

**Meeting of Beausale Haseley Honiley & Wroxall Parish Council
Wednesday 3rd March 2021 by online Zoom meeting.**

Present:

Cllr G Gee (chair)

Cllr N Gumley

Cllr S Chapman

Cllr Richard Hales (WDC)

Cllr George Illingworth (WDC)

Cllr C Bird

Cllr D Clapp

Nikki Forty (clerk)

Cllr J Cooke (WCC)

Cllr L Holdgate

Cllr R. Slatem

		Action
1.	<p><u>Welcome</u> Cllr Gee welcomed everyone to the meeting.</p> <p><u>Apologies for absence</u> There were apologies from. Cllr R Ellison Cllr E Cantwell</p>	
2.	<p><u>Minutes of Meetings</u></p> <p>The Minutes of the Parish Council meeting of 2nd December 2020 were accepted and will be signed as a true record. All Councillors were in favour.</p>	
3.	<p><u>Matters Arising</u> There were no matters arising and all action points had been completed</p>	
4.	<p><u>WDC:</u> Warwick District Council Report</p> <p><u>Cllr George Illingworth</u> 95% of the over 65 year-olds in Coventry and Warwickshire have now had at least one Covid vaccination. This is apparently the highest vaccination rate in the country. Various Covid support schemes continue and Richard Hales has all the details. The District has an excellent record for distributing the money allocated by the Government to those that need and deserve it. There are some disturbingly low rates in some other areas.</p> <p>At the Council Meeting last week the Council overwhelmingly agreed to two major decisions: Despite the significant extra costs in the last year and the continuing loss of certain income streams the Council has produced a balanced Budget without cutting services. This means a Council Tax increase of £5 per year for Band D properties. This includes an allocation towards climate change, avoiding the additional levy considered last year. The District portion is, of course, only about 10% of the total Council Tax bill.</p> <p>The Council has also agreed to investigate a closer relationship with Stratford District Council and the possible creation of a Super District, as a means of cutting costs and maintaining services in the future. Stratford District Council has agreed the same idea.</p> <p>I will be attending virtually the Birmingham Airport Consultative Committee on Thursday. If there are any matters you wish me to raise please flag them up ASAP.</p>	

	<p><u>Cllr Richard Hales</u> Warwick District Council has so far distributed over £15m in Local Restriction Grants and have also paid out over £2.25m in Discretionary Grants. In the latest table we are 12th out of over 300 councils in the speed of grants distributed, which was produced on Friday.</p> <p>We have also launched a new grant scheme on Monday, aimed at business which are both rated and non rated, and is for £3000. Check the eligibility criteria and apply today http://ow.ly/U8zf50DMvry</p>	
5	<p><u>WCC- Written report received from Cllr J Cooke</u></p> <p>County Council Leader responds to the Government's roadmap out of lockdown Cllr Izzi Seccombe, Leader of Warwickshire County Council said: "Warwickshire County Council welcomes the Prime Ministers' announcement that, nationally, we are in a position where lockdown restrictions can begin to be lifted, but it remains essential that our residents continue to do the right thing for Warwickshire and follow the rules so that we can continue to drive down the rates of infection and hospital admissions "We recognise how difficult the last months of lockdown have been and would like to thank our residents for the sacrifices that they have made, which means that restrictions will begin to be lifted. There is still a way to go, as we move towards a more normal way of life, and COVID-19 testing and support for the nationwide vaccination programme remain essential in reducing the transmission of the virus in our communities."</p> <p>The County Council continues to provide laptops to vulnerable children and young people WCC has now finished distributing laptops to the county's more vulnerable children and young people to support their remote learning. WCC purchased over 3,000 devices, which will be passed on to various groups of young people. The laptops are fully equipped with Windows 10 Home edition, firewall and anti-virus and have full three-year warranties. A further purchase of MiFis with unlimited data has also been made to support learners whose households do not have internet connectivity.</p> <p>Residents set to save £££'s on their energy bills thanks to Warwickshire Switch and Save Following a successful reverse auction between competing gas and electricity suppliers this February the winning supplier in all categories was Shell Energy. It's also great news for the environment as the Shell Energy offers residents 100% renewable electricity. In Warwickshire, thousands of households have registered an interest to switch with the scheme and it's still not too late to register and find out if you too can save money on your energy bills. The offer will remain open until 23rd March 2021 for online registrations and 16th March, 2021 for postal registrations. If you have not already signed up to the scheme you can NOW: https://bigcommunityswitch.co.uk/warwickshire/landing and receive a free, instant, no obligation quote.</p>	

Warwickshire County Council unveils striking new looks for eight of its gritters

Following a successful naming competition, WCC is pleased to unveil new images for each of its newly-named gritters.

Earlier in the Winter, Warwickshire County Council asked the public to pick names for its five new gritters, which had recently joined the County’s fleet. The rules were simple: be creative, be original, be funny and the Warwickshire Public did not disappoint, with hundreds of suggestions coming in by email, by telephone and across social media channels.

Following a judging process the names selected for Warwickshire’s new gritters were:

- Usain Salt
- Professor Chris Gritty
- Gritta Thunberg
- Snowbi-Gone Kenobi
- The Mighty Thaw
- Charlie Boy
- Grey13 Hero
- Ice Maiden



Following the selection of these names, work has taken place to design an image to go with each name and Warwickshire County Council are now very pleased to unveil a few of these above.

Every time weather requires gritting, the Warwickshire County Council gritting fleet treats approximately 1,100 miles of carriageway over 29 different routes. The average number of times that there is a requirement to treat roads is approximately 60 per year, so it is in the region of 66,000 miles per annum travelled by Warwickshire gritters. That’s around three times round the entire planet!

