

**Meeting of Beausale Haseley Honiley & Wroxall Parish Council  
Wednesday 19th May 2021 at Wren Hall Wroxall.**

**Present:**

Cllr G Gee (chair)  
Cllr N Gumley  
Cllr D Clapp  
Nikki Forty (clerk)  
Cllr L Holdgate  
Cllr R. Slatem

	<b>Welcome</b> Cllr Gee welcomed everyone to the meeting. <b>Apologies for absence</b> There were apologies from. Cllr R Ellison Cllr E Cantwell Cllr S Chapman Cllr Richard Hales (WDC) Cllr George Illingworth (WDC) Cllr C Bird Cllr J Cooke ( WCC)	<b>Action</b>
2.	<b>Public Open Forum</b>  BHHW PC had received a letter from a Solar Energy company Enso Energy about siting a Solar Farm in the Honiley area. 12 Members of the parish attended who wished to comment on this. Please see notes at the end of the minutes.	
3.	<b>Minutes of Meetings</b>  The Minutes of the Parish Council meeting of 3rd March 2021 were accepted and signed as a true record. All Councillors were in favour.	
4	<b>Matters Arising</b> The notice board repairs were in hand and once the weather has improved will be started by Cllr Slatem and Roger Forty	
5.	<b>WDC:</b> <b>Warwick District Council Report and Annual Report</b>  <u>Cllr George Illingworth</u> As a result of the recent District Council Annual Meeting there have been some changes affecting your councillors: Richard Hales remains Deputy Leader of the Council but takes on a new portfolio primarily concerned with the closer working with Stratford District Council and related changes. John Cooke continues to hold the portfolio for development concentrating on the new Local Plan and infrastructure issues, whilst a new portfolio holder is taking on the responsibility for the areas of development management and enforcement. George Illingworth returns to his pre-District Chairman role as Chairman of the Licensing and Regulatory Committee. I imagine we are all disappointed to lose the flexibility (and safety?) of virtual meetings following the recent judgement though we have agreement that licensing panels can continue virtually. An information leaflet on the joint Local Plan with Stratford has been widely	

circulated and I trust you have all seen it. A public consultation has just started.

**Annual Report to Beausale, Haseley, Honiley and Wroxall Parish Annual Assembly 2021**

**By Warwick District Councillors John Cooke, Richard Hales and George Illingworth**

Clearly, as with all similar organisations, this has been a challenging year for the Warwick District Council.

Your District Councillors have been able to take part in your Parish Council meetings held remotely and have dealt with a number of issues in the Parish.

All the Warwick District Council meetings including Committees have had to be held remotely and showing them live on the Council YouTube site has meant that more of the public have seen them than when they were in Leamington Town Hall. The public have been able to take part in Council, Planning, Regulatory and Licensing Committees under modified arrangements so local democracy has been maintained.

Unlike some other local authorities which extended the period of office, the Chairman of the Council, Cllr George Illingworth, handed over the role in a virtual Annual Meeting last May. His successor has unfortunately had a virtual year.

Many of the services of the Council, such as collecting waste and recycling, have been maintained without pause during the year and credit is due to the teams who have adapted to the situation. Most of the office-based staff have been working from home and departments such as planning and enforcement have faced many difficulties, but all functions and services have been maintained.

A number of staff volunteered to move to the shielding hub when it was setup by the County and have ensured that people were looked after and received food and other essentials. In particular the homeless have been taken off the streets wherever possible.

From various Covid support schemes the District Council has distributed Restart Grants to date totalling £7,423,388 to 945 businesses and Additional Restriction Grants totalling £3,659,000 to 1,668 businesses severely impacted by the restrictions. This includes businesses and organisations in the Beausale, Honiley, Haseley and Wroxall areas including hospitality venues and village halls. The finance team have made great efforts to get the money to where it is needed and as a result we are one of the best performing local authorities distributing a very high percentage of the available money. Credit is due to Cllr Richard Hales as Portfolio Holder for Finance and Deputy Leader of the Council.

The Council has not only faced increased costs in these conditions but also a reduction in income from areas such as car parks and business rates. However as part of our commitment to the Climate Emergency we are allocating £500,000 into an account to support projects such as renewable energy, including wind farms, as well lending to healthcare providers in the most economically disadvantaged areas.

