

# HONEYBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held at Honeybourne Village Hall, Harvest Close,  
Honeybourne WR11 7RH  
on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2024

**Members present:** Cllrs: H Jobs ( Chairman), C Steward (Vice- Chairman), C Clear, G Clelland, B Dubb, A Mathias and S Sidwell

**In attendance:** Parish Clerk, Linda Stanton.  
District Cllr Judith Ciotti – Arrived 19:00 departed 20:15  
6 members of public

At the start of the meeting the Chair wished everyone a Happy New Year.

**23/295 Apologies :** Cllrs A Attridge - personal , T Askew – not well, Z Thrope-personal

**23/296 Declarations of Interest:** Councillors were reminded that to ensure transparency and retain public confidence in the council's decisions they are required to -

- a) Keep their Register of Interests form up to date;
- b) Declare any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests (DPI) and any Other Disclosable Interests (ODI) in agenda items and the nature of those interests.

The Chair reminded all members to declare their interest at the start of the meeting and it was not the responsibility of the Chair or the Clerk to remind members of their declaration of interest.

There were no declarations of interest.

**23/297 To consider any dispensations**

There were none.

**23/298 Open Session Participation to hear from:**

- a) Members of the Public.  
A member raised concerns regarding loose stiles on some public footpaths. Clerk will contact the resident regarding the location of the stiles.
- b) Supporting organisations - South Worcestershire Policing Team.  
Not present.
- c) Worcestershire County Councillor A. Adams (Littleton division) Cllr Adams offered his apology that he was not able to attend the meeting due to work commitments. He forwarded his report in advance of the meeting. The report has been circulated to members.

### **County Cllr Report:**

Dear All,

I hope you all had a lovely Christmas and I wish you a wonderful 2024.

At the start of the New Year, we can look forward to another 12 months of Honeybourne community activities – there is always something going on in our village and surrounding area and this is the time to plan ahead; why not join one of the many clubs, or see a movie at the Rural Cinema at the village hall? Or just pop into one of the pubs and meet up with friends.

Please put in your diary Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2024 which is the date for the Pebworth Party in the Park which I am sure will be another fantastic day of fun, frolics and festivities. It is only run every 2 years and over 1500 people attend each time.

**What weather! It rained and rained after Christmas but the flood defences worked in Honeybourne.**

At the beginning of January when Bidford Bridge and Welford Bridge were closed, and Waterside in Evesham was flooded, Honeybourne remained open for business! Once again the flood plain in the farmer's field upstream of the Gate Pub worked well and on the 2<sup>nd</sup> January was holding back a huge amount of water from entering the village. See aerial photos taken on 3<sup>rd</sup> January below. I am the little dot in a high vis jacket!



And the red things in the water all his cider apples that got washed from under the apple trees during the heavy rain! The water was still 4ft deep in places on 3<sup>rd</sup> January but it was much higher – probably 2ft to 2.5ft higher; you can see the apples have floated to the top of the middle wall on photo below



So well done farmer Ted Mansfield– he saved the village/Gate Inn junction from flooding again. Over the last 2 years he has built the flood plain which is bigger than 3 football pitches and can hold back an estimated 20,000 cubic meters of water. Without this flood plain, the junction by the Gate pub would have been at least 2- 3 foot deep on the 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2024. Once again a HUGE THANK YOU to the farmer in building this flood plain on his land, and I must also thank Wychavon District Council Engineers that helped with the project.

### **The new drains under the Honeybourne Bridges worked well too!**

Once again, with all the heavy rain experienced since Christmas, the Honeybourne bridges did not flood – So THANK YOU to the WCC drainage engineers that install the new drains in September last year.

Just before Christmas WCC Highways cleaned the debris/mud from the right hand side of the first bridge going into Honeybourne from Pebworth which was causing pooling of water partly across the road.

### **Other updates on flood prevention – High Street**

Honeybourne PROW volunteers have agreed to dig out the ditches along the High Street later in 2024. Hopefully this will help increase the capacity of the ditches and help prevent water from the ditches flooding the road.

