

**Honeybourne Parish Council**  
**Minutes of the Honeybourne Parish Council Meeting held at the**  
**Village Hall on 8<sup>th</sup> April 2014**

**Present:** Cllrs. B Johnson (Chairman), C Clear, M Powell, Peter Brookes, T Probert, G Clelland, A Simmons, D George, D Cowan & S Matthews

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

**256. Apologies:** Apologies were received from: – Cllrs A. Attridge

**257. 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:** None

**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.

**258. Public Open Forum:** The Chairman adjourned the meeting for public open forum. A member of the public expressed concerns over the planning application for two dwelling at the rear of School Street as the proposed access is too narrow and its junction with School Street is in a very congested area because of parked cars and the access by school traffic. The Council noted the comments.

**Ward Members Report:** Cllr Alistair Adams arrived later in the meeting and his District and County Council reports are appended to the minutes.

The Chairman closed the adjournment at 7.44 and reconvened the meeting.

**259. Minutes:**

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

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

- a. **Mowing:** Several complaints were received from residents of The Green regarding the very poor grass cutting quality and these complaints were referred to the contractor by email. Members also reported on the very poor quality of mowing in the Churchyard and cemetery and it was agreed to write to the contractor requesting a revisit to resolve the poor workmanship and noncompliance with contract requirements.
- b. **Parking** on double yellow lines in High Street and speeding in School Street were reported to Peter Davey our PCSO and he will monitor both sites and act accordingly.
- c. **Litter picking:** A request to WDC for their contractors to carry out a scheduled litter picking on Station Road failed as the Clerk was informed by the WDC officer that litter picking equipment was available for volunteers to carry out the work. Clerk to write again making it very clear what is required.
- d. **A Dangerous tree** on Bretforton Road reported to County Highways was removed immediately: Matter resolved
- e. Opportunity Vale of Evesham folders are available at the Evesham WDC shop and Cllr David Cowan offered to collect them.

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- f. **Opportunity Vale of Evesham**, the CAB representative Alison McIndoe confirmed her attendance at the APM on 22<sup>nd</sup> April
- g. **Allotment Rents**: Kevin Gisbourne has arranged the collection of allotment rents for 2014 over the Easter Holidays when he will be on the allotment site every day.
- h. **Litter Bin Sponsorship** by David Wilson Homes, the Clerk is waiting for litterbin dimensions from WDC to enable a sponsorship plaque to be made for the bin.
- i. **Railway Station Footbridge** issues raised with Network Rail. A response from Robin Basu of Network Rail suggested a site meeting to discuss parking problems and other matters, Clerk to arrange the meeting and invite Councillors to attend.
- j. **Elm Green**: The Clerk had received reports from concerned residents that Elm Green has suffered surface damage by galloping horses. The Clerk's enquiries found there is no means of restricting the use of the green for horses or other public use, the only restriction is on parking vehicles. Cllr David Cowan inspected the green and reported some minor surface damage from horses on the rear side of the green, the situation will be monitored and appropriate signage deployed if the surface damage continues.

#### 261. Planning Applications –

- a. **W/14/00069/OU**: Mr R Grist, Land Off, School Street, Honeybourne: Outline planning permission for two no 4 bedroom houses with double integral garages to match local area.

In considering the application the council were made aware of a previous application for the site off School Street Ref: W/05/01738/PN and a subsequent planning appeal Ref: APP/H1840/A/06/2015186, the appeal inspector dismissed the 2005 application.

The Parish Council objects to the proposed two dwelling and consider the reasons for the appeal dismissal are still relevant as the proposed access junction on to School Street has had a considerable increase in through traffic and parked cars since 2005. The site access needs to be subject to extensive scrutiny by the highways officer as many highway and public safety issues need careful consideration.

The proposed site is considered to be back-land development and could have a detrimental over shadowing impact on the surrounding residential properties. Also, the site is outside of the development boundary of the village and contrary to policy DG1.

- b. **W/14/00546/PN**: Mr N Moffitt, Poden Farm, Mickleton Road. Reinstate historic stream and pond including new footbridge over, to alleviate flooding.  
The Council has no objection or comment on the application.

- c. **W/14/00375/PP**: Mr N Moffitt, Poden Farm, Mickleton Road. Existing pitched roof to orangery replaced with flat roof with lantern and balustrading.  
The Council has no objection or comment on the application.

#### 262. Planning Decisions

- a. **W/13/02570/OU**. Land adjacent to The Elms Buckle Street, erection of a single detached dwelling : **Refused for three reasons**
- b. **W/13/022581/PP** Mr P Benfield 1 Mickleton Lane, 1.8m fence including a gateway and four brick pillars; **Refused for two reasons**

#### 263. Planning Matters:

- a. A letter from Sir Peter Luff with an enclosed Written Statement from the Under-Secretary of State for CLG Nick Boles MP was noted.

