

**Meeting of Beausale Haseley Honiley & Wroxall Parish Council
Wednesday 21 June 2023 at Wren Hall Wroxall.**

Present:

Cllr G Gee (chair)

Cllr N Gumley (minutes)

Cllr D Clapp

Cllr L Holdgate

Cllr R. Slatem

Cllr H Jones

Cllr J Cooke(WCC)

Neill Butler (Observer)

Martin Wood (Guest)

1.	<u>Welcome</u>	Action
	<p>Cllr Gee welcomed everyone to the meeting.</p> <p><u>Apologies for absence</u> There were apologies from: Cllr Richard Hales (WDC) Cllr E Cantwell Cllr C Bird Veronica Poole (Clerk)</p> <p>It was noted that there was no attendance from new WDC Councillors. Their attendance at Parish Council meetings is not compulsory but has in the past been customary.</p>	
2.	<p><u>Public Open Forum</u></p> <p>Martin Wood indicated that he had now left Shrewley Parish Council but attended this meeting to talk about a Parish Council online tool which is available. It provides information about the respective Parish such as a detailed OS Map, Flooding information, Listed Buildings, current level of carbon footprint for the Parish and an Assets Register. It can also be used to map planning applications but doesn't self-populate this information and an administrator is required to do so. It costs around £80 per annum. Parish Councillors agreed to take it on a free 30 day trial before committing to the annual purchase.</p> <p>Neill Butler queried what action was being taken by the PC to stop fly tipping. JG indicated that since prosecutions seemed rare even when vehicle registration numbers had been taken it was pointless to incur the cost of installing cameras. The District Council has a number to call where fly tipping has occurred and they can be relied upon to remove waste promptly.</p>	

3.	<p><u>Minutes of Last Meeting</u></p> <p>The Minutes of the Parish Council meeting on 17 May 2023 were accepted and signed as a true record subject to one amendment. Cllr Jones was appointed Vice-Chair at that meeting and not Cllr Gumley as stated. The amendment was made and all Councillors were in favour.</p>	
4	<p><u>Matters Arising</u></p> <p>Cllr Gee to chase whether up to date Minutes of Meetings are appearing on the PC website. Cllr Slatem to make further enquiries of History Club's sources of Grant Aid and advise.</p> <p>Cllr Slatem confirms he has completed the set up to enable Clerk to conduct PC transactions.</p> <p>The Emergency Plan will be updated and sent to DC. The website should indicate the existence of the Plan but not the plan itself.</p> <p>Two trees to mark the death of the Queen and Coronation of the King will be planted at the Flower Show on 9 September. Cllr Gee and Martin Wood will officially plant.</p>	<p>JG</p> <p>RS</p>
5.	<p><u>WDC</u></p> <p>No reports received and no District Councillors in attendance. It was decided that a formal invite to the next meeting would be sent to the new Green Party District Counsellors.</p> <p>The Parish Council has submitted a complaint to WDC Planning Committee following comments made at a recent meeting. DC are speaking to Counsel before replying to the PC. It was felt that DC should be working positively with the PC not disregarding it.</p>	<p>JG</p>

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WCC**Lapworth & West Kenilworth Division County Council News May 2023****Warwickshire residents warned of the dangers of charging devices on beds after house fire**

Warwickshire Fire and Rescue Service (WFRS) is issuing a warning to the public about the dangers of charging electronic devices on beds, following a recent house fire that started in a young girl's bedroom due to an overheated charger.

The incident occurred around 10am at a property in Leamington when the charger, which had been left plugged in and charging a device on a bed, overheated and caught fire.

Upon discovering the fire, the homeowner closed the door to the bedroom which prevented it from spreading to other areas of the property, before calling 999 and evacuating to safety.

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/firesafety>

WCC Libraries is searching for volunteers between the ages of 13 – 19 for an exciting volunteer opportunity this summer.

The libraries team are looking for enthusiastic individuals across the county to assist with the annual Summer Reading Challenge, the UK's biggest free reading for pleasure programme for children.

The Challenge encourages children aged between 4 - 11 years to read for pleasure during the summer holidays, and is coordinated annually by The Reading Agency who work in partnership with libraries countrywide. The chosen teen volunteers will play a crucial role in supporting children to complete the challenge, and to help them to discover new books and authors as part of their reading journey.

