

**MEETING OF BEAUSALE HASELEY HONILEY AND WROXALL
PARISH COUNCIL
ON 15 MARCH 2023 AT WREN HALL WROXALL**

Present – Cllr J Gee (Chair)
Cllr C Bird
Cllr E Cantwell
Cllr N Gumley
Cllr D Clapp
Cllr R Slatem
Cllr L Holdgate
Cllr H Jones
Clerk V Poole (Minutes)

1.	<u>Welcome</u>	Action
2.	<p>Chair welcomed Veronica Poole as new Clerk to the Parish. Previous Clerk attended to welcome the new Clerk</p> <p><u>Apologies</u> Cllr J Cook (WCC) – report sent in advance Cllr L Holdgate Cllr C Bird</p>	
3.	<p><u>Public Open Forum</u></p> <p>No members of the public attended the meeting</p>	
4.	<p><u>Minutes of Last Meeting</u></p> <p>Read and agreed – minutes to be published on website – Clerk V Poole</p>	Clerk V Poole
5.	<p><u>Matters Arising</u></p> <p>Further update on position regarding Solar Farm Application to be sought – Chair to check</p> <p>Warwickshire Park Hotel sign – has advertising consent been obtained – Chair to check</p> <p>Hedge cutting – still outstanding to be carried forward when new Environmental Land Management scheme details known</p> <p>History club – Cllr Slatem to advise the Club on sources of grant aid</p>	<p>Cllr J Gee</p> <p>Cllr J Gee</p> <p>Cllr E Cantwell</p> <p>Cllr R Slatem</p>
	<p><u>WDC Report</u></p> <p>No report was provided</p>	

6.	<p><u>WCC Report – Cllr John Cooke</u> Lapworth & West Kenilworth Division County Council News March 2023</p> <p>Record number of Warwickshire children offered one of their top three secondary school choices</p> <p>March 1st is National Offer Day, when Year 6 children and up and down the country learn which secondary school they will attend for the 2023/2024 academic year.</p> <p>This year, there were 6,720 Warwickshire children who applied for a secondary place by the application deadline of 31 October, a fall of 0.75% compared to the previous year. Of those, 80.3% have been offered a place at their first-choice school. A further 14.1% have been offered a place at another of their school choices, meaning a total of 94.4% have been offered a place at one of their top three preferred schools.</p> <p>Almost all parents and carers now apply for their secondary school place online. They will receive an email, or can check their online parent portal, on Wednesday 1 March to get details of their school offer and instructions on what to do next. Letters to the remaining applicants have been posted.</p> <p>To help families to make their school applications, Warwickshire County Council have produced a series of animated videos full of advice and guidance and have held online webinars where parents and carers can ask questions of the admissions team. All of these are available to watch on the Warwickshire County Council YouTube channel. The deadline for Warwickshire parents to respond to their secondary school offer is 15 March. More information on how to do this is on the Warwickshire County Council website at: https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/admissions</p> <p>National funding gives supported internships in Warwickshire a boost!</p> <p>Young people in Warwickshire with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) will benefit from a life changing supported internships programme, thanks to a grant of £105,000 from the National Development Team for Inclusion (NDTi).</p> <p>The grant, which will be distributed over a three-year period is designed to support more young people with additional needs to have greater choice and control over opportunities that prepare them for adult life and enable them to gain long-term meaningful employment. Currently, only 4.8% of people nationally with special educational needs and disabilities gain permanent paid employment in the UK, compared to 80% of their peers.</p> <p>Supported internships help young people aged 16-24 with an Education, Health and Care plan (EHCP) to achieve paid employment. The programme gives young people the skills they need for work by learning in the workplace. Supported internships are unpaid, and last for at least six months. Where possible, young people move into paid employment at the end of the programme. As well as time at the employer, young people complete a personalised study programme. The study programme includes the chance to study for relevant qualifications.</p> <p>Find more information on supported internships in Warwickshire click here.</p> <p>Kids need clean air! Drivers asked to switch off their engines when parked, waiting or stationary</p> <p>This campaign aims to educate drivers of the benefits of switching off their vehicle engines when stationary, with a particular focus on engine idling outside schools during drop-off and pick-ups.</p> <p>It is important for engines to be switched off when waiting or stationary. Engines left running - Idling - increase the amount of exhaust fumes in the air, with these fumes</p>	
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containing harmful gases which pollute the environment, contribute towards climate change, and are linked to health conditions such as respiratory illnesses and lung and heart disease. Idling often occurs outside schools at drop off and pick up times, which means children are exposed to increased air pollution.

Major funding scheme nears £3m in small business investment and has proved an emphatic success

A funding scheme created to boost the local economy by helping SMEs with access-to-finance has now invested nearly £3million in small businesses.

The [Duplex Investment Fund](#), introduced in 2019, is a combined grant and loan initiative jointly managed by Coventry and Warwickshire Local Enterprise Partnership (CWLEP), the [Coventry & Warwickshire Reinvestment Trust](#) (CWRT), Warwickshire County Council, Coventry City Council and the [Midlands Engine](#).

