public. Cllr Cathryn Steward hosted the virtual meeting and Cllr Graham Clelland (Chairman) Chaired the meeting

**303. Apologies accepted:** Cllr Andy Attridge Covid-19 related business matters

#### 304. Disclosures of Interests

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

**Disclosable Pecuniary; Cllr Matt Henson** – Siting if a container on the sports & recreation field - Minute 306A

#### • Open forum: The chairman adjourned the meeting for open forum

Summary of matters raise by the public in attendance:

- The planning application 20/01124/OUT for the construction of up to 65 dwelling off Stratford prompted many comments from the public present.
- Stormwater runoff causing local flooding on Harvard Avenue and under the two railway bridges were the main topics, The proposed site access onto Stratford Road was considered to be an unsuitable highway layout and a mini roundabout was suggested along with a further roundabout at the Gate Inn crossroads as traffic numbers will increase greatly at the Gate Inn crossroads. To further improve highway safety, it was suggested the 30mph zone is extended on Stratford Road to the Pebworth side of the two railway bridges and traffic calming is installed on Stratford Road. The chairman confirmed the flooding matter will be raised with the WDC planning and engineering officers and highway matter referred to the County Council ward member Cllr Alistair Adams.  
Strong opposition was made to the 65 houses was made as it was considered over development of the site and not conforming to the Honeybourne NDP housing policy. Furthermore, the proposed housing mix of affordable and market houses and the allocation of bungalows is not in keeping with the NDP housing policy.  
It was stated that newts and bats are on the site and require consideration by the developer.
- Comments were received regarding the biofuel processing plant on the Honeybourne airfield whereby large lorries are speeding at 20-30 mph on the site tracks which are crossed by a public footpath at a point where visibility of the track is limited by high soil bunds making a dangerous crossing point for footpath users. The Chairman confirmed that our ward member Cllr Thomas Havemann-Mart has taken up the matter and is pursuing safety signage with the site operator for the area.
- Concerns were raised over the large number of dead wildlife in the fields near the biofuel site as many species can be found laid in the grass and none appear to be shot or killed by predators and may have been poisoned. The matter will be brought to the attention of the Environment Health Department.

The Chairman closed open forum and reconvened the meeting at 8.05

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### 305. Planning application for consideration

- a. 20/01124/OUT: Location: Land Off, Stratford Road, Honeybourne; Proposal: Outline planning application for the construction of up to 65 no. dwellings (Class C3) with associated open space, landscaping and access, drainage and services infrastructure; to include details of access off Stratford Road, with all other matters reserved.

Members inspected the site drainage plans in detail and considered the drainage of stormwater emanating from the railway track has not been fully considered in the SuDS proposals for the site. Some of the sites open ditches may exacerbate the regular flooding of the two bridges on Stratford Road. To address the local flooding concerned the WDC flooding engineers will be requested to carry out a full assessment of the situation.

Many highway matters were considered and will be brought to the attention of Cllr Alistair Adams and included in the council response. Conformity with the Honeybourne NDP was also raised as some aspects of the application do not fully accord with policies of the NDP or SWDP.

Notwithstanding the site is supported for development in the Honeybourne NDP the proposals of this application are contrary to some planning policies therefore the following consideration and comments will be submitted for the application as an objection in principal

- b. Honeybourne Parish Council objects in principal to the application for the following reasons:
- The proposed SuDS for the site are considered to be inadequate to mitigate the regular flooding on Stratford Road under the two railway bridges and the council request a further flooding risk assessment is carried out by the WDC flooding engineers taking in to account the drainage of stormwater emanating from the railway track onto the development site.
  - The proposal of 65 dwelling is considered an over development of the site and contrary to the density recommendations for housing in the SWDP. The council would expect up to 60 dwellings in accordance with policy H1 of the NDP
  - The allocation of affordable and shared ownership on this proposed development (40%) is considered excessive and fails to allow local residents to downsize or upsize due to the limited amount of open market dwellings.
  - The proposed mix of affordable, social and market housing of one-bedroom properties is contrary the NDP policy H2, as no allocation has been made for open market one-bedroom properties.
  - The proposed number of bungalows is not in keeping with the needs of the parish as defined in policy H3 of the NDP whereby 20% of dwellings should be bungalows to fulfil local needs with a higher allocation of these being allocated to the open market dwellings.
  - The SWDP policy for housing development allocation is currently being achieved up until 2025, therefore this development should not commence until the requirement for more new dwellings is met.

