

HONEYBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held at Honeybourne Village Hall, Harvest Close,
Honeybourne WR11 7RH
on Tuesday 8th July 2025**

Members present: Cllrs: H Jobs (Chairman), B Dubb, A Attridge, C Clear, G Clelland, S Sidwell and S Walsh

In attendance: 6 members of the public
Parish Clerk, Linda Stanton.

Prior to the meeting, National Gas gave a presentation on the Western Gas Network project at 6:30pm.

25/581 Apologies : Cllr T Askew (personal) and Cllr A Mathias (work commitment)

Resolved: The apologies were accepted

25/582 Declarations of Interest: Councillors were reminded that to ensure transparency and retain public confidence in the council's decisions they are required to -

- Keep their Register of Interests form up to date;
- 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.

Cllr	Minute	Interest	Reason
G Clelland	Item 25/589 (a) - Limebridge- bill payments Item 25/591(g) - Quote for installation of height restriction barriers	ODI- Personal friend	Cllr Clelland confirmed that he would not be taking part in the debate for items 25/589(a) and 25/591(g)
H Jobs	Item 25/591 (b) - Correspondence to allotment plot holder regarding gate security at the allotment site Item 25/591(c) - Additional water trough at allotment site Item 25/591 (f) - Quote for purchase of height restriction barrier for allotment Item 25/591 (g) - Quote for installation of height restriction barrier at allotment site	DPI -Allotment plot holder.	Cllr Jobs confirmed that he would not participate in the debate or vote for items 25/591(b, c, f & g)
B Dubb	Item 25/591 (b) - Correspondence to allotment plot holder regarding gate security at the allotment site Item 25/591(c) - Additional water trough at allotment site Item 25/591 (f) - Quote for purchase of height restriction barrier for allotment site	DPI -Allotment plot holder.	Cllr Dubb confirmed that he would not participate in the debate or vote for items 25/591 (b,c,f & g)

	Item 25/591 (g) Quote for installation of height restriction barrier at allotment site	
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25/583 To consider any dispensations

There were none.

25/584 Open Session Participation to hear from:

- a) Members of the Public. – There were none
- b) Supporting organisations, - South Worcestershire Policing Team.
None in attendance.
- c) Worcestershire County Councillor – H Robson (Littletons division) – Report attached.
(Appendix 1 – page 484) (Time of arrival 7pm – left at 8:30pm)
- d) Wychavon District Cllrs J Ciotti & H Robson. – Report attached.
(Appendix 2 – pages 484 - 485) (Time of arrival 7:15 – left at 9:00pm)

e) Working Groups update.

- I. PROW & Ditch Clearing - In the absence of the group leader, the Clerk reported that volunteers have installed a way marker on the footpath adjacent to Maple Close and trimmed back overgrown vegetation on footpaths by Grove Avenue and along the Stratford to Westbourne route. Due to the forecast heatwave at the end of June, the volunteers cancelled their scheduled monthly activities, but one volunteer went out to clear the footpath from Shepherd Walk to the High Street on 5th July 2025.

25/585 Adoption of minutes

- I. To approve adoption of the minutes of 10th June 2025

Resolved:

- I. That the minutes of the Parish Council meeting 10th June be approved as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

25/586 Chairman's report

- I. **Worcestershire Council Reorganisation** – Cllr Jobes reported that he attended the briefing organised by Wychavon on the reorganisation of Worcestershire Councils to unitary authority. Attendees were split into 2 groups to attend workshops to discuss the proposals. Questions were asked by the various officers about whether the unitary authority should be split into north and south. Due to the very limited information, it was difficult for the attendees to make an informed choice, but the majority of both groups voted to have 2 unitary councils as it would be too big for one unitary council.
- II. **Neighbourhood Plan Review-** Cllr Jobes also reported that he invited an officer from Wychavon to the village hall on 1st July to discuss the review of Honeybourne Neighbourhood Plan. The meeting was attended by a member of the steering group who had been on the steering group when the Neighbourhood Plan was made, and the Clerk. It was a very informative meeting. The item for reviewing the neighbourhood plan will be discussed later in the agenda.