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- b. David Wilson Homes:** The Clerk reported on the very many issues regarding the construction works on the David Wilson Homes site. Almost daily reports and complaints were received over public nuisance, parking on the highway and out of hours working. Having received a report from the WDC enforcement officer indicating enforcement was difficult as the site planning permission is not confirmed it was agreed to write to the head of planning, Giorgio Framalocco and bring all the complaints and problems to his attention and enquiring why planning permission has not been concluded enabling site and construction condition to be enforced.

Having received an invitation from David Wilson Homes for all Councillors to attend the launch event of the show home the following statement was proposed by Cllr David Cowan and seconded by Cllr Mike Powell: -

"In view of the continuing and almost daily complaints about the operating hours of the site, the obstruction of traffic by lorries parking on Station Road, site cars parked on the verge, noise, the blatant and disproportionate on site unauthorised advertising and the lack of proper response to complaints, coupled with the fact that the development has no planning permission as yet and planning enforcement officers are currently investigating planning breaches, the Parish Council considers it inappropriate for its members to attend the launch event.

Clerk to inform David Wilson Homes and the WDC Chairman who is also invited to the launch.

- c.** The Clerk presented detail plans of the proposed play area on the David Wilson Homes site and members considered it is very well designed and well equipped.
- d.** Parish Council's letter to the planning inspectorate regarding the Shorey land appeal.  
A reply from the planning inspectorate stated: -  
*"We normally aim to send a full reply within 20 working days although we are currently working through a backlog of cases which means this may not be possible."*  
Members noted this response and fully understood the reasons for the backlog of cases.
- e.** Members noted that paper plans will not be issued by WDC as from April 1<sup>st</sup> 2014.
- f.** The Clerk was requested to make enquiries with Lioncourt and Taylor Wimpey about progress.

#### 264. Council and Community Matters for Consideration–

- a.** Council agreed to a request from the Village Hall committee to use Elm Green for a cycling event 13th July 2014.
- b. New Post Box:** Council agreed to request Royal Mail to install a new pole mounted red letter box on the High Street by the access to the Taylor Wimpey site as several requests have been received since the post office closed and the integral letter box was removed.
- c.** Council considered the implementation of a Neighbourhood Development Plan for Honeybourne as the South Worcestershire Development Plan should be adopted within a year, it was agreed to place the item on the September agenda for further consideration.
- d.** Cllr Trish Probert informed the meeting that WDC will now charge a fee to remove large items of domestic waste and it was further noted the Pershore tip is a 20 mile round trip

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### 265. Finance:

- a. The Council approved the Payments, Receipts and Balances as listed in appendix A
- b. The Council inspected and approved the fourth quarterly bank reconciliation, account balances and budgets as circulated by the Clerk.
- c. The receipt of the VAT claim of £1,517.62 was noted.
- d. Members noted the Clerks report on the repeal of Sec 150 of LGA 1972 and an indication that HMRC are not accepting cheque payment. Cheques payments, with the exception of HMRC, will continue to be used in the foreseeable future.
- e. Council agreed to the engagement of the internal audit services of Mr Geoff Bradley and have the final audit carried out as soon as possible.

### 266. Street Lights:

- a. The streetlight by the Village Hall was reported to be flashing on and off

### 267. Public Rights of Way (PROW):

- a) No new PROW matters were received for the PPW's attention.
- b) The PPW reported that the County Council will soon be repairing the footpath bridge on the closed footpath by the David Wilson Homes site.
- c) Footpath 527c from Beaufort End to the field behind Harvard Avenue was reported to be impassable on foot due to excessive use by horse riders. A new PROW finger post sign will shortly be erected on the end of the footpath and new sign stating "No Horses Please" placed on the post.

### 268. Highways:

- a. New highway matters to be reported: -
  - i. A collapsed BT inspection chamber in the footway on Dudley Road leading to Fernihough Avenue.
  - ii. Water continuously emanating from the highway in Stratford Road by the Vicarage.
  - iii. Noisy manhole cover in Station Road not repaired.
  - iv. Extensive verge damage in Station Road and Stratford Road.
- b. The very frequent routing of large HGV's on Mickleton Lane was considered to be an unacceptable rat run for loaded HGV's going to Simms Metals at Long Marston. The lane is considered unsuitable for such large vehicles and the frail railway bridge is receiving excessive HGV use. It was agreed to bring the matter to the attention of County Highways and make a strong request for a 7.5ton weight limit on this narrow rural road. The request will be also made to Gloucestershire County Council as the lane continues into Gloucestershire.
- c. The Clerk reported on invoicing the County Council for verge mowing compensation but no funds have been received to date.
- d. The 30 MPH extension on the C2006 Buckle Street is under construction and the Council agreed to request a quote from the mowing contractor to extend the maintained verges to the new position of the 30 MPH signs and to include keeping the railway bridge clear of weeds and hedge encroachment.

