

## Honeybourne Parish Council

Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting held at the Village Hall on 10<sup>th</sup> April 2012

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

**In Attendance:** Cllr Tom Bean, Mr J Stedman (Clerk) and six members of the public.

**256. Apologies were accepted from:** Cllr. G Clelland on holiday and Cllr. Alistair Adams on business

**257. Disclosures of Interests**

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

**Personal Interests:** Cllr Brian Johnson, minute 260 b and c as acquaintances and near neighbours

**Personal and Prejudicial Interests:** Cllr. Trish Probert, minute 280a business interest

The Chairman adjourned the meeting for public open forum.

**Public Open Forum;**

Comments and question from the public included: -

The VAS device on Station Road was faulty and now removed – Chairman indicated it would be investigated and a request for its return would be made to County Highways.

Bretforton Road resurfacing and the extensive potholes in Shinehall Lane.

Many issues were raised relating to the Lioncourt and Sharba Homes planning appeals and the involvement of the Village Hall in the development plans for the Lioncourt site and the Grange Farm site. The chairman confirmed that all matters relating to the Village Hall development were not Parish Council business as the Village Hall is an independent charity not connected to the Parish Council. The Parish Council have an interest in all community matter and will monitor any Village Hall proposed developments.

**Ward Members Reports**

**Cllr. Tom Bean:** report is appended to the minutes.

**Cllr. Alistair Adams:** In his absence his regular report was issued and is appended to the minutes.

The Chairman closed the adjournment at 7:48 and reconvened the meeting.

**258. Minutes:**

- a. Council agreed the wording of the minutes of the March 12 Council meeting; the Chairman signed the minutes as a true record of the meeting.

**259. Clerk's Report on Matters in Progress:**

- a. Hedge overgrowth at 18 Grove Avenue; members reported it was now cut back but only minimally
- b. Hedge overgrowth in School Road; no action had been taken and it was agreed to refer the matter to County Council highways
- c. Letter to Mr Peter Cole regarding the Lengthsman job application - noted
- d. New Litterbin installation opposite The Gate Inn and the replacement Litterbin in Stratford Road no action to date, Clerk to investigate
- e. Recreation field verge litter pick and levelling; members reported the work complete and satisfactory
- f. VAS in Station Road reported as faulty 28/03; the VAS has now been removed and it was agreed to request its return as soon as possible.
- g. Honeybourne sport relief event update; Members reported how successful and enjoyable the event was and requested a letter of thanks be sent to Steve Bullen for his excellent organisation.

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### 260. Planning – Application to consider

- a. WCC 12/00001/REG3 Honeybourne First School, retention of a double classroom modular building. The Council has no objection or comment on the application
- b. W/12/00597/PP, Mr P Rainey, 45 School Street – Erection of a two storey side extension The Council has no objection or comment on the application
- c. W/12/00689/PP Mr S Rolls, 23 High Street, two storey side extension and rebuild existing rear extension. The Council has no objection or comment on the application

### 261. Planning Decisions noted:

- a. W/12/00153/LB Mrs M Fancutt, 35 High Street, replacement doors and windows (retrospective) Granted with 2 conditions

### 262. Planning Matters

- a. Sharba Homes planning appeal- Council agreed further representation should be made to the appeal inspector, Clerk to action this.
- b. MP for involvement in the Sharba Homes and Lioncourt appeals. It was agreed to request the MP's support for both appeals and copy our correspondence to him.
- c. Council considered the reply from WDC planning regarding the Lioncourt letter received last month and agreed the WDC content should form the Parish Councils response to Lioncourt. Clerk to action the response.
- d. Grange Farm: Barton Wilmore has confirmed a public presentation of its proposals for Grange Farm on 20th April in the Village Hall.
- e. Barton Wilmore's request for delegates to their planning workshop for Grange Farm; the following members agreed to attend: - Brian Johnson, Sandra Kendrick, Mike Powell and David George.

### 263. Neighbourhood Plan

- a. Neighbourhood Plan process. The Clerk reported that the lead planning officer at WDC will be arranging a neighbourhood plan workshop in late May when it is hoped all the necessary information will be available to start the neighbourhood plan process.
- b. WDC neighbourhood plan seminar at Pershore on 28th March. Cllr's Brian Johnson and Mike Powell reported on the very informative meeting giving an overview of the new opportunities and restrictions the plan will bring.

### 264. Cemetery & Churchyard

- a. The Clerk reported on the interment of Mr Derek Wheeler in Grave 37A
- b. Following a request to have the ditch by the bridge litter-picked and a further letter regarding litter in the Cemetery car park it was agreed to have the ditch and car park litter picked by the Handyman. It was further agreed to move the "No Ball Games" sign on to the new fence making it more prominent and remove a broken vase from the Garden of Remembrance. The PCSO, Julie Pardoe will be informed of the on-going littering.