Whilst we have agreed a balanced budget for next year the future is still uncertain and finances will need to be tightly managed. One way we are intending to contain costs is by closer working with Stratford on Avon District Council. We are already sharing senior officers and we are now investigating a possible merger into a Super District. Work is already underway on a combined South Warwickshire Local Plan where Cllr John Cooke plays a leading role as Portfolio Holder for Development.

Cllr Richard Hales

No report received to date

**5 WCC- Written report received from Cllr J Cooke****Lapworth & West Kenilworth News May 2021****Warwickshire County Council Elections**

The results of the Elections were declared on Friday May 7<sup>th</sup>.  
change since 2017

Conservative	42 seats	+6
Labour	6 seats	-6
Liberal Democrats	5 seats	-3
Green Party	3 seats	+1
Independents	1 seat	no change

Overall Majority is 27, The largest in WCC history.

Cllrs Izzi Seccombe & Peter Butlin have been re-elected Leader & Deputy Leader of the Conservative Group respectively and will therefore be Leader & Deputy Leader of the Council.

The Council AGM is on May 25<sup>th</sup> in Shire Hall and the new Chairman is likely to be Cllr Peter Gilbert.

**Second round of funding available through £1.5million business support grant scheme**

WCC is inviting local small businesses in the retail, hospitality, tourism & leisure sectors and their supply chains to apply for a range of grants in the 2nd round of its Adapt and Diversify Grants.

The scheme was launched to support those businesses most affected by the Covid-19 crisis and it complements the Government grants available through the District and Borough Councils by providing additional support for investment in external expertise, new equipment or the refurbishment of property.

A further £850,000 is now available for small businesses to apply for in Round 2.

Click here [web page](#) which also details other funding streams available to local businesses.

**Warwickshire County Council to invest £1.86m in Fire Service's new control room technology**

The investment will update the current CRS in line with a Home Office project to upgrade all communication equipment across all blue light services in the UK. The new CRS is an ICT system to manage and deploy resources including the mobilisation of fire engines and other vehicles to emergency incidents.

The new system will also enable Warwickshire Fire and Rescue Service to embrace new and innovative technology and functionality, increase capacity for effective remote working, collaborate between other emergency services and improve availability and accuracy of information from control to responding crews.

	<p><b>Record number of Warwickshire children receive first choice school offers</b></p> <p>Thousands of children across Warwickshire have been offered places at primary schools, with a record number of children being offered a place in a reception class. 16th April – was National Offer Day, when children up and down the country learnt which primary school they would attend for the 2021/22 academic year. Every applicant who applied on time has been offered a place at a school.</p> <p><b>Young politicians selected to help steer county through the year ahead</b></p> <p>Young people with a passion for politics and ambitions to have a positive influence on Warwickshire have been selected for the county’s Youth Council – and met virtually for the first time.</p> <p>The 15 councillors were announced at an online event in March and will be in office for 12 months.</p> <p>New members were elected for Nuneaton and Bedworth, Stratford-upon-Avon, Rugby and Warwick. They were joined by senior Warwickshire County Council members and officers for their first virtual meeting.</p> <p>During their term of office, the youngsters will represent the views and interests of young people in their constituencies - both locally and nationally - by meeting councillors, MPs and other decision makers to take forward issues important to them. The Youth Council will also play a key role in county council’s Child Friendly Warwickshire initiative – which aims to work with children and young people to ensure their views are heard and make a difference across the county.                      John Cooke May 2021</p>	
6.	<p><b><u>Meetings</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There had been no meetings to report</li> </ul>	
7.	<p><b><u>Parish Council</u></b></p> <p><b><u>7.1 Finance</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I. Approval of accounts up to 19th May 2021- these were circulated to the PC for reviewing prior to the meeting . It was agreed by all councillors that these are accepted.</li> <li>II. Payment of £44.62 to reimburse clerk for payment of laptop ink and paper was approved</li> </ol> <p><b><u>7.2 Welcome Pack -</u></b></p> <p>Cllr Gumley had completed the welcome pack and distributed to councillors. The pack was excellent and Cllr Gee thanked Nigel for all of his hard work in taking this over and getting it to print.</p> <p><b><u>7.3 Enso Energy- Solar Farm</u></b></p> <p>See notes at end</p> <p><b><u>7.4 Email from WALC about using secure email systems</u></b></p> <p>WALC had circulated information about looking at secure email systems. The clerk had sent this email out to councillors prior to the meeting and had contacted Ian Broadbridge about how much this would cost etc. The costs were quite high and ranged from £63 to £113 per month. It was agreed that the clerk and Chairman would change to this system and that the clerk would ask the other councillors what</p>	NF