### **County Council News – 2024/25 budgets**

At this time of the year the County Council is setting its budget for 2024/25 year. It looks like it is going to be a year of hard choices as pressures on the council are increasing with the aging population and the increased pressures on Children Services. For example, when I was first elected over 10 years ago, the number of children in Council care in Worcestershire was around 400. Today it is 1089 and the cost is nudging £100m per year.

Many councils around the country are feeling the same pinch and have cancelled many vital services such as mending the potholes! However, Worcestershire County Council will continue to invest in roads and pavements which are already some of the best in the UK. WCC are also always looking to be more efficient and cost effective, and there will be a big drive in 2024 at saving money and working more cost effectively.

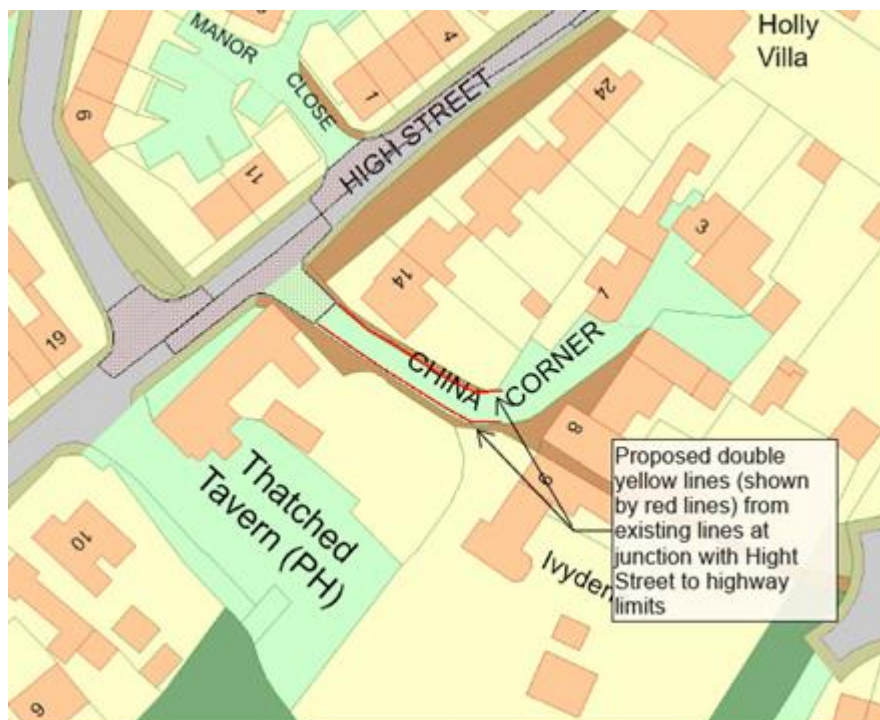
### **Network Rail gives the green light to the new Honeybourne Railway Station Car Park**

I am keeping pressure on the WDC and Network Rail to complete this project, and I'm chasing them every month.

### **Highways:**

There are still some road and footway maintenance in progress in Worcestershire please check <https://one.network/> to see all the temporary road closures on a regular basis.

- Double yellow lines to be installed in China Corner to stop cars parking on the pavement and on the road. See plan below;



- Hedge in front of social housing that are on China Corner/ High Street. This hedge has been the cause of a series of complaints over many years as it grows and the parked cars are edged further and further into the centre of the road. Each time it is eventually cut

back, but then within 18 months it is causing the same problems. I had a meeting with Rooftop before Christmas, and they said they would look at possible long term solutions.

- Can I remind everyone to try and keep the road gullies outside their houses free of debris so the drains work effectively. Simply remove any leaves or mud with a brush or spade or even with your wellie! By doing this one minute task, it will help minimise road flooding. Thank you.
- Ditch behind China Corner which is partially blocked has been reported to WDC engineers who are working with Taylor Wimpy to resolve the problem.

