

Honeybourne Parish Council
Minutes of the Honeybourne Parish Council Meeting held at the
Village Hall on 8th October 2013

Prior to the meeting at 7.00pm David Wilson Homes representatives made a presentation to the Councillors on their proposals for the Station Road development site. The 44 house approved plans were displayed along with the latest proposal of 35 dwelling which will include 37% affordable homes. An assurance was given that the original section 106 payments would still be made even if less homes are built and they support that the funds be used for any project the Parish Council wishes. A further assurance was given that the hedgerow fronting the site would be retained and reinstated where necessary. They informed the meeting that many very positive responses had been received from the 45-50 members of the public who attended their afternoon presentation. The new planning application for the 35 dwelling has been lodged with WDC.

A positive response was received over opening a dialogue on the adoption of the site's public open space areas and balancing pond.

Agenda items:

Present: Cllrs. T Probert, G Clelland, A Simmons, D George, D Cowan, S Matthews & C Clear

In Attendance: Mr J Stedman (Clerk), Cllr Alistair Adams and one members of the public

In the absence of the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman Cllr David Cowan took the Chair

121. Apologies: were accepted from - Cllrs. B Johnson, M Powell, A Attridge and P Brookes

122. Disclosures of Interests

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

Disclosable Pecuniary Interests: Cllr T Probert minute 127a, if discussed

Other Disclosable Interests: none

Register of Interests: The Chairman reminded members of the need to update their register of interests and that the Clerk has copies of all members register of interests if they wish to review them.

Cllr Trish Probert informed the meeting that changes to her register of interests had been lodged with the monitoring officer.

123. The Chairman adjourned the meeting for public open forum.

Public Open Forum: no one from the public wished to speak

Cllr Alistair Adams gave his District and County Council reports and responded to members questions – his report is appended to the minutes

The Chairman closed the adjournment and reconvened the meeting at 8.10 pm

124. Minutes:

- a. Council agreed the wording of the minutes of the September ordinary Council meeting and the Chairman signed them as a true record of the meeting.

125. Clerk's Report on Matters in Progress:

- a. Pictures of The Leys play equipment were sent to WDC to update their database
- b. A request for mowing of the allotment site and the lower area of The Leys was sent to the contractor, no further report was available.

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- c. Introduction of Becky Wilkes, our new Police Community Support Officer, for Evesham Rural North – Becky has been invited to attend the November meeting.
- d. A favourable response was received regarding the request to The Gate Inn football manager to remove the goal posts from The Leys. Members reported the goalposts are still in place. A request to have The Leys gate keys returned to the Council will be made to the football manager.
- e. The response received regarding the request to use The Leys for a Sport England event was noted.
- f. Highway and traffic issues on Station Road raised with David Wilson Homes – confirmation was received that remedial action would be taken to keep HGV's and mud off the highway.
- g. Gate Inn cross roads notice board glass replacements is now completed. Matter resolved

126. Planning Applications–

- a. **W/13/01885/LB:** Mr a Guppy the Forge House, 6 School Street; Proposal: To Remove (i) shower enclosure (ii) brick canopy in lounge and (iii) ceiling to kitchen. Replace and add windows. The Council has no objection or comment on the application.
- b. **W/13/01881/PN** - 40 Stratford Road, Honeybourne: single story extension for a Fish & Chip Shop – The council wishes the following matters to be considered: - Two new litterbins should be provided in the vicinity of the shop, the proposed opening hours should be made a condition of the applications grant of permission and car park traffic movements should be controlled by a **in only** off Grove Avenue and **out only** on Stratford Road.
- c. **W/13/01999/PP:** 5 Weston Road, Honeybourne, Proposal: Two storey side extension and single storey rear extension. The Council has no objection or comment on the application
- d. **Appeal:** APP/H1840/A/13/2205298 Appellant(s) Name: Mrs V R Hall, Mr A J Shorey & Mrs E A O'Sullivan Proposal: Land off High Street: Outline application residential development comprising of up to 14 no. dwelling houses, access road, area of open space and drainage improvements. The Clerk had circulated a draft statement for the appeal and members agreed the statement was satisfactory and should be submitted to the inspector. Clerk to action this.
- e. David Wilson Homes proposals: following their public presentation and the subsequent discussion with Councillors the general consensus was to be supportive of the revised plan for 35 dwelling and the changes of house designs as it is an improvement on the existing plan for 44 dwellings. Formal comments will be made on the proposals when the application is received for consultation.

