

# MEETING OF BEAUSALE, HASELEY, HONILEY AND WROXALL

## PARISH COUNCIL

ON 19 APRIL 2023 AT WREN HALL, WROXALL AT 7.30PM

Present – Cllr J Gee (Chair)  
Cllr N Gumley  
Cllr D Clapp  
Cllr R Slatem  
Cllr L Holdgate  
Cllr H Jones  
Clerk V Poole (Minutes)  
Cllr J Cooke  
Cllr G Illingworth  
Cllr R Hales

	<b><u>Apologies</u></b>	<b>Action</b>
1.	Cllr E Cantwell Cllr L Holdgate Cllr C Bird	
2.	<b><u>Annual Parish Open Forum</u></b>  2.1 Sheila Cole gave a report on behalf of the local Parochial Church Council. 2.2 Martin Wood gave a report on behalf of Wren Hall and also SWEAT (Shrewley & Wroxall Environment Action Team)  Both reports attached to the minutes	
3.	<b><u>Minutes of Last Meeting</u></b>  Minutes of meeting on 15 March 2023 read and agreed - to be published on website	Clerk V Poole
4.	<b><u>Matters Arising</u></b>  Further update on position regarding Solar Farm Application to be sought – Chair to check  Warwickshire Park Hotel sign – has advertising consent been obtained – Chair to check  History club – Cllr Slatem to advise the Club on sources of grant aid	Cllr J Gee  Cllr J Gee  Cllr R Slatem
5.	<b><u>WDC Report</u></b>  Reports from Cllr Illingworth/Cllr Hales  Cllr Illingworth advised he was retiring and thanked everyone in the Parish for their support over the years	

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## WCC Report

### **Annual WCC Report from Cllr John Cooke 2022-23**

*I have trawled through my reports during the year and made a selection that gives a flavour of WCC's work during the year.*

#### **Kenilworth's Talisman Theatre Company receive boost from HS2 funding**

It is great news for the arts in Kenilworth as the popular Talisman Theatre Company received a considerable cash boost from the HS2 Community & Environment Fund (CEF). The theatre company, based at Barrow Road in the town, were successful in their bid for £75,000 of funding from the CEF, which they plan to use to provide a new fringe stage, bar and reception area at the popular local theatre.

#### **Rogue Trader Prosecuted for £100,000 Fraud**

Darren Mitchell who traded as Stately Paving Ltd offered driveway block paving, building and landscaping work. Mr Mitchell first door knocked the elderly resident's bungalow in July 2014 and agreed to block pave his driveway and remove an old greenhouse. He returned to the property again and again together with others unknown, pressurising the resident in to paying for more work including fencing, repairs to windows, building a brick shed and laying new turf. Some of this work was never done or wasn't needed and the pensioner was charged grossly excessive amounts. A Trading Standards expert witness estimated that the true value of the work carried out by Mr Mitchell and his workmen was less than £20,000, with remedial works being required costing approximately £3,835. The victim had been charged £120,000. Over time the resident was systematically defrauded of over £100,000.

#### **New LCE fund will plug a gap in the loans market for small businesses**

In May 2022 WCC is launched a new loans scheme designed to help small businesses start up and existing ones to grow.

The Local Communities & Enterprise Fund (LCE) helped fill a gap in the loans market at a time when mainstream lending was difficult to access.

The new scheme was part of the Council's £140million Warwickshire Recovery and Investment Fund (WRIF), created to aid the economic recovery of the county post-Covid. The fund was open to all business sectors, but priority was given to those particularly significant within the Warwickshire economy. These included Advanced Manufacturing & Engineering; Digital Creative & Digital Technologies; Culture, Tourism & Hospitality and Low Carbon Technologies.

#### **Homes for Ukraine Update from WCC**

As at 25th May 2022, 408 Ukrainian guests had arrived in Warwickshire (based on their visa status). A further 615 guests have been matched to hosts in Warwickshire, meaning the total number of guests could rise to 1,023. Warwickshire has a total of 396 matched hosts.

Accommodation checks: To date, 297 accommodation checks have been completed.

This represents 74% of the 399 properties that had been offered to the scheme.

#### **During Child Safety Week and beyond, take steps to minimise accidents**

The County Council supported the annual Child Safety Week campaign next week (6 – 12 June 2022), a national awareness campaign from the Child Accident Prevention Trust (CAPT). The 2022, Child Safety Week had a theme of 'Safety in mind' to make sure busy families have the 'Safety in mind' that really matters, especially when under pressure. The Council shared advice and themed posts around some of the actions people can take to keep children safe.

#### **Warwickshire Fire and Rescue Service Consultation**

Chief Fire Officer Ben Brook launched a public consultation on the draft Warwickshire Fire and Rescue Service (WFRS) Prevention, Protection and Response Strategy, asking people to take part and help influence the way the Service will work over the next five years.

WFRS has 17 fire stations across the 764 square miles of Warwickshire and employs around 450 staff. Its work in 2020/21 included attending around 3,500 incidents, taking

steps to protect over 1,000 buildings and carrying out 1,500 hospital-to-home collections for the county's most vulnerable residents.