As always, if you have any issues on any Highways matters, please report it on the WCC website [http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/homepage/98/report\\_it](http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/homepage/98/report_it)

Also remember a photo of the Highways problem is as good as “a thousand words” so always take a photo where possible.

### **County Council Divisional Fund**

Applications for the Divisional Fund are invited from local community organisations that are manned by volunteers and require a little help to buy equipment or services. To apply, please contact me on [adams.pebworth@gmail.com](mailto:adams.pebworth@gmail.com). This is the last time.

The following grants have been requested, and some have already been approved & paid

- Honeybourne Village Hall – grant to help provide a Senior Citizen lunch for the Coronation
- Honeybourne School – grant to help build a “Growing Hope” garden
- Honeybourne Bowls Club – grant for a contribution towards a new mat
- Cleeve Prior Heritage Trust – grant for new tables
- Pebworth Bells – grant to help improve their Website
- Freedom Day Centre – grant for a defibrillator
- Cleeve Prior Art Club – grant for portrait training
- Coffee Mornings in Pebworth Village Hall – grant requested for soup kettle and hall hire
- Offenham Cricket club – grant towards an artificial wicket for training
- Honey Tots Playgroup, Honeybourne – grant requested for some play equipment
- Badsey Film Club – grant requested for a new projector
- Cleeve Prior Heritage Trust- grant for laptop
- Honeybourne Public rights of way volunteer group – grant for a strimmer
- Vale Landscape Heritage Trust – grant for some tools
- Bretforton Village School – grant requested for some music equipment.
- Cleeve Prior Community Pub – grant requested



*Three men jailed as detectives shut down drug dealers' county line*

Three men have been given custodial sentences totalling nine years and nine months for drug dealing on the ‘Pedro’ drugs line that operated into Malvern.

Their sentences follow a major investigation launched in August by officers from South Worcestershire Proactive County Lines Team into dealers selling heroin and crack cocaine to Class A drug users.

The Pedro line was the name of the telephone number, or ‘deal line’, used to run the organised drug-dealing network.

The people involved were known to be targeting vulnerable drug users in a bid to gain access to their addresses and taking them over through fear and threats of violence - a practice known as cuckooing.

All three defendants were charged and remanded into custody for drug supply offences. They all pleaded guilty at their first hearing. All three were sentenced at Worcester Crown Court on December 8.

- DC Jason Atkins of South Worcestershire County Lines team said: "Putting these criminals behind bars removes another threat to rid the streets of this most impactful and harmful illegal activity as we continue to actively identify, investigate and prosecute all others attempting to do the same."
- The local community can help us by continuing to report any signs of criminal activity – the easiest way to do this is on our website. Any bit of information, no matter how small it may seem, could help make a big difference. You can report online under the Report A Crime section at West Mercia Police. If you have information about drugs and drugs supply and don't want to speak to police, you can report information anonymously via Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111 or [Crimestoppers](#)
- This investigation forms part of Operation Target – West Mercia Police's work to tackle serious and organised crime. [New operation launched to target serious and organised crime | West Mercia Police](#)
- For more information about County Lines and how to spot the signs of cuckooing visit [County Lines: Protecting Our Communities and Families | Crimestoppers \(crimestoppers-uk.org\)](#)

d) Wychavon District Cllr J Ciotti.- The Chair welcomed Cllr Ciotti and asked if she wished address the Council.

Cllr Ciotti informed Council that the Legacy Grant is now open for expressions of interest. There is also the Police Commissioner's grant for Safer Road Grants.

e) Working Groups updates

- I. PRow and ditch Clearing – Clerk advised Council that the group will be meeting on 28<sup>th</sup> January and they will be strimming the footpath from Stratford Rd. to Westbourne.  
2 strimmers have been purchased with the grant received from County Council Division Fund.
- II. Traffic Management and Speeding – Clerk advised that she has been chasing the local PC to arrange CSW training for the recently approved volunteers.  
VAS data for Stratford Road was circulated to all members.  
Adverts have been placed for new volunteers to operate the CSW. No response has been received. Cllr Sidwell agreed to share the information on other local social media.