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- The Council requests a traffic management assessment and implementation funded by the developments Sec 106 agreement.  
The assessment is to evaluate the increased traffic volumes at the Mickleton Lane junction which currently has poor highway viability on to Stratford Road.  
Consideration should be given for a mini roundabout to be installed at the junction of Mickleton Lane which would also have a traffic calming and speed reduction effect on the straight section of Stratford Road.  
The 30mph zone on Stratford Road to be extended to beyond the two railway bridges towards Pebworth and consideration for a roundabout at the Gate Inn crossroads to improve highway safety.  
Furthermore, the continuation of resurfacing the footway on Stratford Road as this was only partly carried by the County Highways two years ago.

**Note** Cllr Matt Henson was moved to the Zoom waiting room for the next item and took no part in the debate

#### 306. Sport & Recreation field

- a. Council considered and approved a proposal from Honeybourne Harriers Football club to store occasional use football associated items in the loft of the pavilion thereby negating the need for a further storage container - **Resolved**

#### 307. Village News publication

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

The following resolution was agreed, and members of the public left the meeting: -  
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 leave the meeting.

- b. Having considered all the recent correspondence relating to the financing and management of the village newsletter the Council agreed that an independent voluntary community group will be initiated to fully manage the business of the Village Newsletter publication.

The management group will consist of three volunteer councillors: Graham Taylor, Matt Henson and Trevor Askew and at least three or more independent volunteers from the parish. The Parish Council will financially support the group with necessary funding to enable its establishment to then become fully independent and self-funding publishing group for the Honeybourne Village News.

- c. It was further agreed to request Mrs Claire Poore to produce further newsletters as necessary to allow the advertising of the need for community volunteers to join the group and allow time for the volunteers to get the new group established and operational. Claire will be paid the publication fee as requested and Poore Prints can print the publication. The Parish Council will fund the current newsletters publication printing, and receive and hold the bank account funds from the existing Honeybourne news bank account as requested by the editor until the new group is fully established with their own bank account to receive the transfer of surplus funds from the council.
- d. The council agree the publication name of Honeybourne Village News should be retained for all future publications.
- e. Delegation to the Clerk; Council agreed to delegate to the Clerk all business matters and financing requirements to initiate the group and receive the transfer from Claire of the

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accounts, client details and business funds to enable the group to progress to its establishment.

#### 308. Meeting Dates:

- a. The next formal meeting is scheduled for July 14<sup>th</sup> via video link if deemed necessary; this will bring meeting date back to normal dates and times of the second Tuesday in the month

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.05pm

Chairman \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Payments Authorised			Gross	Net
Cheque Number	Payee	Details	Payment	Payment
DD	Npower	Streetlight energy	3593.12	2994.27
1933	Limebridge RS	Amenity maintenance contract	2829.60	2358.00
DD	British Gas	Electricity Pavilion	23.91	22.78
1934	Cancelled	Writing error	0.00	0.00
1935	Mr Geoff Bradley	Internal Audit	105.00	105.00
1936	J Stedman	Clerks salary and expenses	***	***
1936	J Stedman	Reimburse card payment for Zoom	14.39	11.99
1937	Kevin Gisbourne	Skip hire for allotments	225.00	187.50
1938	John Hyde	Handyman Works	122.40	122.40
1938	John Hyde	Lengthsman Works	110.60	110.60