25/587 Clerk's Report (For information only)

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) Road signs - Weston Road and Stratford Road	Requested handyman to repaint the faded road sign on Weston Road and Stratford and fingerpost sign leading to the cemetery on Stratford Road.
b) Dog bin - The Leys Playing Field	The rotten post by The Leys Playing Field has been replaced and dog bin reinstalled.

c) Shepherd Walk footbridge (PROW 519(c))	Handyman has secured the loose slat. The slat is not rotten.
d) Noticeboard at allotment site	A noticeboard has been erected at the allotment for the display of rules and regulations and other Parish Council notices pertaining to the allotments.
e) Road sweeper attendance	Contacted Wychavon District Council regarding road sweeper attendance in Honeybourne. WDC advised that the road sweeper is scheduled to attend in the coming weeks but they are unable to provide a specific date.
f) Zebra crossing request - High Street	Resident requested zebra crossing on High Street. Request forwarded to County Councillor for consideration. County Councillor has confirmed she will discuss the request with the WCC Highways officer.
g) Wychavon briefing on Worcestershire Council reorganisation	Attended Wychavon briefing on reorganisation of Worcestershire councils to unitary authority. Two options under consideration: Option 1 - One unitary council covering whole of Worcestershire (population 614,185). Option 2 - Two unitary councils: North (comprising Bromsgrove, Redditch and Wyre Forest, population 290,991) and South (comprising Malvern Hills, Worcester and Wychavon, population 323,194). Wychavon will decide preferred option at special council meeting in September. Final proposals to be submitted to Government by 28th November 2025.
h) Village Fete - 19 th July	Written to event organiser confirming Parish Council requirements and conditions for use of facilities following recent illegal encampment. Organiser has agreed to all conditions. Insurance certificate and Temporary Event Licence received.
i) PROW by Station Road -leading to Westbourne	Following report from resident, Lengthsman will trim the public footpath from Station Road to Westbourne.
Resolved: That the report be noted	

25/588 Correspondence & Circulations Received (For information only)

a) CALC AGM and Quarterly Meeting	Worcestershire County Association of Local Councils The AGM and Quarterly Meeting of the Wychavon Area of the Worcestershire County Association of Local Councils is to be held via Zoom conferencing on Tuesday 24th June 2025 at 7pm. (Circulated to members)
b) Temporary Road Closure - High Street	WORCESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL PUBLIC NOTICE Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (C2049 High Street, Honeybourne) (Temporary Closure) Order 2025 Proposed Order: to close that part of C2049 High St from its junction with U45016 Brick Walk to its junction with C2006 Weston Rd. Reason: Footway reconstruction by WCC Alternative route: C2006 Station Rd, C2006 Buckle St, C2009 Sheenhill Rd, C2009 Shinehill Ln, C2009 Blacksmiths Ln, B4085 Station Rd, B4085 Blackminster, C2047 Station Rd, C2049 Honeybourne Rd, C2049 Bretforton Rd C2049 High St (part) and vice versa. Maximum duration: 18 Months. Anticipated duration: 9 days Commencing: 21 July 2025 Thomas Pollock Head of Commercial Law (Legal & Governance) County Hall Spetchley Road Worcester 26 June 2025 (Circulated to members)
d) West Mercia – Fraud and Scam	West Mercia Police - fraud and Scam Bulletin – June 2025 Circulated to members
e) Noise complaint - barking dogs	Resident complaint regarding ongoing barking from dogs at property near Thatched Tavern Action taken: Replied to resident confirming matter outside Parish Council jurisdiction and directed to Regulatory Services
Resolved: That correspondence be noted.	

25/589 Finance

- a) To approve the schedule of payments for July including invoices to be paid as a matter of urgency.