### 23/299 Adoption of minutes

- I. To approve adoption of the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> December 2023 and Confidential Meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> December 2023.

#### Resolved:

- I. That the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> December 2023 be approved as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman.
- II. That the minutes of the Confidential meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> December 2023 be approved as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

### 23/300 Chairman's report

1. The Chair advised Council that he has presented a Christmas hamper to farmer Ted Mansfield on behalf of the Council to thank him for the flood defences that he created on his land which have prevented flooding at the Gate Inn crossroads.
2. Following the recent changes to the NPPF, Brodie Planning and Wychavon Planning have confirmed that paragraph 14 is applicable. Full details are included in item 23/304 (b &c) of this agenda.

**23/301 Clerk’s Report**

To be advised of any decisions taken under delegated powers, receive updates to ongoing matters and list any relevant office communications since the last council meeting.

a) Defibrillator- Sycamore Drive	The defibrillator has been installed and is registered with the Ambulance services. Proof of installation has been submitted to Department of Health & Social Care.
b) Relocation of VAS	WCC Highways officer advised that he has carried out the survey from outside the Co-opt to the junction with Stratford Road and could not find a suitable location away from hazards with sufficient highway verges.
c) Police Commissioner’s Grant	A grant application has been submitted for an additional VAS for Stratford Road.

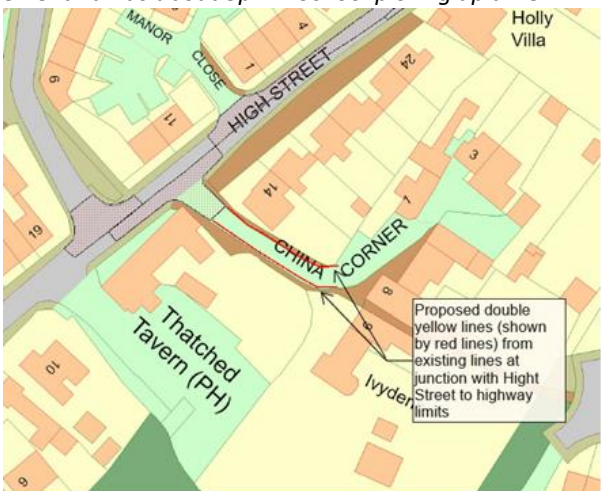
Cllr Clear was very disappointed with the response from the highways officer regarding the relocation of the VAS. He would like to arrange a meeting with the officer if Council have no objection. Members said they have no objection to the meeting.

The Chair of the Council will ask Cllr Adams to find out the definitive reasons for not allowing the Parish to relocate the sign on Station Road.

**Resolved:**

That the report be noted.

**23/302 Correspondence & Circulations Received**

a) Email from County Cllr Adams	Regarding hedge in the High Street advising resident that no decision has been made on removing the hedge.
b) Email clarification from County Cllr Adams regarding Double Yellow lines installation in China Corner.	<p><i>“As I said in my report, Double yellow lines to be installed in China Corner to stop cars parking on the pavement and on the road. I attend last Tuesday at school time where parents were collecting their children and mothers with prams were having real problems because of the inconsiderate parking. I contact the Police who attended and spoke to the residents. See plan below ;</i></p> <p><i>To expand, it was Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November when I had a call from a resident who lives in China Corner saying the inconsiderate parking was making it virtually impossible to get vehicles into this residential area, and fire engines definitely would not get in !</i></p> <p><i>I attended and as I enter the road I could clearly see the 3 parked cars on the pavement. It was about 3pm – School picking up time.</i></p>  <p><i>There was a woman pushing a pushchair with a young child in the chair and another holding her hand trying to come in the opposite direction in the middle of the road. I assume she was going to the school to collect her other children. As I entered the road she try to squeeze onto the pavement but naturally I indicated to her to continue to use the road and I waited until she passed.</i></p> <p><i>I also met the resident who explained the background and the problem.</i></p>

