

Honeybourne Parish Council

Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting held at Honeybourne School on 10th January 2012

Prior to the meeting at 7.00 pm, Mr Roy Fullee the County Highways area officer informed the meeting that Bretforton Road will be fully patched and top dressed next summer. He commented on several aspects of speed reduction on Weston Road and Station Road; he would give favourable consideration to village access gates as long as the Parish Council made a substantial funding contribution, VAS signs could be an option but other methods should be applied first, he favoured using various road markings as a speed deterrent in the first instance and then move to other methods if necessary. He did agree the recent speed monitoring indicated the average speed to be in the upper thirties indicating control measures would be advantageous. Taking questions on the sites of the 30 MPH limits he will investigate the possibility of moving them further out on the Station Road and Weston Road approaches to the village. Concerns were raised by members over the HGV access to the field on the northeast side of the railway bridge and Roy said he would look at the situation when assessing the speed limit boundaries. Chicanes were considered to be a last resort if all other measures fail to reduce the traffic speed. When asked about the proposal to put a controlled pedestrian crossing at the Gate Inn cross roads he indicated it was not a feasible option because all four roads on the cross roads would need to be controlled making a very expensive and over complicated project. Members raised the issue that Stevenson Way was outside of the 30MPH zone, Roy agreed to look into resolving the matter when assessing the new sites for the existing speed boundaries. The siting of our new parish owned grit bins was brought to Roy's attention as the bin on Green Close is completely in the wrong place and needs moving, as the Highways department installed the bins and filled them with grit Roy will make a request to have the bin moved to the requested site.

The Chairman thanked Mr Fullee for his positive views on our highway concerns and his attendance at our meeting.

The Formal meeting commenced at 7.30 pm

Present: Cllrs. B Johnson, A Attridge, D George, A Simmons, S Matthews, T Probert, S Kendrick, D Cowan, M Powell and G Clelland.

In Attendance: Mr J Stedman (Clerk), Cllr. Alistair Adams, Cllr Tom Bean and nineteen members of the public.

209. Apologies: none

210. Disclosures of Interests

- a. Member's disclosure of any personal or prejudicial interests in items on the agenda.

Personal Interests:

Cllr Graham Clelland- minute 213 a & b, both planning applications as a near neighbour to the sites and as a local business owner

Cllr Trish Probert minute 213 a & b, both planning applications as a local business owner

Cllr Sylvia Mathews - minute 212a & 227e as a member of the Village Hall Committee

- b. **Personal and Prejudicial Interests:** None declared.

The Chairman adjourned the meeting for public open forum.

Public Open Forum;

A member of the public asked if the railway bridge traffic lights were now operating correctly to allow motorbikes and cyclists to activate them, the Chairman confirmed the original technical problem was now resolved.

A further question was the fitment of motion sensors to the lights on the railway pedestrian bridge to allow the light to be on only when needed. The Chairman confirmed this question was put the network rail who confirmed health and safety regulation restricted the use of any such controls, but confirmed that the Council will raise the issue again

Honeybourne Parish Council

Many parishioners made various comments either supporting or objecting to the Lioncourt and Sharba Homes planning applications which is to be considered by the Council.

Some points raised are summarised below: -

Local landscape views are important and should be preserved

Intensification of traffic in Station Road

The offer of payments to "buy" the application

The objection from CPRE posted on the Planning portal

The Historical sheep sale site should be protected from development

The sheep sale field is within the village and in walking distance of village shops

The proposed pedestrian crossing will be a benefit to the village

The Sheep sales have finished for ever therefore no longer an issue

The field will end up as an abandoned mess

44 Homes are enough for Honeybourne's current allocation

SWDP preferred site should only be used for development

Any developments should be central to the village

Potential parking in Station Road will be a danger to road users

The proposed increased trains will have a major impact on the Lioncourt site.

The line gas pipe is not safe for public open space use

The Sheep sale field is an important green space dividing Cow and Church Honeybourne.

The majority of public comments objected to both the Lioncourt and Sharba Homes sites.

