

**Meeting of Beausale Haseley Honiley & Wroxall Parish Council  
Wednesday 15 September 2021 at Wren Hall Wroxall.**

**Present:**

Cllr J Gee (chair)  
 Cllr N Gumley  
 Cllr C Bird  
 Cllr L Holdgate  
 Cllr R. Slatem  
 Cllr E Cantwell  
 Cllr G Illingworth(WDC)  
 Cllr J Cooke(WCC)

		<b>Action</b>
1.	<p><b><u>Welcome</u></b>            Cllr Gee welcomed everyone to the meeting.</p> <p><b><u>Apologies for absence</u></b>            There were apologies from:            Cllr Richard Hales (WDC)            Cllr D Clapp</p> <p>Cllr Sonya Chapman has resigned from the Parish Council due to ongoing work commitments. Cllr Elaine Cantwell has circulated a notice to residents in Haseley Manor to see if anyone is interested in becoming a councillor.</p>	
2.	<p><b><u>Public Open Forum</u></b></p> <p>Richard Holdgate attended the Meeting to discuss public reaction to the presentation held at Wren Hall on 6 September by Enso Energy in relation to the proposed Honiley Road Solar Farm. The presentation was originally due to take place in June but was put back to enable their plans to mature following an initial presentation to the Parish Council.</p> <p>Regrettably this proved not to be the case and all agreed that the information provided was wholly insufficient to enable the community to judge the impact of such a major development.</p> <p>Following discussion it was agreed that the Parish Council will write to Enso Energy highlighting the inadequacy of information including reference to:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. No information regarding the infrastructure to be installed.</li> <li>2. What the construction period entails – what it means with vehicles coming to the site.</li> <li>3. Inconsistencies in relation to the information provided. For example it will not enable Warwick DC to meet greenhouse gas targets as set out in the “benefits” section of the invitation document since the benefit of meeting such targets will pass to Solihull DC where Berkswell is situated – this was confirmed by Cllr</li> </ol>	JG

Illingworth.

4. The photographs provided were clearly a selection of those held and were considered misleading.
5. Errors existed on map showing footpaths.
6. An initial indication had been given that all existing trees and hedges would remain but in discussions at the presentation no clear confirmation was given.
7. Of the few photographs that were displayed it was suspected that these were not always taken from a standing position.
8. Access to the site was shown in Clattyland Lane – Cllr Slatem indicated that there is no access in Clattyland Lane.
9. Information required in relation battery storage power used locally.

It was agreed that Enso Energy should be invited to hold a further Public Consultation where information could be made available to the community to enable it to properly understand the impact of the proposal. The standard of the consultation provided to date was seen as nothing more than a tick-box exercise to enable Enso to say consultation had taken place.

The community feedback received following the consultation to date seemed to be overwhelmingly against the proposal. Cllr Illingworth reminded the meeting that only letters of objection from members of the public received after an application has been received would be taken into account by the DC when making its decision – not before.

The Parish Council has sent a letter of complaint to Warwick DC regarding its decision to dispense with the need for an Environmental Impact Statement. An acknowledgement has been received but no substantive reply. Cllr Gee asked Cllr Illingworth if he could chase this within the DC.

A discussion took place as to the ownership of the land. There are two distinct pieces of land – one part owned by Jimmy Millard and the other by Home Farm. Richard Holdgate indicated that whilst the present proposal relates to 49.9mw the opportunity exists within the available land for a further 7mw (comprising 120 acres) giving rise to speculation that there might be an opportunity for an application to extend later on – the precise location of this 120 acres is not known.

Cllr Illingworth was surprised at the seeming lack of concern he had received from Birmingham Airport regarding the Solar Farm proposal – he suggests the Parish Council may wish to write to the airport seeking its views since the flightpath is within 100 metres of the proposed Solar Farm and it might wish to highlight its stated concerns relating to issues of glare or security to them. He later provided a name – andy.holding@birminghamairport.co.uk – he is the Corporate Responsibility Manager. It may also be appropriate also to write to the Civil Aviation Authority.

Cllr Gee mentioned a recent Solar Farm application in Stratford which was initially approved by the officers but then turned down by the DC since it spoiled environmental appearance and leisure aspects. She emphasised that this is why an Environmental Impact Statement should be required for the Honiley Road proposal.