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- e. The Clerks report on the VAS data record was noted; it was agreed to site the VAS on the old 30MPH post on the south of the Station Road Bridge for a minimum of two continuous weeks.
- f. The Clerk reported on complaints received over Henshaws bus allegedly stopping outside 7 Bretforton Road causing privacy problems to nearby dwellings. Members agreed to monitor the situation and report to the next meeting.

#### 269. Lengthsman and Handyman:

- a) No new matters were requested for the Lengthsman or Handyman
- b) Council agreed to the renewal of the WCC Lengthsman's contract for 2014-15
- c) Council noted the Lengthsman contract allowance for 2014-15 is £2072.78

#### 270. The Leys Playing Field:

- a. **Inspection:** The regular weekly visual inspection report was considered to be satisfactory. Moss treatment is still outstanding and will be requested to be completed by the Handyman.
- b. Annual safety inspection by Wicksteed Playscapes, it was agreed to request the standard inspection at £45.00. Clerk to action the inspection

#### 271. VISA Field Development

- a. A letter received from the Chairman of VISA Ltd., Mr Rushton, requested the Council to accept the immediate relinquishment of VISA Ltd field lease and that the Parish Council resume control of the VISA field. The Council accepted the surrender of the lease on the basis that all the original reasons to have the lease had now changed completely. The Council gave an assurance to Mr Rushton, that VISA Ltd would be consulted on the future development programme for the field and would remain the village event organisers and fund raisers for future enhancements once the field was operational.

Mr Rushton confirmed that VISA Ltd would like to continue to carry out the ongoing maintenance of the field as they have the facilities to do so and accepted that further negotiations would need to take place over funding the maintenance. Mr Rushton and Clerk will therefore liaise over the matter of maintenance and the public liability insurance for the field and report to the May Parish Council meeting.

#### 272. Community Centre & Village Hall

- a. The Council's Village Hall delegate Cllr Graham Clelland reported on the Village Hall's AGM meeting and the last general meeting. He passed on a request for the Parish Council to apply for outline planning permission for the existing Village Hall site. The Council considered that this suggestion was in the public interest as it is a pre-requisite to funding the new Community Centre, therefore the Council agreed in principle to make the planning application for the Village Hall site.

However, the Clerk indicated this might be premature as several planning issues needed to be resolved before an application was lodged. The Clerk suggested that a formal pre-application meeting should take place with a WDC planning officer to establish the most appropriate options for gaining planning approval for the site. It was agreed to delegate the pre-application meeting arrangement to the Clerk who will liaise with the Village Hall Chairman and Vice Chairman and the Council suggested that Mr Chandler, the selected Architect, should also be included in any such meeting.

#### 273. Matters Raised by Members none requested

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- a. Evesham Arts Centre events May – July
- b. Npower new electricity prices for streetlights

**275. Meeting Dates:**

- a. Members confirmed the next Ordinary Meeting is scheduled for the 13<sup>th</sup> May at the Village Hall at 7.30.
- b. The Annual Parish Meeting was confirmed to be held on the 22<sup>nd</sup> April at the Village Hall at 7.30.

**276. Exclusion of the Public from the Meeting.**

**Chairman proposed that the Council consider 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.*

**The resolution was unanimously agreed and the public were asked to withdraw.**

- a. Council considered a 50% rural rate relief application for Badhams Motors for the year 2014/15 and agreed to fully support the application, a grant £376.56 will be made to enable the 50% rate relief
- b. Council considered a 50% rural rate relief application for Camfields Ltd for the year 2014/15 and agreed to fully support the application, a grant £294.38 will be made to enable the 50% rate relief

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 10.47 pm.

Chairman

Date

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### Payments to be Authorised

Apr-14 meeting

<b>APPENDIX A: FINANCE</b>
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Cheque No.	Payee	Details	Total Payment	VAT Element	Net Payment
1184	HMPS Long Lartin	Village Seat	240.00	40.00	200.00
1185	GBD	Mowing Contract	611.45	101.91	509.54
1186	HMRC	PAYE & NIC	819.48		819.48
1187	Cancelled	Cancelled Cheque	0.00		
1188	John Hyde	Lengthsman's Works	96.40		96.40
1188	John Hyde	Handyman Works	15.00		15.00
1189	J Stedman	Clerks Salary and Expenses	329.54		329.54
			<b>2,111.87</b>	<b>141.91</b>	<b>1,969.96</b>

Account Transfer	Amount	Date
<b>Payee</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Amount</b>
HMRC	10-Mar-14	1,517.62
Total		<b>1,517.62</b>