Invoice no	Cheque no	Supplier	Description	Net £	Vat £	Gross £
8033737436	Direct Debit	British Gas	Pavilion power and heating	65.42	3.27	68.69
V02351334270	Direct Debit	EE	PC mobile phone	6.70	1.34	8.04
M002 FF	BACS	British Telecom*	Regular charge £45.10 One off charge for setting up £109.95 Discount - £67.95	87.10	17.42	104.52
INV 09516039	Direct Debit	Water Plus	Pavilion water	19.18	-	19.18
454321603	Direct Debit	Lloyds Bank	Accounts Maintenance Fee for PC – Community Account no: xxxxx608 (10 th April - 9 th May 2025	5.75	-	5.75
IV03088076	Direct Debit	SSE Energy Solution	Unmetered footway lighting (15/03/25-14/06/2025) including standing charge	970.31	48.52	1018.83
BP2048-04A &05A	BACS	Brodie Planning	Professional fee for planning matters	916.67	183.33	1100.00
SI-10358	BACS	Security 4 Systems	Annual license for Microsoft office 365 suite	79.99	-	79.99
Clp0393329	BACS	Wychavon District Council	Annual charges for emptying 5 bins, Leys, Gate Inn crossroads.	389.48	77.90	467.38
170625	BACS	J Hyde	Level 5 sunken graves	100.00	-	100.00
512	BACS	DTH Churchyard and cemetery Services T/A Kyle Jordon	Gravedigging Fee for full burial - 20 th June 2025	400.00	-	400.00
3395	BACS	Limebridge Rural Services	Ground maintenance for April	1584.00	316.80	1900.80
June	BACS	J Hyde	Handyman work	296.50	-	296.50
June	BACS	J Hyde	Lengthsman work	235.60	-	235.60
SI-10352	BACS	Security 4 Systems	Monthly IT support	72.00	-	72.00
Tax month 4	BACS	Worcestershire Pension	Pension	789.46	-	789.46
Tax month 4	BACS	Staff salary	Staff salary	2249.61	-	2249.41
Tax month 4	BACS	HMRC	HMRC (ending 5 th Aug 2025)	932.65	-	932.85
SIN141532	BACS	Fairview Trading	Handyman work - Treated fence post timber	14.76	2.95	17.71
SI-10378	BACS	Security 4 Systems	IT Support (July)	72.00	-	72.00
6280346614	BACS	Lyreco	Printer toners, Paper and magnets for noticeboards	315.57	63.11	378.68
WEB56048	BACS	Panelholdings Limited	Noticeboard for allotment	175.75	35.15	210.90
02/07/2025	BACS	HAGA	Allotment Subs – 42 plots collected with rent.	315.00	-	315.00
25002	BACS	Aries Entertainment	Ride and children entertainer for Christmas event	1620.00	324.00	1944.00
Equal Pre- paid debit card						
Invoice	Date	Supplier	Description	Net £	Vat £	Gross £
A22004523479	14 th June 2025	Screw Fix	Post digger & crowbar	75.54	15.31	91.85
IEN202503319993	26 th June 2025	Adobe Creative	Software Subscription	16.64	3.33	19.97

R250556	BACS	PSW*	Copying and binding of updated publishing of Local Council Explained by NALC	62.35	-	62.35
Resolved: 6 in favour, 1 abstention to approve the schedule of payments (the abstaining councillor having declared an interest earlier in the meeting)						

Note :

* Copying and binding costs to PSW Stationers for the updated version of "Local Council Explained" (NALC publication). This essential reference guide supports Council business operations and governance procedures.

*British Telecom – new provider. Contract with Sky ended. Sky was not able to provide contract rates for 24 months.

Cllr Clear asked about the broadband provider change. The Clerk confirmed that, in addition to the explanatory note provided with the schedule of payments, she had researched multiple providers over 2 days before selecting the new contract, which offered the best value.

b) To approve bank reconciliation for June 2025.

Honeybourne Parish Council

30 June 2025 (2025-2026)

A	Bank Reconciliation at 30/06/2025		
	Cash in Hand 01/04/2025		135,594.30
			58,617.69
	ADD Receipts 01/04/2025 - 30/06/2025		
	SUBTRACT Payments 01/04/2025 - 30/06/2025		194,211.99
	Cash in Hand 30/06/2025 (per Cash Book)		77,911.14
			116,300.85
B	Cash in hand per Bank Statements		
	Petty Cash 30/06/2025	0.00	
	Lloyds Business Bank Instant 30/06/2025	110,306.08	
	Lloyds Treasurers Account 30/06/2025	5,775.44	
	Prepaid Debit Card Equals 30/06/2025	219.33	
			116,300.85
	Less unrepresented payments		
			116,300.85
	Plus unrepresented receipts		
	Adjusted Bank Balance		116,300.85

	A = B Checks out OK		
Resolved: That the bank reconciliation for June be approved.			

c) **For noting-** the current budget position v actual receipts and payments

Resolved: I. That the current budget position v actual receipts and payments were noted. II. To approve transfer of £3,000.00 from general reserves to top up the professional and legal budget head. III. To approve that the Section 106 grant of £31,720 from Wychavon District Council (applied for to cover field enhancement works completed this year) will be allocated in full to the earmarked reserves for field enhancement upon receipt. This will replenish the fund following the overspend of £6,720 against the original £25,000 allocation and ensure the remaining balance is ring-fenced for future field enhancement projects.

d) **For noting –** Grass cutting contribution from Worcestershire County Council for 2025/2026 of £1,448.37 (increase of £28.40 from 2024/2025) Invoice issued to WCC to claim payment.