127. Planning Decisions Noted:

- a. **W/13/01741/CU**, Mrs Probert, Honeybourne Post Office – change of use from post office to residential. **Granted** with 2 conditions
- b. **W/13/01224/RM** Lioncourt Homes ltd Proposal: Land between Dudley Road and, Station Road, Erection of 16 units on plots 1 to 10,11,42,52 to 56 and 59 to 61, amendment to scheme approved under Application Ref. No. W/13/00183/RM. Application **Granted** with 4 conditions.

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128. Planning Matters:

- a) **Conservation area appraisal:** The proposals for boundary changes put by the Conservation Officers were considered and strong objections were made over the inclusion of the area surrounding the Village Hall site. The inclusion of this area would have a detrimental impact on the new Village Hall project by devaluing the potential revenue from developing the old Village Hall site. A further objection was raised regarding the removal of a section of High Street from the conservation area boundary as some listed buildings are in the section which it forms a distinctive part of the High Streets character. Other smaller inclusions and realignments of the conservation area boundary were accepted. Clerk to respond to the officers accordingly.
- b) **Lioncourt site:** Members confirm that an extraordinary Parish Council meeting will be held on 21st October to receive proposals from Lioncourt for the adoption of POS and balancing ponds on the Station Road development site.
- c) Members agreed the designation of previously agreed street names for the Lioncourt site off Station Road.

129. Finance:

- a. The Council approved the Payments, Receipts and Balances as listed in appendix A
- b. Confirmation of the receipt of the second precept payment of £26,500.00 was noted.
- c. Council agreed the second quarterly bank reconciliation, account budgets and balances as circulated by the Clerk.
- d. Members noted the WDC officers report on the New Homes Bonus meeting at Pershore

130. Council and Community Matters for Consideration–

- a. **New Noticeboards:** The prison officers are trying to source suitable struts for the notice board door, further reports at the next meeting.
- b. **Bus Shelter bench:** The bench is ordered and will be available later in the year.
- c. **General Power of Competence:** Council agreed to gain the new power and supported the Clerk who will need to gain the necessary extra qualification to enable the power to be used.

131. Cemetery & Churchyard

- a. The Clerk reported that the proposed remedial works to the Church path resurfacing is waiting for PCC approval which may take some time.
- b. Weeds on the Church path were reported to the mowing contractor for his attention on 15 September, no further information was available on the matter.
- c. The Clerk reported on the two memorial applications for the graves of Nigel Byrd and Theresa Shorey both conformed to the approved standard and full payment had been received for both.

132. Public Rights of Way:

- a. The PPW Cllr David Cowan reported the gate repair on 537 was completed, possible by the landowner. Also the footpath from Westbourne to Station Road needs strimming to clear undergrowth and brambles.
- b. The Council accepted a quotation for the re-laying of the brick sets on PROW 537 by the Church and the Clerk confirmed the County Council would reimburse the costs
- c. The Clerk reported on the confirmation of the order for BOAT HY 556
- d. The Clerk confirmed the payment from WCC for the footbridge repair works.

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133. Highways:

- a. Members reported the following highway matters
 - i. Potholes on Gloster Ades 500m from the houses still not repaired.
- b. The Clerk issued the report on the VAS deployment and infringement counts which indicated a reduction in infringements.
- d) 30MPH extension on Station Road: A site meeting was recently held with Kieran Hemstock of WCC regarding the speed limit extension to north of the railway bridge and he agreed to pursue the proposals with the necessary consultees and traffic orders. The proposed extension will be as far as Station House on the north side of the bridge, the Honeybourne Village sign will also be moved and one of the existing 30mph signposts remain in place for our VAS. Added to these changes a large “SLOW” will be painted on the road just north on the Gate Inn Cross roads to help further speed reductions.