The county holds around 14,000 Tonnes of salt in stock across five depots at the start of winter and in an average winter it will get through around 12,000 tonnes. Salt stocks are kept topped up in case of prolonged spells of cold and icy weather.

Fire and Rescue Service recognised by Fire Inspectorate for Covid community work

Warwickshire County Council’s Fire and Rescue Service (WFRS) has been recognised for its response to the Covid-19 pandemic by Her Majesty’s Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire & Rescue Services (HMICFRS).

These efforts have been acknowledged in a letter from HMICFRS, following a recent inspection looking at WFRS’s response to Covid-19. HMICFRS said they “were impressed” with how WFRS continued with responding to emergency incidents, whilst increasing the support available to help those most vulnerable in the community during the pandemic. .

6. Meetings

Cllr Gee attended the following online meetings and provided an outline of what was discussed:

- Democratic Process Meeting – possible future arrangements for Local Government in Warwickshire
- WDC Planning Enforcement Training - this was an interesting and informative meeting and provided some useful information ie the PC have up to 4 years

	<p>to put in a request should they have a query with the planning department. The slides were sent by the clerk to the PC on 8/2/2021</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> WDC Climate Change People's Inquiry Meeting- there were several initiatives raised and Cllr Gee will send on her report to the PC WCC Community Conversation - this meeting addressed issues over footpaths and how people are tramping over fields of crops etc and also the issue of how much litter is being dropped 	JG
7.	<p><u>Parish Council</u> <u>7.1 Finance</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Approval of accounts up to 3rd March 2021- these were circulated to the PC for reviewing prior to the meeting . It was agreed by all councillors that these are accepted. End of year accounts due on 31st March 2021 Precept figure of Precept figure of £7500 agreed and email sent to WDC - breakdown of proposed expenditure sent to Councillors prior to meeting. This was accepted by all councillors Payment of £39.99 to reimburse clerk for payment of laptop security for Kaspersky. This was agreed by councillors. <p><u>7.2 Welcome Pack -</u> Cllr Gumley provided an update and advised that all parishioners would receive a copy. He needed photographs of Cllr Chris Bird and Cllr Richard Ellison for one of the inserts. This was to be arranged. Cost of printing was estimated to be around £500.</p> <p><u>7.3 Fly Tipping</u> Two instances of fly tipping had been reported by the clerk over the last couple of weeks. One in Firs Lane and one at Haseley Mill. Cllr Gee had also reported rubbish in Rouncil Lane</p> <p><u>7.4 Parish Notice Boards</u> The notice boards are looking shabby , particularly the inside where notices are pinned. These have got wet and warped. The cost to replace them is around £1700 per board. Roger Forty volunteered to repair them with the help of Cllr Richard Slatem at a much lower cost. This would be started once the weather improved.</p> <p><u>7.5 Disclosable Pecuniary Interest Forms</u> - are now up to date on WDC website</p> <p><u>7.6 Annual Parish Council Meeting</u> WALC have sent through information regarding this. It appears that a face to face meeting could be held towards the end of May at Wren Hall, however the easing on lockdown could change and most councillors were in favour of leaving the meeting until as late as possible. Cllr Gee and clerk were to check when the latest date would be to hold this meeting</p>	RS/RF JG/NF
8.	<p><u>Community Events</u></p> <p>8.1. Following the update from the Government on 22nd February, the Wren Hall committee will look at how the hall can safely reopen and what events can take place. It is unlikely that there will be anything until at least the end of June although a meeting will be held on 3rd March to discuss this further.</p>	
9.	<p><u>AOB</u></p> <p>9.1 Clerk had received an email from Michael Spicer, Enhanced Timebanking Coordinator (South), Communities and Partnerships Service ,Warwick CC regarding a new initiative " Warwick District Timebank" Clerk had forwarded this to PC and had replied to Michael inviting him to a meeting in the future to present this initiative.</p>	

10	<p>9.2 Emergency plan- Anne Beaumont has agreed to continue helping with this. Names on list need to be checked and updated. Clerk has forwarded information to Anne and is awaiting a response. Clerk to chase this up with Anne.</p> <p>Meeting closed at 8.42pm.</p> <p>Date of Next Meeting - 14th April 2021- by Zoom</p>	NF
11	<p>Planning Matters</p> <p>Applications Pending</p> <p>1 .W/20/1828 - Resubmission -Clattylands Barn, Haseley Knob - PC remains neutral-WDC notified</p> <p>2. W/20/2027LB - Wroxall Abbey - extend opening - PC has no objection-WDC notified</p> <p>W/20/1812 LB- Wroxall Abbey -open up reception - PC has no objection-WDC notified- application now withdrawn</p> <p>3. W/20/1939 The Stables, Honiley Road - PC Objects -WDC Notified</p> <p>4. W/20/1947 - Resubmission - Firs Cottage, Firs Lane - PC Objects - WDC Notified- this was discussed as the owner had written to the PC asking for them to reconsider their objections. Cllr Gee will put a response together for clerk to send to the owner.</p> <p>Decisions by WDC</p> <p>None to date</p> <p>Other</p> <p>W/18/2457 - The Cottage, Church Road, Beausale</p> <p>Concerns about the size/height of this building had been raised by the PC and parishioners. WDC Enforcement department have been notified and will visit the site</p>	JG

Summary of actions	Lead
Chair to send report to the PC about climate change meeting attended	JG
Clerk and Chair to establish the latest date that an Annual meeting can be held in person- contact WALC	NF /JG
Clerk to chase Anne Beaumont regarding the Emergency Plan	NF
Chair to put together a response in relation to Firs Cottage	JG
Cllr Slatem to liaise with RF regarding the repair of the notice boards	RS