Emergency response is now a smaller proportion of the work done by WFRS, who instead have an increased emphasis on prevention, protection and community support.

**Funding awarded to community groups tackling loneliness**

58 groups and individuals received a total of £47,000 in grant funding, as part of a project which aimed to reduce loneliness and social isolation throughout the county. Around 40,000 people in Warwickshire are currently living with chronic loneliness. The Covid-19 pandemic had a profound impact on the nation's mental health, with successive lockdowns damaging social connections, jobs and finances. In addition, it disrupted people's ability to engage in their usual coping mechanisms and made them feel more isolated from friends and family.

**Major funding boost to help improve safety in public spaces across Warwickshire**

Funding worth more than £350,000 was secured from the government by Warwickshire's Police and Crime Commissioner Philip Seccombe and local partners to improve safety at four public spaces.

The money, from the Home Office Safer Streets Fund, was targeted at areas which have been identified through public feedback and intelligence data as suffering from issues such as violent crime, personal robbery, sexual assaults, drugs misuse, County Lines activity and anti-social behaviour.

**In the Summer communities and firefighters pulled together in record temperatures**

Residents and businesses were thanked for their support during multiple heatwaves. Warwickshire Fire & Rescue Service (WFRS) expressed its gratitude to staff and local communities for their support over the summer. Summer months saw soaring temperatures and the driest July recorded since 1885, contributing to a dramatic increase in open fires, forest fires and water rescue incidents. Firefighters, fire control operatives and supporting staff worked tirelessly to respond to these incidents, as well as raising awareness of measures to prevent them from occurring in the first place where possible.

**Cyclists across Warwickshire saved over 3,000kg of carbon last September when they got on their bikes and chose active travel for work and leisure.**

Warwickshire County Council joined the "Love to Ride" family of partner organisations, giving residents, businesses and community groups access to the best rewards and resources that will encourage cycling for travel, not just leisure.

Cycle September is Love to Ride's global bike-riding event, brought together riders of every level to promote the benefits of bicycles. The campaign was a great opportunity for communities, businesses and individuals to engage in a fun challenge that will help them meet their health, wellness, and sustainability goals.

**Warwickshire County Council has approved funding of £13.4 million for the delivery of a new primary school at Myton Gardens, Warwick.**

The new school – likely to open in September 2024 - will meet the need for school places as a result of the large-scale 4,500 home housing development in the area. Myton Gardens School is expected to provide a Two form entry primary school providing a further 420 school places in the South Leamington and Warwick area as well as an additional 32 Early Years (0-4years) places and 8-14 Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) places. It will have capacity to expand to three form entry, potentially 630 pupils.

**Warwickshire Fire and Rescue Service is urging people to take steps to prevent accidental fires and carbon monoxide poisoning as they look to keep warm and cut energy use this winter.**

The call comes following concerns from the National Fire Chiefs Council (NFCC) that the cost of living rise will mean people turn to alternative ways of heating and lighting their homes.

As part of its campaign WFRS encouraged people to complete an online home fire safety check for themselves or their loved ones. By answering a few simple questions, it will provide fire safety advice specific to you and tips on how to keep you and your household safe from fire - [www.ohfsc.co.uk](http://www.ohfsc.co.uk).

For those most at risk of fire we offered to visit the home to provide help and advice.

### **Warwickshire Libraries launches new Business Resources service**

Warwickshire County Council's libraries service has launched a new Business Resources webpage, which is available to access for free through the Warwickshire Libraries online catalogue.

The information and services available on the webpage have been carefully selected to provide support for anyone looking to start or develop a business, or for those who are considering self-employment, thinking about new career options, or preparing for a job interview.

The [Business Resources webpage](#) features COBRA, a brand new eResource offer by Warwickshire Libraries with more than 4,000 factsheets, market reports, contacts, and sources of funding and support. It also provides hundreds of practical guides to help start up more than 350 different types of business. See

[www.warwickshire.gov.uk/librarybusinessresources](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/librarybusinessresources)

### **Keeping Warwickshire's young people in education, employment or training**

A December publication from the Department for Education (DfE) has shown that, once again, Warwickshire was one of the most successful Counties in the country for ensuring its 16 and 17 year old residents are either in education, employment or training.

Warwickshire's numbers of young people either not in education, employment or training (NEETs) are standing at less than both the regional (West Midlands) and national averages.

This last year, Warwickshire had 1.7% of 16 and 17 year olds in a NEET situation (down from 2% in 2021) and 1.7% whose activities were not known (down from 2% in 2021).

This gives a combined score of 3.4% (down from 3.8% in 2021) which compares to the West Midlands average of 5% and the England average of

4.7%. <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/neet>

### **Welcome to Warwickshire Heritage Learning**

The Heritage and Culture Warwickshire education team launched their new and redeveloped workshops, classrooms spaces at St John's House, and loan boxes along with the launch of a new name - Warwickshire Heritage Learning.

Schools can experience a brand-new way of learning with a range of immersive and creative workshops that will inspire students and bring the past to life. The subscription loan box service combines real museum objects and virtual learning workshops, making classrooms part of Warwickshire Museum, with the children as the curators of the museum.