	<p>It was also proposed that the Parish Council writes to Kenilworth Town Council to find out if it is aware of the proposal since many Kenilworth residents use the footpaths on walks to what will be the proposed site.</p> <p>Richard Holdgate indicated that Enso Energy will have to show that it has selected the right site and he has Land Registry information he is happy to share with the Parish Council. Once received Cllr Gee will draft the Parish Council response to Enso.</p> <p>In the meantime Cllr Slatem has a map of the four Parishes and will overlay the proposed Solar Farm site upon it to show the impact and will further do so in relation to a map of the Honiley Parish alone where the impact would be at its greatest.</p>	
3.	<p><b><u>Minutes of Meetings</u></b></p> <p>The Minutes of the Parish Council meeting of 28 July 2021 were accepted and signed as a true record. All Councillors were in favour.</p>	
4	<p><b><u>Matters Arising</u></b></p> <p>Cllr Cantwell will follow up if no response from Haseley Manor regarding Parish Councillor interest. Cllr Gee will follow up her request for a WDC site visit to Lincoln Croft.</p>	<p>EC</p> <p>JG</p>
5.	<p><b><u>WDC:</u></b></p> <p>Cllr George Illingworth Warwick District Council Report Sep 2021 – BHHW Cllr George Illingworth</p> <p>There is a current consultation on the possibility of a full merger between Warwick and Stratford Districts to form a South Warwickshire District. This started on 6 Sep 21 and lasts until 24 Oct 21. Everyone is invited to offer their opinions but there will be specific arrangements with parish councils and other key stakeholders, Several Senior managers have already taken on responsibilities in both areas of WDC and SDC to reduce costs and improve services. This is seen as a positive move whatever the decisions on future merger, Warwick District has agreed to take and house 25 Afghanistan refugees. Birmingham Airport received 8,100 or about 60% of the civilians who came to the UK. About 15 of the flights broke the normal night flying rules but clearly the situation demanded such actions. Councillors were probably aware of the serious fire in a plastic factory in Leamington at the end of August. The District Council was heavily involved dealing with those who those had to stay safely out of the area, checking air pollution and cleaning the streets of pollution afterwards.</p>	

**WCC- Cllr John Cooke**

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**Lapworth & West Kenilworth Division County Council News September 2021****The Kenilworth Repair Café: Green Shoots Community Climate Change Fund**

'Reuse it, don't lose it!' is the message from the Kenilworth Repair Café which will grow thanks to Warwickshire County Council's Green Shoots Community Climate Change Fund.

The full list of 69 projects set to receive funding from the Green Shoots Fund was announced on 30 July 2021 and the Kenilworth Repair Café was one of a number of projects funded for under £5k with a total approved amount of £800.

The Green Shoots funding will enable a Repair Café for the Kenilworth area to grow, providing a focal point for items to be repaired and reused. The café will meet on the third Saturday afternoon of every month at the United Reformed Church in Kenilworth. Here, personal and portable items can be brought for repair, to extend their useful life and avoid them entering the waste system and potentially landfill. All sorts of items can be brought in ranging from clothes and accessories needing a stitch or simple repair to furniture and homewares to toys and electrical/electronic items that perhaps need a more technical approach.

**Warm hearted Warwickshire residents show support for Afghan families**

As news emerges of the people arriving from Afghanistan seeking refuge in the UK, Warwickshire residents have been quick to step forward and offer their support. Warwickshire is expected to welcome around 100 people into the county as part of the national Home Office plan. For some it will be a short stay as they make plans to move to be close to friends and family elsewhere in the UK. Others will be with us for longer. For all it has been a terrifying experience, fleeing their homeland, leaving behind loved ones and arriving in a new country.

Warwickshire County Council is working with partners in health and the districts and boroughs to ensure the new arrivals are safe and well. And residents of Warwickshire have been quick to show their compassion and offer support. We are currently assessing what things would be most helpful and working with local charities to coordinate donations.

**Updated NHS information about COVID-19 vaccines for 16 and 17 year olds**

Invitations to get a COVID vaccine are landing on the doormats of all 16 and 17 year olds, in a further effort to boost take-up in this age group, as the biggest and most successful vaccination programme in NHS history expands further.

Over 360,000 people aged 16 and 17 have already had their jab – which includes those who were eligible previously due to an underlying health condition, with more than 125,000 getting their jab in the two weeks since the NHS was given the green light to offer all 16 and 17 years olds the life-saving jab.

The JCVI updated guidance on 4 August so that all 16 and 17-year-olds could be offered one dose of the vaccine, and anyone in this age group can now find their nearest centre through the 'grab a jab' NHS online walk-in finder, with more sites becoming available every day.

**Trading Standards sets out its plans for the future**

Warwickshire County Council's Trading Standards Service has defined how it intends to protect consumers and support the growth of Warwickshire businesses with the launch of its new business plan.

Warwickshire County Councillor Andy Crump, Portfolio Holder for Community

Safety, said:

“This is an ambitious new plan that sets out our priorities for the coming years, to protect the most vulnerable from financial harm, prevent the sale of dangerous and harmful products, support Warwickshire businesses to grow, diversify and adapt to new circumstances and establish strong partnerships to keep our communities safe.”