Each volunteer will need to be able to commit 10-15 hours of time to the role over the course of the summer holidays and bring qualities including a love of reading and the ability to share this passion with younger children, as well as patience, punctuality, and reliability.

The library encourages interested individuals to [apply online before the deadline on Monday 29 May](#).

Take your first steps towards a career in gaming with Interactive Futures

Students, their parents, & prospective career changers can discover how to forge a career in one of the UK's fastest-growing industries when the Leamington video games hub opens its doors next month.

Interactive Futures – Gateway into Games is a free one-day event taking place on Saturday 13th May at the **Royal Spa Centre** in Leamington Spa. The day will be dedicated to inspiring the next generation to take a closer look at the multiple career opportunities and pathways the video games sector has to offer, with representatives from the 'Silicon Spa' cluster of studios including Lab42, Lively – a Keyword Studio, SEGA HARDlight, Sumo Leamington, Third Kind Games and Ubisoft Leamington all taking part.

This event is a one day special, dedicated to inspiring the next generation of talent into the video game industry and builds on the larger scale Interactive Futures showcase event held in Warwickshire since the inaugural event in 2019.

Interactive Futures is being organised by Warwickshire County Council and Warwick District Council in partnership with local games studios and is entirely free to attend.

Those attending are asked to register for their free ticket by visiting interactive-futures.com

WCC Fire and Rescue Service urges people to stay safe around water with increasing temperatures expected

The campaign is warning people of the risk of accidentally drowning when in or around water. There were 277 deaths in the UK from accidental drowning in 2021 in inland and coastal locations. 40% of people who lost their lives had no intention of entering the water, with slips, trips and falls being the main cause of them entering the water.

Warwickshire has a wide variety of lakes, quarries and waterways, all of which carry hidden dangers. Even on a warm day the temperature in open water can remain very cold, causing cold water shock - a physical reaction which can make it difficult to control breathing, cause panic and make it difficult to swim.

If you do find yourself in difficulty in the water, WFRS is urging people not to panic and **'Float To Live'**. This means leaning back in the water and spreading your arms and legs to stay afloat, control your breathing, when the effects of cold water shock have passed call out for help or swim to safety.

If someone is in trouble in water, call 999 and ask for the fire service. It's important you call for help rather than entering the water to attempt a rescue as this can often result in emergency services needing to find and rescue more people from the water.

Plans to increase investment in apprenticeship funding are welcomed by WCC Cabinet

At its last meeting in April, Warwickshire County Council Cabinet approved plans for the distribution of an additional £300,000 to increase its investment in apprenticeship funding.

The additional funding agreed upon at Council in February will be used to strengthen support to businesses, increased apprenticeship fairs, help for the over 50s in reskilling and inclusive apprenticeships aimed at young people with SEND.

The £300,000 will be made available every year for five years and will be broken down as follows:

£50,000: Future Skills Advisor - This dedicated resource will work with businesses to make sure that training gives apprentices the right skills for the job market and to identify key trends and emerging opportunities

£25,000 Future Skills & Apprenticeship Fairs – This funding will provide at least one fair in each District and Borough, and engage with over 2000 students and job seekers across the five events.

£100,000 Employer Salary Grant – This will support small businesses with the salary cost of apprentices for the first three months of the apprenticeship as well as costs of specialists providing industry-specific training at colleges. This will support 30 businesses with salary support and work with ten employers each year to pilot training delivery models.

£75,000 Barrier Breaking - Warwickshire's labour market intelligence demonstrates that we have an increasing number of over 50s who are unemployed and looking to explore new pathways into work and gain new skills. These funds will enable the county council to work with at least 40 businesses, generating at least 50 apprenticeship opportunities per annum.