Warwickshire County Council's input to the scheme saw it recently pass the £2m loans milestone. A total of £2,094,670 loan monies has been disbursed to 29 businesses by WCC which has also allocated £829,627 in grant monies.

The knock on effect of this investment by the council has been considerable with £805,901 investment from the private sector attracted. Employment has also been created and protected - in total, 167 new jobs are forecast, 61 have been created and 149 safeguarded with three apprentices to be taken on.

Rogue Trader Sentenced to Five Years' Imprisonment

The prosecution was brought by Warwickshire County Council's Trading Standards Service following an investigation.

At Warwick Crown Court on Friday 11th March 2022, Mr Darren Mitchell (aged 47 and of no fixed abode) was found guilty of four offences contrary to the Fraud Act 2006 and one offence contrary to the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002.

Darren Mitchell traded as Stately Paving Ltd offered driveway block paving, building and landscaping work. He 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.

£2 bus fare cap to be extended in Warwickshire

Warwickshire County Council has welcomed news, released by the government, that bus fares will continue to be capped at £2 for a further 3 months, making it cheaper for residents to travel by bus.

The scheme means that bus passengers in Warwickshire will only pay a maximum of £2 for a single bus journey, regardless of the distance travelled. The Government has committed £75million of further investment to extend the scheme, previously running until the end of March, to continue until 30 June 2023. A further £80million has been confirmed to protect vital bus services people rely on for work, education, medical appointments and shopping.

In Warwickshire, the following operators are signed up to the scheme: Stagecoach, Arriva, National Express Coventry, National Express West Midlands, Pulhams, A&M Group - Flexibus (Service 9 only) and IndieGo PLUS Demand Responsive Transport (DRT).

Over 29 tonnes of carbon saved by cyclists in Warwickshire over the last six months!

Last year, 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 encourage cycling for travel, not just leisure.

Following a very successful Cycle September campaign, use of the app from individuals, businesses and communities across Warwickshire has continued to increase, resulting in:

- 639 riders in Warwickshire
- 39 Workplaces
- 42,943 trips made by bike, of which 40% were for a specific purpose like shopping, commuting to work or errands, rather than for exercise reasons
- 578,958 miles ridden by bike.

There is also extra help available for anyone thinking about getting back on their bike, including popular Dr Bike Sessions which are taking place across Warwickshire over the Spring and where residents can bring their bikes along to have them adjusted and security tagged and the Cycle Buddies scheme, where new cyclists are offered support from more experienced ones.

To start your cycling adventure today, visit: <https://www.lovetoride.net/warwickshire>

Support helps Ukrainians to work in Warwickshire

Warwickshire Skills Hub offers those from Ukraine now settling here the warmest of welcomes and, through the Warwickshire Ukrainian Employability Programme, access to opportunities to build a career and livelihood in the county.

The objective of the scheme is to provide direct access to jobs that local employers have shaped, in conjunction with the Skills Hub's Fair Chance Employment Programme. This has proven to be an effective way to build inclusive jobs locally and boost engagement between Ukrainian jobseekers and employers who are tackling significant skills shortages.

Over 100 Ukrainian refugees have signed up for the programme. Over 50 of these have now built their CVs and are working with the team to search and apply for jobs with many of these having improved English skills from ESOL lessons.

Ukrainian Working in Warwickshire Programme employment sessions have been running at Warwickshire Community Skills Hubs in Rugby, Atherstone and Leamington. Please go to <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/ukraine-2/information-ukrainians/6>

Green Shoots Community Climate Change Fund Wildflower corridor in Warwick Hospital

The £22,980 in funding will allow the South Warwickshire University NHS Foundation Trust to create a wildflower corridor at the rear of Warwick Hospital. The new corridor will be accessible to staff, patients and visitors. This area will be the first wildflower habitat at the hospital, providing much-needed urban greenspace and increasing biodiversity at the site.

The benefits of the wildflower meadow to the hospital, its patients and the wider community include:

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increased plant diversity will, in turn, attract insects and other invertebrates (including butterflies, bees, spiders and millipedes), and birds. Flowering species of wildflowers will add a changing palate of colour to the urban environment of the hospital throughout the seasons. Increased carbon and harmful particulate capture in an area of the town of Warwick that is heavily developed, with limited access to green spaces <p>John Cooke 1st March 2023</p>	
7.	<p><u>Other Meetings Attended</u></p> <p>Cllr Gee attended Thank You event at Jefferson Gardens hosted by the Chair of WDC</p>	
8.	<p><u>Parish Council Matters</u></p> <p><u>8.1 Finance</u></p> <p>Precept for 2023/24 – this has been submitted and further action awaited</p> <p><u>8.2 Appointment of new Clerk</u></p> <p>Veronica Poole was welcomed as new Clerk of the Parish. A unanimous vote was held to confirm this appointment. Chair to confirm details of contract with the new Clerk</p> <p><u>8.3 South Warwickshire Local Plan</u></p> <p>Following the last meeting the Chair had submitted the Parish Councils views on SWLP</p> <p><u>8.4 Parish Council finances</u></p> <p>All invoices were approved for payment – Cllr Slatem to make payment whilst bank details are being set up for new Clerk</p> <p><u>8.5 Parish Council elections</u></p> <p>Chair had previously circulated nomination forms via email – Chair to confirm whether forms are to be returned by hand – email since circulated by Chair confirming this and they need to be returned by Tuesday 4th April at the latest. Chair has offered to take all forms to Riverside House but they must be with her by Friday 24 March 2023</p> <p><u>8.6 Beausale noticeboard by bus stop</u></p> <p>Chair had been advised of old noticeboard on Beausale bus stop looking untidy – Cllr Slatem advised new noticeboard had been installed inside bus shelter – decision made to remove old noticeboard – action Cllr Slatem</p> <p><u>8.7 Broken glass in telephone boxes</u></p> <p>Action agreed to replace glass – Cllr Jones was asked to have glass replaced</p>	<p>Cllr J Gee</p> <p>Cllr R Slatem</p> <p>Cllr J Gee</p> <p>Cllr R Slatem</p> <p>Cllr H Jones</p>

	<p><u>8.8 Emergency plan procedures</u></p> <p>Cllr Slatem has sent an updated emergency plan to Chair – Chair to forward onto WDC and once approved update website</p>	Cllr J Gee
9.	<p><u>Community Events</u></p> <p>Celebration of the Coronation of Kings Charles 2023 – following feedback about the celebrations it was decided that the Parish would plant a tree (maple tree) with a commemorative metal plaque in the grounds of Wren Hall – Cllr Slatem would source tree and arrange for the planting – date to be advised</p>	Cllr R Slatem
10.	<p><u>AOB</u></p> <p>Cllr E Cantwell to produce flyers for Parish Councillor vacancies – Cllr R Slatem to arrange for them to be printed – who is distributing?</p> <p>Annual Parish Forum to be held on Wednesday 19 April 2023 – it was decided to send invitations to local groups to attend – invitation letter to be drafted by Chair – email addresses/addresses to be obtained by Clerk Invitations to be sent out asap due to the upcoming date</p>	<p>Cllr E Cantwell Cllr R Slatem</p> <p>Cllr J Gee Chair V Poole</p>
11.	<p><u>Planning Matters</u></p> <p><u>Applications Pending</u></p> <p>W/22/1577 Honiley Farm Solar Farm – Chair to contact Council for update</p> <p>W/22/1964 Firs Cottage, Firs Lane, Haseley – Chair to email Council Officer</p>	<p>Cllr J Gee</p> <p>Cllr J Gee</p>

<u>Decisions by WDC</u>		
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W/22/2034	Fernwood Lodge, Fernwood Farm, Rouncil Lane, Beausale, Warwick CV8 1NN	Refused
W/22/0032 (see W/23/0012)	North Lodge, Church Rd, Honiley, Kenilworth CV8 1TJ	Granted
W/22/0241	3 Church Cottages, Church Road, Honiley, CV8 1NP	Granted
W/22/1649/LB	Granary House, Red House Farm Lane, Beausale, Warwick CV35 7NZ	Granted
W/23/0208	Old Thatch Cottage, Rouncil Lane, Beausale, Warwick CV35 7AL	Withdrawn on 1.3.23
T3725/D/22/3306917	The Barn, Camp Hill Farm, Kites Nest Lane, Beausale, Warwick CV35 7BF	Appealed 23.2.23
T3725/D/22/3310040	Old Folly Barn, Kites Nest Lane, Beausale, Warwick CV35 7PB	Appealed 24.2.23

ACTIONS TO COMPLETE	LEAD
Minutes of previous meeting to be published on website	Clerk V Poole
Warwickshire Park Hotel sign – has advertising consent been obtained?	Cllr J Gee
Hedge cutting – still outstanding to be carried forward when new Environmental Land Management scheme details known	Cllr E Cantwell
History Club – Cllr Slatem to advise the Club on sources of grant aid	Cllr R Slatem
Chair to confirm details of contract with the new Clerk	Cllr J Gee
Invoices to be paid by Cllr Slatem whilst bank details are being set up for new Clerk	Cllr R Slatem
Parish Council Elections nomination forms to be completed and returned to Chair by Friday 24 March 2023 or direct to Council (Riverside House) before Tuesday 4 April 2023	All
Beausale old noticeboard by bus stop to be taken down	Cllr R Slatem
Broken glass in telephone box to be replaced	Cllr H Jones
Emergency Plan procedure to be approved by WDC – Chair to forward	Cllr J Gee
Emergency Plan procedure to be published on website once approved	Clerk V Poole
Celebration of the Coronation of King Charles – tree to be sourced and planted at Wren Hall	Cllr R Slatem
Flyers to be produced for Parish Councillor vacancies – Cllr E Cantwell to produce flyers and Cllr R Cantwell to arrange for them to be printed	Cllr E Cantwell Cllr R Slatem
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