	<p>they thought. Cllrs Gumley and Holdgate were in favour of using this system. Clerk to get more information from Ian Broadbridge.</p> <p><b><u>7.5 Email from WALC about adopting National Code of Conduct</u></b> A further email came from WALC stating that the PC should adopt the new Code of Conduct when the principal authority does so. It was agreed to defer this to the next meeting.</p> <p><b><u>7.6 Cllr R Slatem re CIL payments</u></b> Cllr Slatem had looked into this further and it appears that this payment is only likely to be paid out on large developments rather than individual houses. To keep a check on this but nothing further to do at this stage.</p> <p><b><u>7.7 Email regarding Rural Broadband Consultation- email was sent to Dan Howell who has been campaigning for this in the Honiley area</u></b> NALC had emailed the PC to complete a survey regarding broadband in rural areas. Dan Howell kindly helped out with these responses and clerk sent them to NALC</p> <p><b><u>7.8 Ditches at Lincoln Croft</u></b> Cllr Gee had spoken to Mr Ahark and it had been agreed that the owner of the land to the side of Blackcroft would arrange for the ditches to be cleared . This should enable the water to flow away more easily. This was ongoing, but if it wasn't sorted out then there may be the need to notify Environmental health at some point.</p>	
8.	<p><b><u>Community Events</u></b></p> <p><b>8.1</b> Sunday teas will recommence on a monthly basis and online booking is needed. The first Sunday is 30th May.</p> <p>A Live and local performance is also taking place on 30th July and information is available on the Wren Hall website</p>	
9.	<p><b><u>AOB</u></b></p> <p>There was no AOB</p> <p><b>Date of Next Meeting</b> - 23rd June 7.30pm Meeting closed at 9.10pm.</p>	
10 11	<p><b><u>Planning Matters</u></b> <b><u>Applications Pending</u></b></p> <p><b>1 . W/20/2052 Fernwood Barn - letter sent on 4/5/21 from PC advising that the agricultural heritage should be maintained- PC maintains original stance</b></p> <p><b>2. W/21/0216- Holly Farm Bus Park- resubmission of request to erect open plan storage building- PC happy to support but Cllr Clapp wanted to query about the airstrip.</b></p>	

	<b><u>Decisions by WDC</u></b>	
	<b>W/201264-Wattcote Farm -Granted change of use</b> <b>W/20/1828- Clattylands Barn- Planning refused</b> <b>W/20/1947- Firs Cottage - Planning refused</b>	

Summary of actions	Lead
Clerk to email councillors re email system	NF
Cllr Slatem to liaise with RF regarding the repair of the notice boards	RS

### **Addendum re Public Discussion**

#### **Attendees :**

Nick Smith  
 Richard Holdgate  
 Sandy Edwards  
 Sue Gallagher  
 Huw Jones  
 Quintin Cornforth  
 Viv Ranson  
 Val Semple  
 Paul Malpass  
 Nicky Paton  
 J Walker  
 Roger Forty

The following issues and comments were made in respect of the proposed Solar Farm:

- Query re Green Belt
- Hedgerows and wildlife
- Paying high rates to live in this area
- Cannot sit back and wait- need to act early
- Need a valid argument against these plans
- Government policy re climate change
- Look at legislation and policy re planning
- Difficult for individuals to be effective
- Appropriate professional support may be needed
- Need to speak as one - set up a sub committee
- Richard Ellison was involved in the FROG campaign against the travellers
- Need a dispassionate approach
- Are there more suitable sites -why surround a village

- Green vs Solar Farm
- Effect on flight path - Glint and Glare
- How many other applications have been made around the country and rejected- why
- Honiley appears to be the only site on the Enso Energy website that is surrounded by houses
- Out of 17 sites only 1 has been approved

It was agreed that a sub committee would be set up utilising people with more expertise in dealing with this type of situation. The following agreed to form the group:

Richard Holdgate would act as chair  
Nick Smith  
Sue Gallagher  
Janet Gee- PC Chair  
Richard Ellison ( to be asked)- PC Councillor