#### All paid up Account Balances

CURRENT ACCOUNT	£8,521.73
DEPOSIT ACCOUNT	£67,580.81
<b>TOTAL FUND BALANCE</b>	<b>£76,102.54</b>

### **District Councillor report - Honeybourne**

**Month: April 2014**

**Prepared by Alastair Adams**

**Honeybourne & Pebworth Ward, Wychavon District Council**

It was great to be back at your Parish Meeting in April, and a BIG Thank you to all those that wished me a swift recovery – my back operation was a major one, and I am pleased to say it appears to have been 100% successful

### **Planning**

**1. W/13/00132/OU - 380 new houses next to SIMS re-cycling plant in Pebworth Appeal ref**

APP/H1840/A/13/2202364 – Awaiting the inspector's report – letter received saying decision has been delayed until 23 July. I would recommend to all residents to write to Eric Pickles saying you don't want or need this unsustainable development – his email address is [picklese@parliament.uk](mailto:picklese@parliament.uk)

**2. Stratford District Councils public consultation for 3500 new houses on the Long Marston Airfield.**

Another battle! If you do not want a town built within 4 miles of Pebworth, you need to join the campaign to fight these proposals – see <http://epetitions.direct.gov.uk/petitions/62554> BARD who helped fight the Eco Town 4 years ago, has agreed to help again and is printing posters to fight this. I have emailed an electronic poster to John Stedman, and further copies can be obtained from David Kincaid/David Cranage/ Jane Cromack/Yvonne Rose in Pebworth or Hilary Bliss in Dorsington. On the back of the poster are all the names of the Stratford District Councillors to write to show your opposition to this 3500 new houses!

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3. **David Wilson Homes** – there have been a number of issues with this site, and the Planning Enforcement Officer is dealing with them.
4. **Shorey Appeal** - Unfortunately the Planning inspected ruled against the Parish Council, and the District Council's decisions and approved the planning for 14 houses on the Shorey site. I did write to Peter Luft about it and he did take it up with the Environment Agency. I have sent a copy of the letter Peter received to Brian Johnson
5. **SWDP** – The Planning inspector has at last confirmed the number of houses in the plan for Wychavon should be increased from 7650 to 9950 new houses up to 2030.

The main recommendation from the Inspector relates to the objectively assessed housing need requirement. His recommendation is that 28,370 homes will need to be built in South Worcestershire by 2030. This is made up as follows:

	2012 SHMA	2014 Inspector
Malvern Hills	7500	8590
Worcester City	8150	9830
Wychavon	7650	9950
South Worcestershire	23300	28370

The Inspector does though recognise that nearly 5,000 of those homes have already been built (2006-2012). The Inspector's recommended figure is also 2,200 fewer than would have been required under the old Regional Spatial Strategy, which the coalition Government abolished shortly after coming to power in 2010.

### County Councillor Report- Honeybourne

**Month: April 2013**

**Prepared by Alastair Adams**

**Littletons Division, Worcestershire County Council**

#### Highways :

1. **Honeybourne Road to be surface dressed end of April** – further to the repairs to this road last year, Highways have confirmed the road will now be surface dressed
2. **30mph speed limit** moving the 30mph sign to other side of railway Bridge towards Bidford. Installed
3. **Dangerous parking outside the school** –Highways have agreed to put the “No Parking- School zig-zags” across the offending area in March/April
4. **Taylor Wimpy site – Grange Farm** – Highways have once again changed their mind on the traffic calming at the entrance to this site. The original plan Dwgs 002b extended the 30mph speed limit and added a 40mph buffer zone. Everyone was happy with this plan, but Highways are now saying it is against policy. I have involved the Leader of the Council to help try and get the original plan re-instated. This is still on-going. Meeting with Sally Everest occurred in April but still she is not moving.
5. **Elm Green** – horse riding on the green. WCC has confirmed the HPC can erect a sign to stop horse riding on the Green.

#### County Council News:

Broadband – The good news is Pebworth & Badsey telephone exchanges have been upgrade with fibre optic Superfast Broadband. The bad news is we have to wait for the fibre optic to be connected from the exchange to the cabinet in the village.

Honeybourne's cabinet is due to be connected in June 2014

No date has been set yet for connection to the Pebworth cabinet but it should happen with 12 months.

WCC has also got another £1.1m extras funding for the rural areas so houses outside the village that still get poor Broadband may soon see some improvement too!

#### Councillor's Divisional Fund

In addition to the good causes already authorised, the following actions have happened this month :

1. Offenham Maypole – painting – **Approved**
2. Pebworth Villahe Hall – I have received a request for help with the speaker system– **Approved**
3. Honeybourne Cubs & Scouts – I have received a request for help with their marquee– **Approved**

End of report