Ward Members Reports

Cllr Tom Bean informed the meeting he had nothing further to report and left the meeting.

Cllr Alistair Adams: issued his regular written report which is appended to the minutes, he added to his report that two stray dogs were collected in the village by the dog warden over the Christmas period and only one had been claimed by its owner

The Chairman closed the adjournment at 7:55 and reconvened the meeting.

211. Minutes:

- a. Council agreed the wording of the minutes of the December 11 Council meeting which were signed by the Chairman as a true record of the meeting
- b. Council agreed the rewording of the amended minute 156 of the November council meeting. The minutes were signed by the Chairman as a true record of the meeting.

212. Clerk's Report on Matters in Progress:

- a. Closure of the Village Hall – the Village Hall Chairman's Report was circulated to all members for information and it was noted that minor repairs will be immediately undertaken at a total cost of £1,120 including the VAT
- b. Confirmation that the terms and conditions for transferring responsibility for field maintenance have been sent to the Football Club and VISA
- c. Conservation area appraisal update – the conservation officer confirmed the appraisal will be completed shortly.
- d. The dangerous wall at Baldwyn Court update. – a letter has been sent to the relevant properties bringing their attention to the issue
- e. Problems with the dog waste bin at the Station. The un-maintained bin matter is now resolved as Network rail will be maintaining it in future and a new bin will be installed on the station access road as it was removed by the construction contractors.
- f. Sport Relief 2012 campaign will be organized by Mr Steve Bullen who has registered as co-ordinator for the event.
- g. Confirmation that Barton Wilmore will make a presentation on behalf of Taylor Wimpy at the February meeting, the presentation is for developments at the Grange Farm site.

Honeybourne Parish Council

213. Planning – Application to consider

- a. **Re- consideration of:** - W/11/02531/OU Lioncourt – Outline development of land off Dudley Road and Station Road.

After considering all the new and varied issues involving this application site the council re-affirmed their original objection to this application.

- b. **W/11/02686/PN Sharba Homes**, land off Station Road, construction of 44 dwellings and public open space.

The Council had received copious correspondence from parishioners over the application, the majority of which objected to the proposals. In full consideration of this correspondence along with the data from the council's SWDP questionnaire and local planning policy the Council unanimously agreed to make a strong objection to the application. A document outlining many policy issues and local concerns was circulated to members and it was agreed the wording of this should form the basis of the Council's objection to the application. The Clerk in consultation with the Chairman will submit the objection to WDC

It was further agreed the Clerk should draft a letter to send the each planning committee member prior to the application planning meeting expressing the local concerns over the sheep sale field.

214. Planning Decisions noted:

- a. W/11/2217/PP Mr Ikin, Stratford Road – New on site garage - Granted with 4 conditions

215. Cemetery & Churchyard

- a. **Tree pollarding** and clearance works; the Clerk reported the contractor will start the works later this month

216. Street Lights:

- a. **Lighting faults** reported: none at this time
- b. The WCC streetlight report of January 2006 was reviewed and the Clerk is requested to issue a list of priority repairs for further consideration.

217. Public Rights of Way – Members reported the tarmac surface is breaking up and in very poor condition on the footpath from Westbourne to Stratford Road – PPW to be informed.

218. Highways:

- a. Highway matters to be reported to County Highways
- i. Potholes on Mickleton Lane before the bridge
 - ii. Potholes in Bretforton Road by the bridle way access
- b. Village wide litter picking – it was reported that 40 bags of litter had been collected so far from Weston Road and more litter picking would be carried out imminently.
- c. **New salt grit bins:** Four of the five bins requested have been installed and filled by the County Council. The siting of the grit bin in Green Close is completely in the wrong place and a request to have it moved to the requested site was passed to Roy Fullee for action.