	<p><i>I contacted the police and they were on site within 15 minutes and identified whose cars were parked illegally and contacted the residents.</i></p> <p><i>Some of these residents the police contacted said they used to park on the High Street but it was too dangerous now. We assumed they meant because of the overgrown hedge. I have since spoken to Rooftop and asked them to find a long-term solution to the hedge that is constantly causing a problem as when gets too overgrown, the cars park near the middle of the road causing a severe narrowing at this stretch of the High St.</i></p> <p><i>Whilst I was there, more residents arrived in vans and large cars and it was grid locked. Also lots of parents and children walking back to Grange Farm via the footpath.</i></p> <p><i>Afterwards I spoke to Kieran Hemstock at Highways and he suggested double yellow lines were installed which to me seems the most sensible thing to do.</i></p> <p><i>I fully support the installation of the double yellow lines at this location."</i></p>
c) PCC- John Campion Budget Survey	Circulated to members.
d) The Home Upgrade Grants	Circulated to members.
<b>Resolved:</b> That correspondence be noted.	

## 23/303 Finance

### a) To approve bills for payment for January.

Invoice no	Cheque no	Supplier	Description	Net £	Vat £	Gross £
857639653	Direct Debit	British Gas	Pavilion power and heating	83.54	4.17	87.71
V02170775220	Direct Debit	EE	PC mobile phone	5.83	1.17	7.00
1398340-0	Direct Debit	Sky Business	Pavilion phone line ( 22 <sup>nd</sup> Dec'23 - 21 <sup>st</sup> Jan 24)	26.95	5.39	32.34
Wp-Inv04237328	Direct Debit	Water Plus	Pavilion water	-1.69	-	-1.69
298	BACS	DTH Churchyard and Cemetery Services	Gravedigging fee for ashes interment	100.00	-	100.00
20599/21783	BACS	GS Adams	Install electrical supply and defib cabinet at Sycamore Drive	230.00	46.00	276.00
SI-4596	BACS	Update Products	Fabricate extension bracket for VAS pole	395.00	79.00	474.00
SIN120508	BACS	Fairview Trading	2 nos aerosol Silver paint for VAS bracket	10.80	2.16	12.96
9126035	BACS	The Safety Supply Co Ltd	Gloves and earplugs for PROW volunteers	24.15	4.83	28.98
SI-9715	BACS	Security 4 Systems	Monthly IT support	72.00	-	72.00
-	BACS	J Hyde	Lengthsman work	110.30	-	110.30
-	BACS	J Hyde	Handyman work	126.40	-	126.40
31473	BACS	Link Tools Ltd	2 Strimmer & batteries for PROW. (WCC Grant)	776.04	155.21	931.25
-	BACS	L Stanton	Mileage claim from Oct, Nov & Dec 2023 (714.6 miles)	£321.57	-	321.57
Tax month 10	BACS	HMRC	HMRC	757.47	-	757.47
Tax month 10	BACS	Worcestershire Pension	Pension	743.95	-	743.95
Tax month 10	BACS	Staff salary	Staff salary	2161.80	-	2161.60

FXP240108-14931322		Equals Pre-paid debit card	Top up pre-paid debit card	250.00	-	250.00
Equal Pre- paid debit card						
Invoice	Date	Supplier	Description	Net £	Vat £	Gross £
301-0048527-0828040	16 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2023	Mark & Spencer	Food Hamper for farmer- Thank you from PC for building the flood defence in Honeybourne	45.83	9.17	55.00
IEN2023057400270	26 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2023	Adobe Creative	Software Subscription	16.64	3.33	19.97
<b>Resolved:</b> That the payments to be approved.						