	<p>£50,000 Inclusive apprenticeships – The council is committed to increasing the accessibility of apprenticeships, particularly for young people and adults with SEND. This will create 25 inclusive apprenticeships per annum.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">John Cooke 3rd May 2023</p>	
7.	<p><u>Meetings</u></p> <p>Cllr Gee attended a WALC Meeting on 19 June concerning what we can do to work towards net zero. The main thing WCC is doing at this stage is to run vehicles on bio-diesel. Hydro-treated vegetable oil is being tested at the moment with a view to reducing carbon emissions.</p> <p>On a similar note Cllr Jones has been told by the DC that his request for a charging point in the Parish was still a live issue and under consideration.</p>	
8.	<p><u>Parish Council Matters</u></p> <p><u>8.1 Finance</u> Approval of year end accounts and monthly schedule of payments could not be approved until clarification of individual payments in the “other” section was received. An update of payments so far in 23/24 was also needed. Cllr Gee to meet with the Clerk to go through this.</p> <p><u>8.2 FROG Funding</u> No clarification has been received so far of the funding required by Friends of the Green Belt to obtain Counsel’s Opinion on the Solar Farm application by Enso. Cllr Holdgate felt that this was dragging on. Apparently the Landscape Department maintains its objection and Enso seem to be being given an unlimited amount of time to respond. Cllr Gee to enquire whether a time limit to do so is going to be imposed upon Enso.</p> <p><u>8.3 Register of Assets</u> This has remained at £2695.68 since 2019. Cllr Gee has now changed this to £3680.50 to reflect the purchase of new equipment including a laptop.</p> <p><u>8.4 Internal Audit Report</u> Sally Jones has agreed to do this. Cllr Gee to arrange between Clerk and Sally.</p> <p><u>8.5 Annual Governance Statement</u> This remains to be done. Might need to hold extra meeting to approve.</p> <p><u>8.6 Co-Option of new Councillors</u> Ongoing – Neill Butler attended this meeting before making a decision as to whether he would be interested in joining the PC.</p>	<p>JG</p> <p>JG</p> <p>JG</p> <p>JG</p>

	<p><u>8.7 Payments for noting/approval</u> Wren Hall hire for 17 May meeting (£30) approved. (Invoice No 704)</p>	
	<p><u>9. Community Events</u></p> <p>9.1 Honiley Church Flower Show Festival 24 June 2023 9.2 Honiley Church Service 11am 25 June 2023 with the Bishop of Coventry 9.3 All future events are on the Wren Hall website to view and book.</p>	
10.	<p><u>AOB</u> 10.1 Cllr Jones confirmed that he would be a Trustee for the Edwards Coat & Gown Charity – registered number 220432</p> <p>10.2 Cllr Gee to make enquiries into the provision of broadband in Honiley. Open Reach has brought fibre to the roads but this has not been connected from the roads to the houses.</p> <p>Date of Next Meeting - Wednesday 19 July at 7.30pm at Wren Hall.</p>	JG
11	<p><u>Planning Matters</u></p> <p><u>Applications Pending</u> 1. W/230845 Land at Honiley Road, Beausale. Outline planning permission sought for 1no dwelling PC oppose as not appropriate development in Green Belt.</p> <p>2. W/23/0560 The Dahlias and Ashes. Variation of condition relating to planning application W/16/0656 Retrospective – no objection by PC.</p> <p><u>Decisions by WDC</u> W/22/1728 Claywood, Clattyland Lane, Beausale. Demolition of existing dwelling & outbuildings, erection of replacement dwelling. Refused – letter of complaint sent by PC</p> <p>W/23/0021 Holly Farm, Honiley Road, Beausale. Erection of replacement dwelling. Granted</p>	

Summary of actions	Lead
CLlr Gee to enquire if Minutes of PC Meetings are appearing on PC website.	JG
CLlr Slatem to make further enquiries of History Club's source of grant aid and advise.	RS
CLlr Gee to invite new Green Party District Councillors to next PC Meeting.	JG
CLlr Gee to meet with Clerk to clarify individual payments in "other" Section of Year-end accounts and obtain update of payments so far in 23/24.	JG
CLlr Gee to contact Planning Officer to ascertain whether a deadline has been given to Enso to respond to concerns and objections.	JG
CLlr Gee to arrange Internal Audit by Sally Jones with Clerk. CLlr Gee to consider whether extra meeting needed to approve Annual Governance Statement. CLlr Gee to make enquiries as to progress with the provision of broadband in Honiley.	JG JG