134. Lengthsman and Handyman:

- a. It was agreed to request the Lengthsman to clear the ditch on the corner in School Street
- b. The Clerk reported on jobs completed or reported.
 - i. The completion of the trolley access to pavements in Green Close
 - ii. Tarmac installed under the seat on The Leys completed
 - iii. Reported for attention - Grit bin in Green Close vandalised
 - iv. Strim School Street corner ditch – later this week
 - v. Westbourne PROW strimming – later this week
- c. Members requested the Lengthsman checks all the village salt grit bins and reports any shortages in grit levels.

135. The Leys Playing Field:

- a. **Inspection:** The regular weekly visual inspection report was considered to be satisfactory.

136. VISA Field and VISA Ltd :

- a. The Clerk reported on the progress with the Project Manager whereby reports are awaited from Jem Teal for funding availability, Total Turf Solution for drainage and sports field preparation and detailed plans for pavilion and MUGA’s from the Architect. A meeting with the Clerk and Chairman has been arranged to consider further details of the project, a full report will be issued at the November meeting.

137. Village Hall:

- a. Mr Richard Kendrick, the Village Hall Vice-Chairman, requested the Council to object to the proposal to include the Village Hall site in the conservation boundary changes, the request was fully supported by the Council. The Village Hall committee did not favour more Parish Councillors on their committee as two were already in place and any more would give an imbalance of members. The Council agreed to this consideration and withdrew their request to delegate more Councillors on to the Village Hall committee. A further request for funding support was considered and the Clerk outlined the necessary procedures to enable the Parish Council to pay for their service providers, alternatively a lump sum could be paid to the committee on a formal request for a grant .
- b. As requested, the Council agreed to confirm in writing that the Parish Council would support the new Village Hall with all their meetings and any other council business.

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138. Matters Raised by Members for Consideration or Items for Future Agendas.

Chairman – to purchase a wreath for the armistice service on 10th November – Council agreed a £30 donation to cover the cost of a wreath, Cllr Ann Simmons offered to make the arrangement.

139. Correspondence Noted:

- a) Community Infrastructure Levy Preliminary Draft Charging Schedule consultation
- b) Letter from Network Rail ref: the station bridge

140. Meeting Dates:

- a. Members confirmed the next Ordinary Meeting is scheduled for the 12th November at the Village Hall at 7.30
- b. It was confirmed that an extraordinary Meeting is scheduled for the Monday 21st October at the Village Hall at 7.30 when Lioncourt representatives will address the Council.

- 141. 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

142. Consideration of applications for Rural Rate Relief from: -

Note: The Clerk informed the members that both application were for a different year's rate relief than the grants made to both of them at the September meeting. The current over spend on the council's grant budget was also brought to the attention of member.

- a. MRC Badham T/A Badham Motors 96 Stratford Road 2013-14 – it was agreed to support the application for a 50% rate reduction and the necessary Parish Council funding was made.
- b. Miss Lisa Weston Gate Inn Public House 2012-13 – it was agreed to support the application for a 50% rate reduction and the necessary Parish Council funding was made.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 10.12pm.

Chairman

Date

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APPENDIX A: FINANCE

Payments to be Authorised

Oct-13

Cheque No.	Payee	Details	Total Payment	VAT Element	Net Payment
1133	J Stedman	Clerks Salary and Expenses	451.11		451.11
1134	CALC	Clerk's Training event	5.00		5.00
1135	HMRC	PAYE & NIC	664.69		664.69
1136	John Hyde	Lengthsman's Works	116.75		116.75
1136	John Hyde	Handyman Works	78.75		78.75
1137	BPS Ltd	Repairs to Notice Board	4.37	0.73	3.64
1137	BPS Ltd	Tarmac for the Leys	45.18	7.53	37.65
1137	BPS Ltd	Leys safety surface repair	7.68	1.28	6.40
1138	GBD	Mowing Contract	571.03	95.17	475.86
1139	Worcestershire CC	Rent Primary School Field	572.70		572.70
1140	Royal British Legion	Wreath	30.00		30.00
1141	Wychavon District Council	Rate Relief Gate Inn & Badhams	467.58		467.58
			3,014.84	104.71	2,910.13

Account Transfer	£ 10,000.00	01-Oct
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Payments received and banked			
Received From	Details	Amount	Banked
Willcox Granite	Memorials inv/nos 187 & 188	240.00	08-Oct
Total		240.00	