**b) To approve bank reconciliation for December 2023.  
Honeybourne Parish Council**

31 December 2023 (2023 - 2024)

Prepared by:

Date:

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*Name and Role (Clerk/RFO etc)*

Approved by:

Date:

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*Name and Role (RFO/Chair of Finance etc)*

<b>A</b>	<b>Bank Reconciliation at 31/12/2023</b>		148,451.73
	Cash in Hand 01/04/2023		243,076.35
	<b>ADD</b> Receipts 01/04/2023 - 31/12/2023		
	<b>SUBTRACT</b> Payments 01/04/2023 - 31/12/2023		391,528.08
	<b>Cash in Hand 31/12/2023</b> (per Cash Book)		194,939.09
			<b>196,588.99</b>
	Cash in hand per Bank Statements		
	Petty Cash	30/09/2023 0.00	
	Prepaid Debit Card Equals	31/12/2023 33.01	
	Lloyds Treasurers Account	31/12/2023 2,559.80	
	Lloyds Business Bank Instant	31/12/2023 193,996.18	
			<b>196,588.99</b>
	Less unrepresented payments		196,588.99
	Plus unrepresented receipts		
<b>B</b>	<b>Adjusted Bank Balance</b>		<b>196,588.99</b>
<b>A = B Checks out OK</b>			

**Resolved:**

That the bank reconciliation for December 2023 be approved



**c) To approve precept for 2024/2025.**

**Precept budget reports circulated to members.**

**Resolved:**

- I. The 2023-24 Budget Requirement for Honeybourne Parish Council in the sum of £91,703. This will result in a Band D charge of £109.73 on the 2024-25 Council Tax Demand. This will be a decrease of 0.1% compared with the current year's charge.
- II. The Proper Officer of the Council to sign the budget requirement on behalf of the Council for submission to WDC.

**23/304 Environment & Community Wellbeing.**

**a) To consider setting up event working group to organise the VE Day 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on 6<sup>th</sup> June 2024 to be headed by the Chair of the Council.**

The Chair invited members of the Council to volunteer for the working group.

**Resolved:**

Cllrs B Dubb, G Clelland, C Steward and S Sidwell will form the event working group.

**b) To note that PC's Planning Consultant, Brodie Planning advised regarding changes released by National Policy Framework (NPPF) regarding the Neighbourhood Planning. (Appendix 1 page 360)**

**Resolved:**

That the advice be noted.

**c) To note WDC Planning Policy Officer's update regarding changes by NPPF on Neighbourhood Plan. (Appendix 2 page 360)**

**Resolved:**

That the update be noted.

**23/305 Planning**

**a) Members to respond to planning application.**

WDC ref	Site Address	Proposal
W/23/02504/FUL	96 Stratford Road, Honeybourne, Evesham, WR11 7PP	Provision of storage containers

**Resolved:**

To have No Representation for this planning application

W/23/02604/OUT	Land Off, Stratford Road, Honeybourne	Outline planning application for the construction of up to 65no. dwellings (class C3) with associated open space, landscaping and access, drainage and services infrastructure; to include details of access off Stratford Road, with all other matters reserved. (Removal of condition 26 Ref. 20/01124/OUT)
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**Resolved:**

To have No Objection for the removal of condition 26 Ref. 20/01124/OUT

**b) Planning Decision received.**

WDC Ref	Site Address	Proposal
W/23/00919/OUT	Land At (Os 1221 4441), Stratford Road, Honeybourne	Outline planning application (including details of means of access) for up to 40no dwellings associated infrastructure. ( Appendix – 3 pages 361 -363)
Decision : Refused		

**23/306 Members are reminded to notify the Clerk of any items for discussion at the next Council meeting by 29<sup>th</sup> January 2024.**

**23/307 In accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, s1(2), there will be a resolution that the public and the press be excluded from the meeting to allow for discussion of confidential matters relating to item for which it the publication would be prejudicial to the public interest**

**RESOLVED:**

That the press and members of the public be excluded from the meeting on the grounds that publicity would be prejudicial to public interest by way of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

At this point this point the public left the meeting.

**23/308 Date and venue of the next Parish Council meeting**

Next Parish Council meeting 13<sup>th</sup> February 2024, 7:15pm at Honeybourne Village Hall.