Key actions include:

- Invest in and promote trueCall devices that help block bogus phone calls and prevent financial fraud and scams, reinvigorate our No Cold Caller zones and close down websites connected to fraudulent activity
- Via a dedicated Business Advice Service, provide practical information for businesses and business sectors, including on EU exit and COVID-19 regulations
- Remove dangerous products from sale including unroadworthy cars and unsafe toys, cosmetics, and electrical products
- Target food businesses with poor hygiene ratings and a history of failing to abide by the law
- Tackling and disrupting the supply of counterfeit products, including the sale of illegal cigarettes
- Pursuing prosecution action against businesses consistently selling age-restricted goods (including alcohol, cigarettes, and knives) to children  
<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/tradingstandards>

#### **Warwickshire Road Safety Partnership asks public for views on new road safety Strategy to 2030**

Warwickshire Road Safety Partnership (WRSP) is asking the public for their views on how the county’s roads can be made safer by taking part in a public consultation on a new Warwickshire road safety ‘Strategy to 2030’. The public consultation starts today 18 August and can be viewed at [www.warwickroadsafety.org](http://www.warwickroadsafety.org)

Key partners, including Warwickshire Police, Warwickshire County Council, Warwickshire Fire and Rescue Service, Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Warwickshire and Highways England are developing the strategy together with external consultant Agilysis and now need the public’s input.


WRSP Chair and Police and Crime Commissioner for Warwickshire Philip Secombe said: “This is an important document as it sets out the long term vision for Warwickshire Road Safety Partnership, detailing the activities, structure and objectives up to 2030 and also includes how road safety activities will be evaluated.

#### **Recognise Warwickshire’s exceptional volunteers by submitting a nomination for The Queen’s Award for Voluntary Service**

Warwickshire County Council and the Warwickshire Lieutenancy are encouraging residents to submit nominations for volunteering groups, charities, and social enterprises across the County whose exceptional efforts deserve to be recognised by The Queen’s Award for Voluntary Service (QAVS).

The QAVS is an annual award acknowledging the outstanding work delivered by volunteers who benefit their local communities and is the highest award a voluntary group can receive in the UK.

The Award is presented each year on the 2nd June to coincide with the anniversary of the Queen’s coronation. All Awardees receive a certificate signed by the Queen, a domed glass crystal, and may also be invited to attend a royal garden party.

	 <p style="text-align: right;">Cllr John Cooke September 2021</p>	
7.	<p><b><u>Meetings</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● There had been no meetings attended by Parish Council members.</li> </ul>	
8.	<p><b><u>Parish Council</u></b></p> <p><b><u>8.1 Finance</u></b></p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">I. Approval of accounts up to 31 August 2021- these were circulated to the PC for reviewing prior to the meeting. It was agreed by all councillors that these are accepted.</p>	
9.	<p><b><u>Community Events</u></b></p> <p><b>9.1</b> Celebration Marquee Event at Wren Hall on Saturday 18 September at 7.30pm</p> <p><b>9.2</b> Fashion Show on 13 October</p> <p><b>9.3</b> All future events are on the Wren Hall website to view and book</p>	
10.	<p><b><u>AOB</u></b></p> <p>10.1 Cllr Cooke confirmed he had authorised a grant to Wren Hall of £2000 to assist in the purchase of sound reduction materials and fitting. He was thanked by all Parish Councillors.</p> <p>10.2 Cllr Cooke flagged increasing CC concern at the number of new COVID cases and hospitalisations in the Ward which he said was greater than at the peak of the pandemic.</p> <p>10.3 Cllr Cantwell mentioned that a tree in Firs Lane looked as if it was in danger of collapse but it was not known whether it was on Church land or the highway. Cllr Slatem indicated that she should contact WDC Forestry Department since it would know if the tree was theirs.</p> <p>10.4 Cllr Slatem has repaired the Wroxall Notice Board. Cost was greater than his estimate and he will inform the Clerk of the sum due. There are two more Notice Boards to complete.</p> <p>10.5 Cllr Holdgate provided a further contact at Birmingham Airport to whom details of the Solar Farm proposal could be addressed – Simon Richards, Chief Finance &amp; Engineering Officer.</p> <p><b>Date of Next Meeting</b> - 20 October 2021</p> <p>Meeting closed at 8.30pm.</p>	<p>EC</p> <p>RS</p>

11	<p><b><u>Planning Matters</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Applications Pending</u></b></p> <p>1. W/21/0228 Wroxall Abbey – Signage</p> <p>2. W/21/1246 Rose Cottage</p> <p><b><u>Decisions by WDC</u></b></p> <p>No decisions received from WDC</p> <p><b><u>Other:</u></b></p> <p>W/21/0430 Lincoln Croft - single storey rear extension – WDC not responded yet to request for site inspection</p>	JG
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Summary of actions	Lead
CLlr Gee to write to Enso Energy regarding inadequacy of the consultation once further information received	JG
CLlr Gee to press WDC for response to PC complaint regarding dispensing with need for Environmental Impact Statement for proposed Honiley Road Solar Farm	JG
CLlr Gee to inform Birmingham Airport, Civil Aviation Authority and Kenilworth Town Council of Honiley Road Solar Farm proposals	JG
CLlr Cantwell to follow up at Haseley Manor if no Parish Councillor response	EC
CLlr Gee to chase up planning re visit to Lincoln Croft	JG
CLlr Cantwell to contact WDC Forestry Dept regarding ownership of tree in Firs Lane	EC