Along with the new drama-based workshops, schools will enjoy their school trips in new look spaces at St John's House, Warwick. The first floor has been redeveloped into fantastic learning spaces, with digital resources, along with two dedicated lunch rooms. <https://heritage.warwickshire.gov.uk/heritagelearning>

### **New partnership to create 2,000 homes for Warwickshire**

Warwickshire County Council and its property company Warwickshire Property & Development Group (WPDG) announced a major new joint venture which will see 2,000 new homes created across the county.

Develop Warwickshire will help bring sites forward for housing over the next 30 years, with three being taken forward for development within the next 12 months.

The partnership with WPDG and leading developer Countryside Partnerships, which will see £2.5 billion of developments completed, is part of the County's drive to realise the potential of its development sites.

### **'Gold Medal Award' for the Hospital to Home team at Warwickshire Fire & Rescue Service**

The Warwickshire Fire & Rescue Service (WFRS) Hospital to Home (HTH) team was delighted to receive a 'Gold Medal Award' from the Emergency Care Improvement Support Team, NHS England, presented by Amanda Pritchard, Chief Executive Officer of the NHS, on 20<sup>th</sup> January 2023 at Warwick Hospital.

The award is in recognition of the innovative service HTH provides in helping elderly and vulnerable patients return home safely after hospital stays. The team works across Warwickshire to transport patients home and help them settle back in.

This might include making a cup of tea, putting the heating on or getting a food shop in. They also carry out Safe and Well checks for the resident, which involve looking for

	<p>potential fire and safety hazards and ensuring working smoke alarms are installed.</p> <p><b><u>Parish Council Matters</u></b></p> <p><b><u>7.1 Flyers to appoint new Parish Councillors</u></b> have been distributed – emails received from 2 people who are interested – Cllr Gee to contact them and discuss further</p> <p><b><u>7.2 Solar Farm application update</u></b> – Email received from Lucy Hammond-Charles Principal Planning Officer at WDC explaining that there are ongoing discussions between the Landscape Officer and Enso Energy, which is causing the delay. Cllr Gee to contact the Landscape Officer at WDC</p> <p><b><u>7.3 Warwickshire Park Hotel sign</u></b> advertising consent – still outstanding</p> <p><b><u>7.4 History Club grant aid update</u></b> – still outstanding</p> <p><b><u>7.5 Parish Council elections</u></b> – all forms submitted on time and accepted with the exception of Chris Bird’s, which needed to be resubmitted.</p> <p><b><u>7.6 Parish Council finances</u></b> (as below)</p> <p><b><u>7.7 Precept for 2023/24</u></b></p> <p>At the time of the meeting this was still outstanding but has since been received</p> <p><b><u>7.8 Insurance renewal on 26 May 2023</u></b></p> <p>Clerk to liaise with Chair about renewal</p>	<p>Cllr Gee</p> <p>Cllr Gee</p> <p>Cllr Gee</p> <p>Cllr Slatem</p> <p>Cllr Gee/Clerk</p>
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8.	<p><b><u>Community Events</u></b></p> <p>Celebration of the Coronation of Kings Charles 2023 – it was decided to plant the tree(s) in the Autumn as opposed to over the Coronation weekend, as they would have a better chance of survival.</p>	Cllr R Slatem																		
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		CV35 7PB	replace conservatory and garage conversion	
	<b>DECISIONS MADE BY WDC</b>			
	T3725/D/22/3306917	The Barn, Camp Hill Farm, Kites Nest Lane, Beausale, Warwick CV35 7BF	Dismissed on Appeal	
	T3725/D/22/3310040	Old Folly Barn, Kites Nest Lane, Beausale, Warwick CV35 7PB	Dismissed on Appeal	
<b>10.</b>	<b>AOB</b>			
	10.1 It was decided not to allow advertising on the Parish Council website from a pharmacy and dentist who had emailed in. This is so that no preference is shown to any one provider.			
<b>11.</b>	10.2 Letter received from Heath & Blenkinsop regarding appointing a trustee to the Edward Coat & Gown Charity – Cllr H Jones to find out more information			Cllr H Jones
<b>12.</b>	<b>Date of next AGM meeting Wednesday 17 May 2023 at 7.30PM</b>			

ACTIONS TO COMPLETE	LEAD
Minutes of previous meeting to be published on website	Clerk V Poole
W/22/1577 Honiley Farm Solar Farm – Chair to contact Council for update	Cllr J Gee
Warwickshire Park Hotel sign – has advertising consent been obtained?	Cllr J Gee
History Club – still outstanding – Cllr R Slatem to pursue	Cllr R Slatem
Invoices to be paid by Cllr Slatem whilst bank details are being set up for new Clerk	Cllr R Slatem
Insurance renewal	Cllr Gee/Clerk
Broken glass in telephone box to be replaced	Cllr H Jones
Letter from Heath & Blenkinsop – Edward Coat & Gown Charity – further information to be obtained regarding trustee	Cllr H Jones