Resolved: That the grass cutting contribution and associated invoice issued for payment were noted.

e) Approval for the Clerk to be given delegated authority to progress all ongoing matters and projects and authorise all regular payments and incur expenditure in line with the Council's agreed budget, as the Council will be in recess in August. The Clerk will continue to liaise with the Chair on major issues. A record of all decisions and expenditure incurred under delegated authority will be kept and reported to members when the Council reconvenes in September.

Resolved: That the Clerk be given delegated authority to progress all ongoing matters and projects and authorise all regular payments and incur expenditure in line with the Council's agreed budget during the August recess. The Clerk will continue to liaise with the Chair on major issues, and a record of all decisions and expenditure incurred under delegated authority will be kept and reported to members when the Council reconvenes in September.
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25/590 Committee & Working Groups reports

To receive minutes from Council committees and groups held since the last Council meeting and consider recommendations for resolution as reported below. (If any)
There were no reports.

25/591 Environment & Committee Wellbeing

a) To note correspondence regarding deteriorated memorial bench in cemetery and Clerk's response and consider any further action required.

Resolved: That following consideration of the correspondence regarding the deteriorated memorial bench in the cemetery, the Clerk write to the resident to ask if she would like to replace the memorial bench at her own expense and, if so, whether she would like to consider alternative locations within the cemetery for its placement.

The Chair requested that items b, c, f & g be discussed by Council first, as he and the Vice Chair had declared interests in these items and would need to leave the room during those discussions. It would be more practical to discuss and vote on items b, c, f & g first, then they could return for items e & h and the remaining agenda items without having to leave the room multiple times.

Resolved: That the motion to change the order of items on the agenda to discuss items b, c, f & g first be approved.
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Cllrs Jobs and Dubb left the room at 8:15 pm due to their declared interests in items b, c, f & g and returned at 8:45 pm. Cllr Attridge chaired the meeting during their absence.

b) To note correspondence sent to allotment plot holders regarding gate security requirements

Resolved:

That the correspondence be noted.

c) To consider request from plot holder for additional water trough at allotment site.

The Council considered the request from a plot holder for an additional water trough, noting that the allotment site currently has 7 water troughs strategically located across the site (3 down the centre path and 2 on each side). The Clerk's report highlighted that the existing water system operates on a continuous fill basis ensuring troughs refill during use, water pressure limitations would prevent effective operation of additional troughs, the plot holder was aware of water trough locations when selecting their plot, installation costs would be high for minimal benefit, and approving the request could set a precedent for similar requests from other plot holders. The report also noted the risk of damage to existing infrastructure and leased land requiring costly remediation.

Resolved:

That the request for an additional water trough at the allotment site be refused due to adequate existing provision with 7 strategically placed troughs, water pressure limitations preventing effective operation of additional troughs, high installation costs for minimal benefit, the plot holder's awareness of water trough locations when selecting their plot, risk of setting a precedent for similar requests, and potential damage to existing infrastructure and leased land.

d) To consider review of Honeybourne Neighbourhood Plan following withdrawal of Government funding.

The Council considered the review of the Honeybourne Neighbourhood Plan in light of the Government's withdrawal of the £10,000 community grant funding and technical assistance from Locality announced in the June 2025 Spending Review. The Clerk's report outlined the benefits of maintaining an up-to-date neighbourhood plan, including protection against windfall housing applications and retaining 25% Community Infrastructure Levy receipts rather than 15%. The report noted that the neighbourhood plan should be reviewed every 5 years and is now particularly important following significant changes to the National Planning Policy Framework which came into effect at the end of 2024. It was noted that the Neighbourhood Plan is not intended to stop housing development but to allow the community to have a say in how they would like to shape their neighbourhood, as provided for under Section 116 of the Localism Act 2011. The estimated cost for the review is approximately £10,000, for which no budget has been set aside.

Resolved:

- I. That the Council proceed with the review of the Honeybourne Neighbourhood Plan using £10,000 from general reserves to fund the review.
- II. That Brodie Planning be appointed to assist with the neighbourhood plan review.
- III. That the Clerk apply to Wychavon District Council for funding to support the review to replenish the general reserves fund.

e) To consider motion calling on Government to provide dedicated funding for neighbourhood plans following withdrawal of community grant funding.

