

Meeting of Beausale Haseley Honiley & Wroxall Parish Council Tuesday, 19th July 2016 at Wren Hall

Present:

Cllr R. Slatem
Cllr J. Gee (Chair)
Cllr D. Clapp
Cllr J. Rawden
Cllr A. Beaumont

Cllr J. Compton (WCC)
Cllr S. Gallagher (WDC)

Mrs J. Lewis (Clerk)

Visitors: Ms V. Semple, Mr E. Semple, Ms L. Barber,
Mrs J. Slatem, Mrs S. Green, Mr T. Truelove

1.	<p><u>Welcome</u> The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting. The rules on the openness of the meeting were read out.</p>	Action Lead
2.	<p><u>Apologies for absence</u> Cllr H. Jordan, Cllr S. Large, Cllr N. Everall , Cllr S. Tebby, Cllr D. Silvester, Cllr L Holdgate, Cllr P. Whiting (WDC),</p>	
3.	<p><u>Declarations of interest</u> There were no declarations of interest.</p>	
4.	<p><u>Public Open Forum</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mrs Semple spoke on her plans for 'Three Wells', her home in Haseley Knob. In 2001 planning permission had been granted, to increase the size of the property to 5 bedrooms. This however, had not been taken up. Planning permission was now being sought to demolish the house and double garage, and replace these with two detached houses. Mrs Semple showed photographs of the poor condition of the current property. She had been advised that the high cost of renovation would exceed that of a rebuild, and also, that the plot of land would be suitable for two, three bedroomed, replacement dwellings. She had held an open afternoon for local residents, some of whom voiced concerns. PC members questioned her on the double garage; their concerns on the additional traffic using the lane; and the continuation of her cattery business. • Mrs Green spoke of the problems created by the positioning of large boulders along the kerbside in Shaws Lane. Councillors agreed that the lane was not wide enough for two passing cars and that it was therefore inevitable that the verge would need to be mounted. Councillors pointed out that this was also the situation in other lanes in the area. Clerk to contact Peter Hallam to check legality of stones along kerbs. 	JL
5.	<p><u>Minutes of Meetings</u> Minutes from : 17th May PC Annual Meeting; 17th May PC Meeting; 13th June Audit Working Group All 3 sets of minutes were agreed to be accurate accounts, and were signed by the Chair Proposed by : Cllr Slatem, Seconded by: Cllr Clapp</p>	
6.	<p><u>Matters Arising</u></p> <p>1. Minutes of 17th May , Annual Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 'Rule 7C' had been added to The Code of Conduct (p.6): pt 4, replacing the question marks. The point referred to Council Procedure, Rule 7C of the Standing Orders. • It was noted that The Emergency Planning Team, of Coventry, Warwickshire and Solihull, would officially request that the Emergency Plan be updated. Cllr Beaumont, as the nominated person for contact, agreed to test the emergency contact number for Coventry. 	AB