### 265. Street Lights:

- a. **Lighting faults** reported: none at this time

- 266. Public Rights of Way** – the footpath from Westbourne to Stratford continues to have surface deterioration problems and a strong request for remedial work will be made to County Council Highways, copy to Cllr. Tom Bean

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### 267. Highways:

- a. Highway matters to be reported to County Highways
  - i. A pothole close to the junction of Station Road and Dudley Road
  - ii. Poden Lane railway bridge approach has a subsidence crack in the carriageway.

### 268. Lengthsman & Handyman.

- a. The Clerk confirmed that Mr John Hyde has accepted the post of Lengthsman and his training is arranged to take place on 29th May at Malvern.
- b. Council agreed to the continuation of the Lengthsman contract with WCC, and noted the scheme allowance for 2012 is £2072.78

### 269. The Leys Playing Field

- a. The Chairman's regular monthly visual inspection found no safety issues but the large knife cut in a safety surface was not repaired, the Handyman will be requested to apply an appropriate repair, it was also noted that bird droppings need cleaning up from the swings and the field required mowing.
- b. The Clerk reported that the annual safety inspection and risk assessment had been requested from Wicksteed and the report is expected for the May meeting.
- c. Swing re-paint: This work is in hand and will be carried out after the Easter school holidays.

### 270. VISA and Recreation Field :

- a. **Field Maintenance:** The Clerk reported he had not received the public liability insurance for carrying out field maintenance; Cllr. David Cowan offered to remind Ian Trout of the need to issue insurance details to the Clerk.
- b. **VISA field lease;** the Clerk reported the lease had now been sent to the VISA solicitors for their consideration. Clerk to request a copy for Parish Council consideration and verification.
- c. The issue of the poor quality grass was raised and a report on this will be published in the May newsletter.
- d. Access for dogs was raised and it was agreed to make further enquiries with WDC regarding bylaw enforcement, furthermore, any event organisers using the field can display "No Dogs" signs for their event.

271. **PACT:** The litter problem at the cemetery car park to be reported to the PCSO, copy of the photograph received to be sent with the request for action.

### 272. Party in the Park:

- a. Report: Cllr. Trish Probert issued a comprehensive report and financial update on the events progress; members noted the report and complimented Trish and the working party on their excellent efforts and achievements in fund raising and organising the event. It was also reported that The St. Johns Ambulance services would provide first aid cover for the event at a cost of £90

### 273. Insurance Providers:

- a. Council considered insurance quotations from:- Aon Alliance, Came & Company and Zurich insurance. After comparisons of schedules and premiums it was unanimously agreed to accept the Came & Company offer, The Clerk to make the contractual arrangements for the forthcoming year.

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### 274. Policy

- a. The Clerk requested the Council to consider winding up all Council Working Parties except Finance and to move towards “Lead Members” for designated functions. Members supported the proposal and the suggested responsibilities will be sent around members for consideration before the May agenda is published. Any new items will be changed on the May agenda for the next Council year.

### 275. Finance:

- a. The Council approved the Payments, Receipts and Balances as listed in appendix A
- b. Members considered a letter from CAB requesting a £500 donation; it was agreed that a £100 donation would be appropriate and paid at the next meeting.
- c. Council approved the last financial quarterly budget, bank reconciliation and account balances as circulated by the Clerk
- d. The Clerk reported on the receipt of the VAT claim for £801.60

### 276. Matters raised by members and items for future agendas - none

### 277. Correspondence: For consideration

- a. NHS Gloucestershire: Application by Dr Bointon of Chipping Campden to dispense to patients in Mickleton - Noted
- b. WCC Think Local in Worcestershire consultation – Members will consider the questionnaire at the May meeting.
- c. WDC Wychavon Bursary Award scheme, £50 contribution required - Noted

### 278. Correspondence Noted –

- a. WDC Land Drainage water course maintenance at Silverdale Station Road – Mrs Wood
- b. WDC Land Drainage water course maintenance at Domestic Fowl Trust Station Road – Mr Ford
- c. The Shakespeare Hospice news letter

### 279. Meeting Dates:

- a. It was confirmed the next Ordinary Meeting is scheduled for the 8th May at the Village Hall at 7.30 pm and The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on April 17th at 7.30pm

**Cllr Trish Probert** having declared a Personal and Prejudicial Interests in the next item left the meeting

### 280. Confidential Matters:

Exclusion of the Public from the Meeting. Council agreed the following resolution: -  
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 withdraw.