The Council considered the motion provided by the Worcestershire County Association of Local Councils calling on the Government to provide dedicated funding for neighbourhood plans. The Clerk's report noted that the County Association, working with colleagues in Shropshire, Staffordshire, Warwickshire, and Herefordshire Associations, has produced the motion to enable councils to be part of nationwide efforts to get support and funding for neighbourhood plans reinstated. The motion comes at a time when the Council is considering whether to proceed with reviewing its own neighbourhood plan at an estimated

cost of £10,000, with funding needing to come from general reserves due to the withdrawal of Government grants.

Resolved:

That Honeybourne Parish Council acknowledges that:

- Neighbourhood planning empowers local communities to shape the development and growth of their areas through the creation of Neighbourhood Plans.
- The preparation of Neighbourhood Plans requires significant time, expertise, and financial resources, often placing a burden on parish and town councils.
- Neighbourhood Plans contribute to more democratic, locally informed planning decisions and support the delivery of sustainable development aligned with community needs and aspirations

Therefore it is resolved to:

- I. Call upon His Majesty's Government to provide increased and sustained funding to support the development, review, and implementation of Neighbourhood Plans.
- II. Request that the Government ensures funding is accessible to all communities, to promote inclusivity and fairness in the planning process.
- III. Write to the local MP and the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities, and Local Government to communicate this resolution and advocate for enhanced support for neighbourhood planning.

f) To consider quotes for the purchase of height restriction barriers for Sports Field, The Leys and Allotment site.

The Council considered three quotations for the purchase of height restriction barriers following the illegal encampment incident at the Sports Field in May 2025. The Clerk's report detailed the quotes received:

- Quotation A: £5,408.71 (single leaf drop lock barriers with custom widths, including locking shrouds and height signs)
- Quotation B: £10,679.00 (standard 6.0m width only, signs included but no locking shrouds available)
- Quotation C: £8,892.69 (custom widths available, signs included, free delivery but no locking shrouds)

The report noted that the purchase would be funded using the balance of Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) monies totalling £7,681.29. Quotation A was the only option within the available CIL budget, with £2,272.58 remaining after purchase. The report highlighted that Quotation A provided the most cost-effective solution while including additional security features and custom widths for optimal fit.

Resolved:

That Quotation A be accepted for the purchase of height restriction barriers for the Sports Field, The Leys and Allotment site at a cost of £5,408.71, to be funded from Community Infrastructure Levy monies.

g) To consider quotes for installation of height restriction barriers

Cllr Clelland left the room at 8:20 pm and returned at 8:45 pm following making a declaration of interest earlier in the meeting.

The Clerk circulated a report by email to Councillors and handed out hard copies to all Councillors at the meeting. The Council considered four quotations for the installation of height restriction barriers:

- Quotation A: £3,428 (posts set 3 feet deep, traditional mixed concrete)
- Quotation B: £5,319 (including £250 site survey, 1000mm post depth, detailed concrete specification)
- Quotation C: £7,722 (installation onto existing concrete surface only, limited specification details)
- Quotation D: £3,400 (1000mm post depth, comprehensive concrete base specification 800mm x 500mm x 500mm, site survey completed)

The report recommended Quotation D as offering the best value for money with superior technical specifications, comprehensive documentation, and no additional costs. The total

project cost of £3,400 would be funded using the remaining CIL balance of £2,272.58 with the balance of £1,127.42 from general reserves.

Resolved:

- I. That Quotation D be accepted for the installation of height restriction barriers at a cost of £3,400.
- II. That the installation be funded using the remaining CIL balance of £2,272.58 with the balance of £1,127.42 from general reserves.

h) Community Speed Watch - Update from West Mercia Police. Deferred from June meeting pending attendance of CSW group leader.

The CSW group leader, Cllr C Clear, attended the meeting and informed the Council that he has been very busy with work commitments and has not had time to organise the training for the 6 volunteers. He confirmed that he has spoken to the West Mercia Police CSW coordinator regarding suitable locations for speed checks but has been unable to arrange the required training. When asked, he was unable to advise the Council when he would be able to arrange the training. He clarified that the CSW scheme has nothing to do with the Parish Council. He noted that the vetting of the 6 volunteers is valid for 2 years, and that over 6 months have elapsed since the vetting was completed in January 2025.