All paid up Account Balances

CURRENT ACCOUNT	£10,042.14
DEPOSIT ACCOUNT	61,063.14
TOTAL FUND BALANCE	£71,105.28

Payments and Receipts Agreed

Chairman _____

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District Councillor report - Honeybourne Month: October 2013

Prepared by Alastair Adams
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Planning

1. **W/13/00132/OU - 380 new houses next to SIMS re-cycling plant in Pebworth/Long Marston Appeal ref APP/H1840/A/13/2202364** – Appeal inquiry confirmed dates are Tuesday 12th to 18th November. We need as many people to attend as possible to show opposition. Please attend if you can. It will be held in the Council Chamber at the Civic Centre in Pershore from 10am.
Posters are being printed by Vale Press. If you want one, please contact me on my email – adams.penworth@gmail.com
2. **W/13/00719 Land off High Street for 14 dwellings** - This has gone to appeal. Any further written comments must be sent to the inspector by 31/10/13. Correspondence should be addressed to: The Planning Inspectorate, 3/05a Wing Temple Quay House, 2 The Square, Temple Quay, Bristol BS1 6PN or you can email directly to: teamp11@pins.gsi.gov quoting planning appeal ref **APP/H1840/A/13/2205298**

Other Planning – Sheep Sales Field – David Wilson Homes, the developer, is still negotiating with WDC to build less houses on this site. Their latest proposal is 35 homes rather than the 44 on the original application that won at Appeal Public exhibition 8/10/13 occurred at the village hall where they explained their thinking.

Overview & Scrutiny

I am sitting the O&S panel looking into the performance of the WRS with the 6 other joint councils. This is a big review looking at the performance of the Worcestershire Regulatory Service – see what they cover by looking at their web site
<http://www.worcsregservices.gov.uk/default.aspx>

End of District Councillor report

County Councillor Report- Honeybourne Month: September 2013

Prepared by Alastair Adams
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Highways –

Since my last report, the main road from Honeybourne to Bretforton has been repaired and patched, with many of the patches being the full width of the roads – Hooray! It will be surface-dressed next Spring. Also Ferry Lane and Three Cocks Lane in Offenham have also been done this month. It has been estimated that Highways have spent nearly £2million since May improving roads in and around the Littletons Division; some may say about time too!

Points Raised by residents or council with updates:

1. **Buckle Street – overgrown hedge as you go up the hill out of Honeybourne on the Bidford Rd.**
This is still outstanding but I did chase it again this week

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2. **Footpath from Westbourne to Stratford Rd** – I have reported this and it has been inspected and agreed it will be done. To get it done sooner rather than later, I have agreed to finance it from my Councillors Highways fund. Still no date confirmed.
3. **Pavement going up Stratford Road** – surface cracking – reported
4. **30mph speed limit** Meeting held with Kieran Hemstock from Highways and parish councillors on 2nd October to discuss moving the 30mph sign to other side of railway Bridge towards Bidford. Kieran agreed! I emailed my approval. So now going through legal procedure.
5. **Blocked drain / culvert in School Lane** reported - ref SR5742152

The County Council has to save £100m by 2017. One way they are hoping to achieve this is via **Commissioning**. Commissioning means sourcing the **right service from the right provider at the right price for the taxpayer**

- The likely consequence is that a growing percentage, but not exclusively, will be spent externally - providing greater choice and flexibility.
- Different outcomes, different models of delivery – the right provider may continue to be the Council.
- Private, voluntary and other public sector organisations are likely to be involved, along with community groups, staff spin offs and social enterprises.
- By working closely with partners we will have joined up services and maximised efficiencies by doing so.
- All other functions are moving through a commissioning cycle which will be completed by 2017.
- Worcestershire's commissioning process is driven by fulfilling the needs of our residents and having an absolute focus on outcomes for communities.
- It provides an opportunity to 'Act Local', by helping people coming together to do things for themselves.
- To work it needs people to use their time, ideas and skills to make things better for themselves and their local community.

Councillor's Divisional Fund

I am starting to accept suggestions for these grants - £10,000 to spend locally.

End of report