	<p>2. Minutes of 17th May, PC Meeting</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Information had been requested from the Yorkshire Bank, regarding interest rates on Business Savings Accounts 2. The Parishes notice boards were to be painted when the weather had improved. 3. Cllr large had not been able to obtain a response from the website host. It was pointed out that the Council is paying for the Gold Package, but is not receiving gold service. A local parishioner had offered her help with inputting data. 4. Councillors were asked to send a resume of themselves (updated or new), to Cllr Large, to be input onto the PC website. 5. The Lengthsman Scheme: No correspondence had been received. It was agreed by Councillors that the Scheme was impractical for our parishes, as all local speed limits were in excess of 30mph and therefore the area was not eligible. It was agreed that no further action should be taken. Proposed by Cllr Gee, Seconded by Cllr Clapp. All were in favour. 6. Passing Places in Drum Lane: Cllr Compton agreed to consider this for funding, as £4,000 was available. Drum Lane had been continually used as a cut through between A4177 and A4141. It was a narrow lane, and the verges were badly broken up. Cllrs believed it would benefit from the construction of passing places. (see note pt. 9 of AOB) 7. Peter Hallam (WCC Highways Dept.) had been contacted regarding the drainage at Beausale crossroads, Dirt Lane and Firs Lane. He had visited the sites and noted the areas for action. 8. The name of the group set up to audit finances had been changed to 'The Audit Working Group'. 9. Cllr Everall had sought a list of properties in Beausale that were eligible for Broadband. Individuals needed to contact BT to have a line allocated. Cllr Beaumont had applied, but was not certain whether it was for 'superfast' broadband. 10. The Clerk and Cllr Gallagher had received sets of Bus Timetables from Cllr Compton. The Clerk had displayed the local bus timetable on the notice boards. 11. The Aviva Women's Cycle Tour had been very successful. 12. The 'Living in Warwickshire' survey had been completed, and was now closed. 13. The Code of Conduct had been dealt with in 'matters arising' of the Annual Meeting. 14. Notification of fees for WALC had not yet been received. 15. Cllr Slatem had written to Mrs Sally Jones regarding her appointment as Internal Auditor. A copy of the letter would be included with the minutes. 16. A letter had been sent to Mrs Tracey Darke (Chief Planning Officer, WDC), regarding the inconsistency of planning decisions in regard to Haseley Knob and Beausale. 17. The owner of Brownley Green Farm had been contacted, and had agreed to prune the hedges at the end of the bird nesting season. 18. The Centenary Fields programme was on the agenda for the current meeting. 19. Apologies were noted from Cllr Gallagher for the Parish Forum, held in June. 	<p>JL RS</p> <p>SL</p> <p>ALL</p> <p>JL</p>
7.	<p><u>WCC - Report from Councillor Mrs J Compton</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stanks Island: At the junction of A46 with A4177, a large improvement project had been proposed, as part of the Councils Strategic Transport Plan. Money was in place, and the plan could go ahead. A presentation of the project to local Parish Councils was proposed. This would include BHHW, Hatton and Leek Wootton. • It had been suggested that cuts to the WCC budget was likely to affect the rate support grant. Further discussions were to take place. • With a change of Chancellor in Parliament, WCC were hoping for a change in policy towards the County Councils, with a reverse to the ever-decreasing budget. • A multi – agency Safeguarding Centre for adults was due to open in September. This would mirror the one recently opened for children, where all departments connected to safeguarding were to be housed in one building. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It was noted that in the recent Cabinet changes, Mr Jeremy Wright, MP for Kenilworth and Southam, had retained his position as Attorney General for England and Wales. Cllr Compton stated that she was unable to attend the following PC meeting as the date clashed with that of another Parish. 	
8.	<p><u>WDC – Report sent from Cllr P.Whiting</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The revisions to the Local Plan had been submitted, and accepted. This meant that the Examination Process had restarted. Hearings would re-commence on 27th September. Planning permission for the refurbishment of the leisure centres had been granted. There was to be over £10 million of investment. Under private management, it was hoped that the Council would see a reduction to their net costs, as well as an improvement in the services provided. Plans for the relocation of WDC from Riverside House to the Covent Garden site in Leamington, were continuing. It was thought that the relocation would be cost neutral,. However, there was expected be high costs involved in the re-pair and re-build of the surrounding car parks. It had been decided to change the process for notification of planning applications. The onus had been on the Planning Department to display a public notice at the site of the proposed application. Notification would now be sent to individual neighbours, and it was suggested that the owner would display the notice.. On discussion, the PC were not in favour of this change. It was suggested that The PC invite Mrs Tracey Darke , (Chief Planning Officer, WDC), to speak at a planning forum, to be held at Wren Hall. The Council felt that there had been a number of situations recently, where their opinions had not been heard, and decisions made by the committee had been inconsistent. Proposed by Cllr Clapp, seconded by Cllr Slatem. All Councillors were in agreement. Cllr Gee agreed to draft a letter to Mrs Darke. 	JG
9.	<p><u>Reports of Meetings.</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> There were no meeting reports. 	
10.	<p><u>Parish Council</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Finance, <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The Accounts to date were noted, and accepted. Proposed by Cllr Beaumont Seconded by Cllr Slatem. All were in favour Cheques for signature: Churchyard Maintenance: Honiley & Wroxall £1000; Haseley £500. Ferncumbe Youth Club £300 Ferncumbe School £250 These donations had been agreed in the planned budget for the current year. Proposed by Cllr Gee Seconded by Cllr Slatem all were in agreement <p>Notification of Fees for WALC, (due by 31st May) had not, as yet, been received. Approval had been given for this payment at the May meeting of the Council.</p> Report from Audit Working Group: The Group had met in June to review the Clerk’s salary for 2016/17. Revised pay grades had been received from NALC. It was decided to move the Clerk from scale point 15 to scale point 16, with effect from 1st April 2016. This would increase the hourly rate to £8.924 per hour, which was equivalent to £2141 pa. This was within the allocated budget of £2150. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Centenary Fields The program had been introduced to secure recreational spaces, in perpetuity. It was to be in honour of the memory of the millions of people who lost their lives in World War 1. The Council was in favour of the scheme in principle, but was unable to take part, as it was not the owner of any land. • Parish Plan Updates <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Council has been referring to statements from The Parish Plan, in response to recent planning applications, where multiple dwellings had been proposed. 2. The Road Nameplates had not yet been erected. Cllr Slatem agreed to contact Mr Neil Bridges. 	RS
11.	<p><u>Planning Matters</u></p> <p>1. Applications Pending: W/16/0367 Arrochar, erection of 2 detached 4x bedroom dwellings. (PC had objected to the application) Refused as inappropriate development in the Green belt. Taken to Appeal. (PC, having objected to the application, had reiterated their continued objection) W/15/0977 Wroxall Abbey – retention of an extension to an existing marquee, covered walkways and pergolas for a temporary period of 3 years. Rejected. Taken to Appeal (PC had supported the application and did not wish to make further comment) W/16/0964 Jaguar Land Rover, security fencing, CCTV poles and cameras, and associated ancillary works. (PC had supported the application)</p> <p>2. Decisions by WDC W/16/0489 Jaguar Land Rover, car park and ancillary works. (PC had supported the application in principle, but with comments on the lighting and problems created by increased traffic.) Granted W/15/1608 Honiley Court Hotel, retention of existing marquee for 5 years. (PC had objected to the application) Application Rejected (7/12/15), Taken to Appeal Court: Appeal Rejected The Council queried as to when the marquee would be removed. Clerk to action.</p> <p>W/16/0655 Land at Haseley Knob – application for two detached dwellings. (PC objected to the application, with comments) Granted W/16/0839 Old Folly Lodge: removal of condition regarding material used for frames. (PC had supported the application) Granted</p>	JL
12.	<p><u>AOB</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. It was agreed by Councillors to change the date of the following PC meeting to September 20th, thus enabling Cllr Compton to attend. 2. The Sale of School House, Wroxall: Cllr Beaumont and Cllr Clapp had signed two documents on behalf of the Parish Council, in relation to the sale. Although charges would be required due to the early closure of the mortgage, the cost would be the responsibility of Wren Hall. The Trustees of Wren Hall would inform BHHW Parish Council as to when the sale had been completed, and provide proof that the mortgage liability on the property had been cleared. 3. It was felt that the Parish Council should be advertising its work to a wider audience. It was suggested that the notes displayed in the Ferncumbe News magazine should also be circulated via the Neighbourhood Watch outlet. The last statement of the notes would give the address of BHHW PC website, where the full draft minutes could be accessed. 4. The Wren Hall committee were to submit a Full Planning Application. As the 	JL