The meeting concluded at 20:30

Signed: H M Jobs  
Chairman, Honeybourne Parish Council

Date: .....  
13<sup>th</sup> February 2024

Council Members: H Jobs (Chairman), Vice – Chair C Steward, A Attridge, T Askew, B Dubb, C Clear, G Clelland, A Mathias, S Sidwell and Z Thorpe.

**PC Planning Consultant, Brodie Planning changes released by the National Policy Framework.**

The new NPPF was released yesterday, with some notable changes that will be really beneficial to Honeybourne PC, specifically relating to the neighbourhood plan process.

Paragraph 14 has been updated, which relates to influence of neighbourhood plans in the assessment of the 'tilted balance' (this applied in the recent case at Stratford Road).

The new Paragraph 14 reads as follows:

*14. In situations where the presumption (at paragraph 11d) applies to applications involving the provision of housing, the adverse impact of allowing development that conflicts with the neighbourhood plan is likely to significantly and demonstrably outweigh the benefits, provided the following apply:*

*a) the neighbourhood plan became part of the development plan **five years or less** before the date on which the decision is made; and*

*b) the neighbourhood plan contains **policies and allocations to meet its identified housing requirement** (see paragraphs 67-68).*

This varies quite significantly from the previous position that stated the NP could only be relevant if it became part of the development plan within the last two years.

As discussed yesterday with Wendy, we think it would be wise for Honeybourne PC to wait for the SWDPR to be examined and gain further weight before considering making any amendments / updates to the neighbourhood plan.

You don't want to pre-emptively work towards changing things in the neighbourhood plan if SWDPR policies will be altered significantly throughout the examination process, and during this time whether the District's 5YHLS position may change.

**Appendix – 2 – 23/304 (c)**

**WDC Planning Policy Officer regarding update changes from NPPF on Neighbourhood Plan**

" I am emailing to update you regarding the National Planning Policy Framework which was published yesterday (19th December 2023) ([National Planning Policy Framework \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/publishing-service))

Paragraph 14 is applicable where Neighbourhood Plans are 5 or less years old, rather than 2 years old as stated previously, and where there are site allocations in the Neighbourhood Plan.

Your neighbourhood development plan meets both a and b of paragraph 14, and is applicable and will be a material planning consideration when assessing the principle of speculative housing developments in the Designated Neighbourhood Area.

NPPF Paragraph 14:

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*b) the neighbourhood plan contains **policies and allocations to meet its identified housing requirement** (see paragraphs 67-68)."*

**PLANNING REFUSAL NOTICE**

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990

**Refusal - Outline Application****Application No:** W/23/00919/OUT**Parish:** Honeybourne**Agents Address:**

[REDACTED]  
 RCA Regeneration Ltd  
 Unit 6 De Salis Court  
 Hampton Lovett Industrial Estate  
 Droitwich Spa  
 WR9 0QE

**Applicants Address:**

Deeley Homes, [REDACTED]  
 C/O Agent

**Part I – PARTICULARS OF APPLICATION****Statutory Start Date:** 15 May 2023**Location:** Land At (Os 1221 4441), Stratford Road, Honeybourne**Proposal:** Outline planning application (including details of means of access) for up to 40no dwellings with associated infrastructure**Part II - PARTICULARS OF DECISION**

Wychavon District Council hereby gives notice that in pursuance of the provisions of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 that **PERMISSION HAS BEEN REFUSED** for the carrying out of the development referred to in Part 1 hereof for the following reasons:-

**REASONS**

1.