- a. **Rural Rate Relief** – Council considered and agreed to fully support with a financial contribution rural rate relief applications from both Camfields Ltd of 40 Stratford Road and Mrs PH Probert of 36 High Street.

281. There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.32 pm.

Chairman \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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### County Council Ward Member Cllr. Tom Bean report

Cllr. Bean informed the meeting that the Hartlebury waste to energy plant enquiry had not concluded on a decision. Cllr Bean indicated the current £6m landfill tax bill would continue to rise particularly if the plant is not granted permission. He questioned the Council over the Gloster Ades verge levelling as he had received complaints from a resident from the area; members informed Cllr Bean that the works were now completed by the Council's handyman.

### District Councillor report - Honeybourne

Month: April 2012

Prepared by Alastair Adams – Honeybourne & Pebworth Ward,  
Wychavon District Council

#### 1. Planning

- a. **70 dwellings - Lioncourt Homes development at Station Road** - As I mentioned in last month's report, Lioncourt appealed against the WDC planning decision which refused their application to build 70 houses in Station Road. The decision will now be reviewed by the Planning Inspectorate, and they have informed us it will in the form of an **Inquiry** which is similar to a court hearing with legal representatives. The Inquiry will most likely take place at the Civic Centre in Pershore. However, there is a backlog due to the number of developers appealing against decisions so the view is that this will not occur for many months. At March's Parish Council it was mentioned that an email had been received from the developer suggesting that they were willing to amend their plans. Before responding to this email, the Parish Council asked me to seek advice from the Head of Planning at WDC. This I did, and reported back to the Parish Council.
- b. **SWDP** –nothing new to report this month.
- c. **Honeybourne Parish Council awarded £20,000** from central government to help develop a neighbourhood plan
- d. **Making places better through local & neighbourhood plans** – I attended a conference on 20<sup>th</sup> March in Birmingham on neighbourhood plans with planning officer Andrew Ford and the chairman of the WDC planning committee, Councillor Robinson. I have also obtained copies for the Parish Council of the "Guide to neighbourhood planning" produced by the CPRE (Campaign to Protect Rural England).
- e. **44 dwellings – Sheep Sales Fields – Sharba Homes W/11/02686/PN**  
Further to the rejection of the planning application by the WDC planning committee last month (1/3/12), Sharba Homes has now appealed against the decision on 23/3/12. This means, that like Lioncourt's rejected planning application, the Planning Inspectorate will now undertake an **Inquiry**, so again the view is that this will not occur for many months. Please note the following from the Notification of Planning Appeal;  
*"PLANNING INSPECTORATE REF:- APP/H1840/A/12/2172588  
If you wish to make comments, or modify/withdraw your previous representation, you can do so on the Planning Portal at [www.planningportal.gov.uk/pcs](http://www.planningportal.gov.uk/pcs). If you do not have access to the internet, you can send three copies to The Planning Inspectorate, The Planning Inspectorate, Room 3/10c Wing, Temple Quay House, 2 The Square, Temple Quay, Bristol BS1 6PN or you can email directly to: [teamp11@pins.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:teamp11@pins.gsi.gov.uk)  
All representations must be received to the Planning Inspectorate by 04/05/2012."*

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### 2. Resident queries:

- (a) **Wheelie bins** – it was mentioned by several residents that the FOSCA dustmen do not always put the wheelie bins back where they found them, and this can cause problems trying to locate one's bin afterwards. Also, some bins are left precariously close to the road and in windy conditions could be blown into the road. I discussed this with the Head of Community Services at WDC, and the matter was raised with FOSCA.
- (b) **Dog bin at Honeybourne station.** I understand the bin has been emptied, and a new bin of the correct type is being fitted in the old location.

- 3. **Broadband** –I met with the BT Broadband manager on 14<sup>th</sup> March in Pebworth. Although the cost of the Broadband feasibility report for Pebworth & Honeybourne using Grey Sky Consulting and David Lewis has been agreed to be paid by WDC, PCC and HPC, Worcester County Council have asked us to put it on hold until their plans are approved with BDUK. I am frustrated that progress is tediously slow; a bit like Broadband is in some parts of the Parishes!
- 4. **Speeding – reminder 30mph – please drive carefully** I have managed to get WDC to agree we can apply 30mph reminder stickers to their wheelie bins. This has proved in other villages to be an effective way to remind drivers of the speed limit when on bin day there are lots of wheelie bins by the side of the road all with these large 30mph reminder signs. For Pebworth I have obtained 100 self-adhesive stickers, and if Honeybourne Parish Council would also like some, they cost £60 for 100 stickers. Please let me know.

End of report.