	<p>building was 'Listed', changes made to the structure were generally not allowed. This would also affect the design of the windows, which were currently very inefficient.</p> <p>The committee were actively seeking grants, to help with expenses.</p> <p>5. Planning Applications: It was felt that the Planning Committee were not taking note of the comments made by the Parish Council – which was, in its comments, portraying the views of the local community as set out in the Parish Plan. The Planning Committee's reasons for rejection of Arrochar, were identical to the response to the support of Hillcrest, - one was granted, one was rejected! It was felt that the Parish Council must protect its Parish Plan, which was constructed carefully after seeking the views of all residents of the community.</p> <p>6. When a contentious planning application was to go before the Planning Committee, it was suggested that the Clerk contact the Planning Office to register that a member of the Parish Council was intending to speak.</p> <p>7. It was suggested that an extraordinary meeting of the PC be called, before the meeting with Tracey Darke, (Chief Planning Officer, WDC).</p> <p>8. Cllr Beaumont reported the spread of Japanese Knotweed on the verge, and in the hedging along the western side of the road, A4177 between Mr Askew's property and Five Ways Island. Clerk to contact Mr Peter Hallam.</p> <p>9. The condition of School Lane was reported to be very poor, with verges having been trashed. It was noted that the lane was used a lot by walkers. It was felt that Cllr Compton's funding of £4000, would be better spent improving the condition of School Lane, and not Drum lane. Clerk to ask Debbie Poynton to contact Cllr Beaumont.</p> <p>10. The footpath along the A4141 between Wren Hall and Five Ways Island had deteriorated due to weeds growing through, breaking up the tarmac Clerk to contact Mr Peter Hallam, to check the department responsible for the footpath.</p>	<p>JL</p> <p>JL</p> <p>JC</p> <p>JL,AB</p> <p>JL</p>												
	<p>Meeting ended at 9.30 pm</p> <p><u>Dates of Next Meetings :</u></p> <table border="1" data-bbox="188 1178 1206 1422"> <tr> <td>September 20th 2016 please note this is a change of date</td> <td>January 17th 2017</td> </tr> <tr> <td>October 25th</td> <td>March 7th</td> </tr> <tr> <td>December 6th</td> <td>April 18th</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>May 16th Annual Meeting</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>June 20th Parish Forum</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	September 20th 2016 please note this is a change of date	January 17th 2017	October 25th	March 7th	December 6th	April 18th		May 16th Annual Meeting		June 20th Parish Forum			
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Summary of actions	Lead
1. Contact Peter Hallam re. 1) 'rocks' on verges, 2) Japanese Knotweed and 3) footpath A4141	JL
2. Test Emergency Planning contact number	AB
3. Information re interest rates, Yorkshire Bank	JL
4. Repair Parish Notice Boards	RS
5. Improve PC Website	SL
6. Send resume of themselves for PC Website	All
7. Funding for passing Places in Drum lane	JC
8. Pay fees for WALC	JL
9. Invite Tracey Darke to speak to Parish Councils at Wren Hall	JG
10. Contact Neil Bridges re Road nameplates	RS
11. Contact Enforcement Officer re marquee at Honiley Court Hotel	JL
12. Send 'Fercumbe News' report to Neighbourhood Watch circulation	JL
13. (When situation arises) contact Planning Dept. re intention of PC to speak	JL