219. Lengthsman & Handyman. No matters to report.

- a. Report on works completed. – Planting three tree on Elm Green completed

Honeybourne Parish Council

220. The Leys Playing Field

- a. Regular monthly visual inspection found no problems with the play equipment. Rain water is ponding in the access gateway which requires a hard-core top up. The safety surface under the swings requires the algae and moss cleaning off to mitigate any slip hazard. The swing frames would benefit from being re-painted – the Handyman will attend to the ponding and moss clearance and be requested to offer a quotation for the frame painting, volunteer painters will also be pursued.

221. Recreation Field

- a. **The ditch clearance** preferred contractor is proving difficult to be contacted by the Clerk, following new information from members the Clerk will make further efforts to contact him and complete the clearance works.
- b. **Easement:** The Chairman considered the easement document was now acceptable following several amendments and proposed its adoption by the Council, the proposal was agreed and the two copies of easement documents signed by the Chairman and witnessed by the Clerk in accordance with standing orders, the documents will be returned to Thomson Banks solicitors for further signatures.
- c. **STW:** A letter from Mr Bury regarding his letter sent to Severn Trent Water for the sewer connection was noted and a further communication from Mr. Bury confirmed the sewer discharge from the field would need to be pumped as the gravity fall was insufficient to gain access to the main sewer. Members noted this situation will add approximately £10,000 to the project costs.
- d. **Sport Relief 2012** - A request from Steve Bullen to use the field on 25th March for Sport Relief 2012 - Worcestershire Parishes event was agreed by the Council. The Clerk confirmed the event organisers would be responsible for their own public liability insurance.

222. VISA Report:

- a. Council considered the wording of the draft lease of the field to VISA and requested the Clerk to confirm the public liability insurance arrangements for events not controlled by the Parish Council and report to a future Council meeting.
- b. The VISA sign on the recreation field: The Clerk will write to VISA with suggestions for a more permanent sign and amended wording for the recreation field.

223. Stevenson Way:

- a. Cllr. David George reported on the balancing pond adoption meeting arranged by Taylor Wimpy for the residents of Cotswold View estate. The meeting was attended by some 20 residents of Cotswold view estate who agreed to the proposals put by the Taylor Wimpy representatives to enable the future adoption of the balancing pond by the Parish Council. These indicated it would be May or June before the estate legal matters are resolved and the scheme moves forward. The matter of Network Rail owning the highway access to the estate is still under discussion and waiting to be resolved.
- b. **Maintenance:** The Clerk reported on the request by Taylor Wimpy for residents to maintain the balancing pond site after the Parish Council had adopted it. The Clerk had refused the proposal as it would complicate the Council's public liability insurance.
- c. **Insurance:** A response was received from AON indicating their criteria to underwrite public liability insurance on the balancing pond if the Council adopts it. Council considered the Clerk should forward the information to Taylor Wimpy suggesting they action the criteria prior to further adoption requests.

224. **Emergency Plan:** Council agreed that the Emergency Plan documentation is delegated to the Clerk in consultation with the Chairman.

Honeybourne Parish Council

225. Party in the Park:

- a. **Car Parking:** the Clerk confirmed a letter has been sent to Mr Wheeler asking his permission to use his field opposite the recreation field for extra car parking space; no reply has been received to date and members agreed to wait until the next meeting before further correspondence.
- b. **Lottery License:** CALC confirmed a license is required for the proposed raffle and the Group will obtain the required license from WDC and pay the fee of £40.

226. Parish Council Newsletter:

- a. The Clerk's list of articles for inclusion in the newsletter was agreed and publication will take place as soon as possible. Draft copy will be circulated for final agreement before publication.

227. Finance:

- a. Council approval the Payments, Receipts and Balances schedule as in appendix A.
- b. Council agreed the third quarterly review of the Council's accounts, budgets and bank reconciliation as circulated by the Clerk.
- c. A review of the precept was considered in light of new information and with more changing circumstances it was agreed no changes were necessary.
- d. New Homes Bonus allocations of £2,047 to the parish. The Clerk will gain confirmation from WDC that the bonus can be used for streetlight improvements.
- e. Consideration of the Village Hall's request for financial help with floor repairs. The Village Hall's Chairman's report on the urgent floor repairs was considered and it was agreed to make a donation to cover the initial repairs.
- f. The local First Responder Frank Gould-Fellows requested a further donation and members considered he should attend a future meeting to justify his request. Clerk to make arrangements for Frank to attend the March meeting.