The application site is located outside of the defined development boundary of Honeybourne and is therefore considered as being in the open countryside where development is strictly controlled upon (as set out under policy SWDP2). The proposed development would result in encroachment into the countryside and introduce domestication and significant urban form within the rural landscape that would be uncharacteristic to the identified landscape character 'Village Claylands Landscape Type'. Further the introduction of built form into this rural location, which acts as an important buffer in the transition from the open countryside into the village, would adversely impact the rural setting of the area, in particular from the approach into Honeybourne from Mickleton Road and Stratford Road, and from the public footpath which runs through the site. Additionally the applicant has failed to sufficiently demonstrate that the development would be adequately drained and would not lead to an increased risk of flooding. These identified harms would significantly and demonstrably outweigh the benefits of the proposal. The proposal is therefore contrary to Policy SWDP 1 (Overriding Sustainable Development Principles) together with Policies SWDP21 (Design) and SWDP25 (Landscape Character) of the South Worcestershire Development Plan, 2016, Policies H4 (General Design Principles), H5 (Design Policy for New Buildings), H8 (Protecting the Landscape), H11 (Flood Prevention and Water management) and H13 (Footpaths, Cycle paths and Bridleways) of the Honeybourne Neighbourhood Plan together with the Worcestershire County Council Landscape Character Assessment 2018 and with regards to the with the objectives of the National Planning Policy Framework, 2023.

**Signed:**



**Head of Development Management**

**Date: 21 December 2023**

## REFUSAL NOTICE

- Note 1.** Refusal of Approval Reserved Matters  
Refusal of Outline Planning Permission  
Refusal of Planning Permission  
Refusal of Listed Building Consent  
Refusal of Non-material Amendment following grant of planning permission
- Note 2.** Refusal of Consent to Display Advertisements
- Note 3.** Refusal of Householder  
Refusal of Householder - Non-material Amendment following a grant of planning permission
- Note 4.** Refusal of Prior Approval for single storey rear extension

If you intend to submit an appeal that you would like examined by inquiry then you must notify the Local Planning Authority and Planning Inspectorate ([inquiryappeals@planninginspectorate.gov.uk](mailto:inquiryappeals@planninginspectorate.gov.uk)) at least 10 days before submitting the appeal. The relevant template and [further details are on GOV.UK](#).

**Note 1.** If you are aggrieved by the decision of the local planning authority to refuse permission for the proposed development or to grant permission or approval subject to conditions, then he can appeal to the Secretary of State under Section 78 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990. If you want to appeal against your local authority's decision then you must do so within 6 months of the date of this notice.

**Note 2.** If this a decision to refuse express consent for the display of an advertisement, if you want to appeal against your local planning authority's decision then you must do so within 8 weeks of the date of receipt of this notice.

**Note 3.** If this is a decision to refuse planning permission for a householder application if you want to appeal against your local planning authority's decision then you must do so within 12 weeks of the date of this notice.

**Note 4.** If this is a decision to refuse planning permission for a minor commercial application, if you want to appeal against your local planning authority's decision then you must do so within 12 weeks of the date of this notice.

If this is a decision on a planning application relation to the same or substantially the same land development as is already the subject of an enforcement notice, if you want to appeal against your local planning authority's decision on your application, then you must do so within 28 days of the date of this notice.

If an enforcement notice is served relating to the same or substantially the same land and development as in your application and if you want to appeal against your local planning authority's decision on your application, then you must do so within 28 days of the date of service of the enforcement notice, or within 6 months (12 weeks in the case of a householder appeal) of the date of this notice, whichever period expires earlier.

The Secretary of State can allow a longer period for the giving of a notice of appeal but he will not normally be prepared to exercise this power unless there are special circumstances which excuse the delay in giving notice of appeal.

The Secretary of State can not consider an appeal if it seems to the Secretary of State by the local planning authority could not have granted planning permission for the proposed development or could not have granted it without the conditions they imposed, having regard to the statutory instruments requirements, to the provisions of any development order and to any directions given under a development order.

Appeals must be made using a form which you can get from the Secretary of State at Temple Quay House, 2 The Square, Temple Quay, Bristol. BS1 6PN. Tel: 0303 444 5000 or submitted online at [www.gov.uk/appeal-planning-decision](http://www.gov.uk/appeal-planning-decision) or for Householder Appeals [www.gov.uk/appeal-householder-planning-decision](http://www.gov.uk/appeal-householder-planning-decision)

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