Noted: That despite the Council's efforts to support the Community Speed Watch scheme, progress remains stalled due to Cllr C Clear unavailability to coordinate the necessary training, with no timeline provided for when this might be resolved.

25/592 Planning

a) Members to respond to planning applications.

There were no planning applications.

b) Planning Decisions received.

There were no planning decisions

c) Notification of planning appeal

Planning Inspectorate ref	Site Address	Proposal
App/H1840/W/25/3367013	35 High Street Honeybourne Evesham WR11 7PQ	Conversion and extension of garage to form 2 bedroom self-build bungalow
Written Representation only		
Council's comments:		
Background Brodie Planning Associates have been instructed on behalf of Honeybourne Parish Council (HPC) to set out HPC concerns on the appeal submitted. The application was refusal under delegated powers by the Officers of Wychavon District Council, the LPA, on the 28th February 2025, setting out the following refusal reason: The proposed development would result in a cramped form of development which would fail to integrate effectively with the surrounding settlement pattern and built form. The development would fail to protect the historic environment as a result of diminishing the historic curtilage of no.35 High Street. As such, the development would be contrary to policies SWDP6, SWDP21, SWDP24 & SWDP25 of the South Worcestershire Development Plan 2016 (SWDP). Conflict would also occur with the National Planning Policy Framework including chapters 12 and 16 and guidance contained within the adopted South Worcestershire Design Guide SPD (2018), as well as policy H4 of the Honeybourne Neighbourhood Plan. In addition, the proposal would fail to provide sufficient off-road parking in line with Worcestershire County Council Street Scape Design Guide. As such the proposal would fail to adequately accommodate traffic and result in indiscriminate parking, contrary to SWDP4 & SWDP21. Planning Policy Context In accordance with Section 38(6) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 and Section 70(2) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 the starting point for decision making is the 'development plan'. The determination of planning applications must be made in accordance with the development plan unless material considerations indicate otherwise.		

The Development Plan

South Worcestershire Development Plan, adopted in February 2016 Policies: SWDP 13 (Effective Use of Land) and SWDP 21 (Design)

Honeybourne Neighbourhood Plan, adopted in April 2020 Policies: Policy H4 (General Design Principles) and Policy H5 (Design Policy for New Builds)

The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) The revised NPPF came into effect in December 2024 and sets out the Government's policies on many different aspects of planning. Local planning authorities must take the NPPF into account as a material consideration in decision making.

Consideration

The NPPF at paragraph 124 sets that decisions should promote an effective use of land in meeting the needs for homes while safeguarding and improving the environment and ensuring safe and healthy living conditions. Policy SWDP 13 requires that housing development will make the most efficient use of land, with housing density designed to enhance the character and quality of the local area. Policy H5 of the Honeybourne Neighbourhood Plan, under siting and layout, requires proposals to reflect the established plot sizes in the local area.

The appeal site lies within the development boundary of Honeybourne, where infill and other forms of development are acceptable in principle in accordance with SWDP2. The need provide for effective use of land is a policy aspiration. These policies do however seek to ensure the effective use of land is not achieved at the cost of, or to the harm of the existing environment. The NPPF, SWDP13 and H5, on effective use, sets out the need to; safeguard and improve the environment; to enhance the character and quality of the local area; and reflect the established plot sizes in the local area.

The established pattern of development in this part of the High Street and Maple Close is varied but does include properties set in plots with ample amenity space. The proposal is for the subdivision of an existing single residential plot which would create two smaller plots. The existing property is not a large plot, and the proposed subdivision would create a shoehorned and cramped form of development which would be at odds with, and which would compromise, the established pattern and character of development in this part of Honeybourne. The nature of the proposal would therefore have a harmful impact on the on the existing environment, would not enhance the character and quality of the local area, and does not reflect the established plot sizes in the local area.

Considering the above, the appeal proposal is contrary to the development plan policies and the National Planning Policy Framework which includes policy SWDP13 and SWDP21 along with Policies H4 and H5 of the Honeybourne Neighbourhood Plan.

The Inspector is respectfully requested to dismiss the appeal.

Resolved:

That the written representation submitted by PC's planning consultant be noted.

25/593 Members are reminded to notify the Clerk of any items for discussion for the next meeting by 14th August 2025.