228. Matters raised by members and items for future agendas - None

229. Correspondence Noted –

- a. WCC Waste core strategy plan document submission – letter and CD.
- b. CPRE “Planning explained” booklet and covering letter.
- c. WDC Land Drainage copy letter to Mrs Robbins and The Gate Inn both stating a satisfactory clearance is complete.
- d. WCC Budget consultation briefing 18th January at 6.30pm
- e. WDC 2012 Community Grant leaflets and posters.
- f. Clerks and Councils direct
- g. WDC grant leaflets

230. Meeting Dates:

- a. It was confirmed the next Ordinary Meeting of the Council scheduled for 14th. February at the Village Hall at 7.30 pm: Barton Wilmore will make a presentation at 7.00 pm

231. There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 10.10 pm.

Chairman _____

Date _____

Honeybourne Parish Council**APPENDIX A: FINANCE****Payments Authorised 228 a**

Jan-12

Cheque No.	Payee	Details	Total Payment	VAT Element	Net Payment
956	Evesham Volunteer Ctr	Donation	100.00		100.00
957	The Vale G&C Club	Rec/Field Maintenance	180.00	30.00	150.00
958	Mr J Hyde	Tree planting	115.00		115.00
959	Hartwell & Co Ltd	Tree planting sundries	10.04	1.67	8.37
960	J Stedman	Clerks Salary and Expenses	360.05		360.05
961	HMRC	PAYE & NIC	393.27		393.27
			1,158.36	31.67	1,126.69

District Councillor report - Honeybourne**Month: January 2012****1. Planning**

I have received lots of emails and letters opposing the planning application by Sharba Homes re Sheep Sales Fields.

I have forwarded all correspondence to Jack Hegarty and Gill Collins at WDC.

2. Resident queries:

- (a) A resident had an issue where the planning officer had refused a retrospective planning application for a replacement PVCu window. I have liaised with the resident and Planning and hopefully found a solution. Awaiting a resubmission of planning.
- (b) Door to door collections. Little Treasures Childrens trust has again targeted Honeybourne and I again checked with Sue Gunnell to see if they were licensed for door to door collections, and found they she had no record of them applying for a license. She has passed the information to Trading standards.

3. Youth Club: I visited the youth club last month and handed over the cheque for £100 as a contribution from the Honeybourne & Pebworth Conservatives. Also I met the staff manning the Youth Bus and discussed how it was going. As a consequence of the visit an article about the Youth Club's plight with the village hall floor was mentioned in the local Evesham newspaper – see attached.

4. Village Hall: I have discussed the situation with the village hall floor with various officers to try and obtain some funding but as it is a maintenance issue, then there is little available. However, the response from Jem Teal (Community Grants at WDC) is there are various grants available for a new village hall, and he suggested speaking to the various developers who are trying to build new homes in Honeybourne how they can help with a new village hall. He is happy to get involved.

5. Broadband – BT have confirmed that the Badsey exchange that services Honeybourne has been upgraded although residents have not noticed any change! Michael Poore has updated the Honeybourne web site with lots of good information on Broadband and is part of a team looking to obtaining funds to help improve Broadband for Honeybourne

6. Litter picking: I chased Mark Edwards on numerous occasions to say litter was still a nuisance along Buckle Street through Honeybourne. Originally he assured me that it was being cleaned monthly, but after I forwarded emails to him from residents saying “No litter pickers had been seen and the rubbish was as bad as ever”, he sent an officer from WDC to inspect the street. It now seems FOSCA did not have Honeybourne on their monthly rota (there are 2 parts of the road?!). However, this has been corrected and over 40 bags of rubbish have been collected today, and they still have not finished. The litter pickers will be back tomorrow!

End of report.