

**Meeting of Beausale, Haseley, Honiley & Wroxall Parish Council
Wednesday 28 February 2024 at Wren Hall, Wroxall 7.30pm**

Present:

Cllr J Gee (Chair)
Cllr D Clapp
Cllr N Gumley
Cllr L Holdgate
Cllr E Cantwell
Cllr C Bird

Cllr R Slatem
Cllr N Butler
Cllr H Jones
Cllr Richard Hales (WDC)
Cllr Kyn Aizlewood (WDC)
Clerk V Poole
Members of the public (1)

1.	<p><u>Welcome</u> Cllr Gee welcomed everyone to the meeting</p> <p><u>Apologies for absence</u> Cllr J Cooke (WCC) Cllr David Armstrong Cllr S Waterworth</p>	Action
2.	<p><u>Parish Open Forum</u></p> <p>The Inquiry into the solar farm was carried out on Tuesday 20 February to Friday 23 February 2024 inclusive at The Warwickshire Park Hotel, Birmingham Road, Honiley</p> <p>On Tuesday 20 February 2024 the Inspector opened the Inquiry, followed by representations of interested parties to allow members of the public who object to the solar farm to speak</p> <p>The Chair confirmed that the Inquiry was well represented, fair and professional. Sir Jeremy Wright MP spoke at the Inquiry on behalf of parishioners.</p> <p>Everyone thanked The Chair for all the hard work which had been put into the solar farm appeal and for the professional way it had been conducted.</p> <p>It is anticipated that the results following the Inquiry will be available around June 2024</p>	
3.	<p><u>Minutes of Last Meeting</u> The Minutes of the Parish Council meeting on Wednesday 17 January were asked to be amended to include “the Parish Council welcomed Cllr David Armstrong and Cllr Kyn Aizlewood from the Green Party and appreciated their input at the meeting”. The minutes were then signed as a true record. Clerk to publish on website</p>	Clerk
4.	<p><u>Matters arising from minutes of Wednesday 17 January 2024</u> 4.1 Solar Farm update - this has already been addressed in Item 2 above</p>	
5.	<p><u>WDC</u> Report from Cllr Richard Hales and Cllr Kyn Aizlewood were circulated prior to the meeting</p>	

6.	<u>WCC</u> Report from Cllr John Cooke circulated prior to the meeting	
7.	<p><u>Parish Council Matters</u></p> <p><u>7.1 Finance</u> Monthly schedule of payments were approved for payment. Clerk to make payments. It was also noted that the Solicitors invoice to Stansgate Planning for £17,785.20 was discussed and agreed by all Councillors</p> <p><u>7.2 Precept 2024/25</u> A separate Finance meeting was held on Monday 26 February 2024 with Chair, Cllr R Slatem, Cllr D Clapp and the Clerk. The meeting was to discuss the Precept for 2024/25. Following the increase in costs associated with the solar farm appeal it was necessary to increase the precept significantly from last year.</p> <p>The Precept had been £9,500 in 2023/24 but was raised to £18,845 for 2024/25 to enable the Parish Council to re-build its reserves. It was noted that the cost of the Inquiry, estimated to be c£20,000, had effectively used up all of the Council's reserves.</p> <p>The figures for the Precept 2024/25 were agreed by all Councillors – Clerk to send the figures to WDC</p> <p><u>7.3 Drum Lane</u> Notification received that Drum Lane would be closed to traffic for resurfacing from 18 to 28 March 2024 - access for walkers and tractors only.</p> <p>Fly-tipping on Drum Lane is becoming an increasing problem – it was discussed whether a camera could be fitted – Cllr N Butler had taken photographs and forwarded to Cllr D Armstrong. Fly-tipping can be reported on the WDC website</p> <p><u>7.4 Lanes litter picking/cleaning timetable</u> Litter in the area is becoming an increasing problem - Coucillors are regularly out litter picking – it was discussed when WDC were scheduled to clean the area – Clerk to contact WDC for timetable</p> <p><u>7.5 Additional damaged road signs</u> Recent damages to road signs had been reported via the FixMyStreet website however there has been no update. Clerk forwarded details to Cllr J Cooke to progress with WCC Clerk to follow up with Cllr J Cooke</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
8.	<u>Community Events</u> There were no community events discussed – please refer to Wren Hall website for more information	

9.	<u>Planning Matters</u>		
	Application Pending	Address	Response due date
	W/24/0112	The Cats Pause, Three Wells, Haseley Knob, Haseley, CV35 7NJ	5 March 2024
	W/24/1094	The Sanderlings, Firs Lane, Haseley, Warwick, CV35 7LS	13 March 2024
	W/24/0125	Forge House, Birmingham Road, Wroxall, Warwick, CV35 7ND	14 March 2024
	W/24/0169	Kites Nest Farm, Kites Nest Lane, Beausale, Warwick, CV35 7PB	14 March 2024
	Application Decisions	Address	Decision made
	W/23/1354	The Dahlias, Haseley Knob, Haseley, Warwick, CV35 7NJ	Granted
10.	<u>AOB</u>		
	<p>The amount of litter in the lay-bys on A4177 is increasing. It was noted that there is no bin there – Clerk to contact WDC/WCC/Highways to request a bin</p> <p>Cllr N Butler gave a brief update on the Digital Voice switchover – more people to be made aware especially the elderly and vulnerable – information to be updated on noticeboards and website – target date is June 2024</p> <p>Cllr N Butler gave an update on Parish Online which included the benefits to the Parish Council – Cllr N Butler to resend login details to all Councillors</p>		<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk/Cllr N Butler</p> <p>Cllr N Butler</p>
11.	<u>Date of next meeting</u>		
	Parish Council Meeting to be held on Wednesday 27 March 2024 at 7.30pm in Wren Hall		

MATTERS ARISING	TO BE ACTIONED BY:
File minutes of previous meeting	Clerk
Payments for agreed invoices	Clerk
Precept figures for 2024/25 to be forwarded to WDC	Clerk
Litter picking/cleaning timetable from WDC	Clerk
Damaged road signs to be progressed with WDC	Clerk

Planning application comments to be submitted to WDC	Clerk
Bin requested in lay-by on A4177 – contact WDC/WCC/Highways	Clerk
Digital Voice switchover information to be updated on website and noticeboards	Clerk & Cllr N Butler
Parish Online update – login details to be forwarded again to all Councillors	Cllr N Butler