25/594 Date and venue of the next Parish Council meeting - The Council will be in summer recess during August and will reconvene on Monday, 9th September 2025 at 7:15pm at Village Hall

The meeting concluded at 9:30pm

H M Jobes

Signed: [H M Jobes \(Sep 11, 2025 21:21:01 GMT+1\)](#)
Chairman, Honeybourne Parish Council

Date:
9th September 2025

Council Members: H Jobes (Chairman), B Dubb (Vice- Chair), A Attridge, T Askew, C Clear, G Clelland, A Mathias, S Sidwell and S Walsh.

Appendix 1 – 25/584 (c) County Councillor Report

Another busy month with 18 meetings attended that varied from Hereford and Worcester Fire authority to Health Overview and Scrutiny committee and Environment scrutiny panel this has a main focus on highways issues.

There was also a very useful morning spent surveying the roads with the Highways Liaison Officer, Barry Barnes, finding defects and discussing issues which have resulted in 3 speed data surveys being requested, drains getting patched where they have sunk and also need clearing, damaged anti-skid surfaces, footway improvements and lots of discussion on how to improve the traffic management around roadworks to reduce the amount of road closures, that have a huge impact on residents especially when emergency services are called.



Attended the community engagement session at Meon Way gardens with District and Parish councillors. We had a few residents attend and discussed their issues, which Judith and I will follow up where needed. Liaised with the local Safer Neighbourhood Team discussing concerns raised throughout the division. Pebworth village has nothing to report, Meon way has had various jobs, non of which are concerning to the wider public.

Offenham had a drop in session which I attended, the parish chair came along and we discussed various areas.

Initial analysis of the survey results reveals:

- 48% backed creating two unitary councils
- 29% supported one unitary council for the county
- 19% didn't support any reorganisation of local councils in Worcestershire

More analysis will take place and form the report sent to government later this year.

Appendix 2 – 25/584 (d)

Report from District Councillors Judith Ciotti and Hannah Robson June 2025

- I. **Neighbourhood Plans:** Wychavon has announced a new funding initiative to support local and town parishes in continuing their Neighbourhood planning efforts. Following the Government's June 2025 Spending Review, the previous available government grant funding of £10,000 for all town and parish councils has been withdrawn. In response to this funding shortfall Wychavon has committed to providing £10,000 in funding to all its parish and town councils. For any queries

neighbourhoodplanning@wychavon.gov.uk

II. **Microchipping Events: Worcestershire Regulatory Services Dog**

Dog Warden Team are hosting a series of free microchipping events in parks across the country. It is a legal requirement but many don't conform for a variety of reasons. WRS says that "reuniting

lost dogs with their owners is always a joy and having up to-date microchipping makes it so much easier to do". This free service is certainly something to make use of.

Dates: 9th July in Abbey Park Pershore
10th September Crown Meadow Evesham
11.30 to 1.30pm: no need to book
I can share a poster if that would be useful.

- III. **Rural Mental Health:** There was a free Wellbeing Workshop at the Gate Inn Honeybourne last week that Judith attended. It focussed on the mental health of lone working men in farming and rural industries and was organised by Wychavon and 'We are Farming Minds' an initiative of MIND Herefordshire. It was very well presented and appreciated by the participants. Unfortunately it was not very well advertised and perhaps as a result not well attended. There will be another similar workshop on Friday 18th July at Whittington Village Hall and I can send details to anyone interested in attending.
- IV. **Scheme to tackle Homelessness:** A life changing scheme to help give homeless young people in Wychavon and Malvern Hills hope for the future has 1 been highly commended at a national awards ceremony. Developing skills for independent living is the focus of the initiative which was shortlisted in the Innovation in Housing category. It's a response to the dramatic increase in the number of vulnerable young people presenting themselves as homeless. Local authorities like Wychavon can have a big impact on lives through sustainable supported housing and partnerships working. Wychavon created its first supported young homeless scheme in Evesham in 2021 and plans are in the pipeline to create a similar scheme in Droitwich. Hannah and Judith attended a community engagement session at Meon Way Gardens, Pebworth last weekend and had some useful conversations with residents. Planning and Licensing committee work continues. The 'Shape Worcestershire' engagement exercise on Local Government Reorganisation was recently concluded and today results have been published showing a very high response from residents showing that many people locally are interested but also concerned about the effects that reorganisation will have. Thank you to all who responded. 2

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