

# HONEYBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held at Honeybourne Village Hall, Harvest Close,  
Honeybourne WR11 7RH  
on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2026

**Members present:** Cllrs: H Jobs ( Chairman), Bal Dubb (Vice-Chair), A Attridge, C Clear, G Clelland , J Mellor, S Sidwell & S Walsh

**In attendance:** Parish Clerk, Linda Stanton.

District Cllr Judith Ciotti – (Arrive 7:15pm- departed 8:30pm)

6 members of public

**26/703 Apologies :** Cllrs A Mathias (work commitment)

<b>Resolved:</b> The apology was accepted
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- 26/704 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
H Jobs	Item 26/711(a)(iii),( iv) & (v) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Grant application from Village Hall</li> <li>Grant application from Friends of Honeybourne Station</li> <li>Grant application from HAGA</li> </ul> Item 26/713 (a) HAGA- Data Sharing agreement (b) Request to use Parish Council equipment by HAGA	DPI – Village Hall Trustee and Treasurer  ODI- Friend DPI – plot holder	DPI – plot holder for items a & b
B Dubb	Item 26/711 (a) (v) Grant application – HAGA Item 26/713 (a) HAGA- Data Sharing agreement (b) Request to use Parish Council Equipment by HAGA	DPI – Plot holder and treasurer for HAGA	
G Clelland	Item 26/711 (b) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Payment to Limebridge</li> </ul>	ODI- friend	
J Mellor	Item 26/711 (i) Grant Honeybourne Village New Item 26/713(a) HAGA – Data Sharing agreement (b) Request to use Parish Council Equipment by HAGA	DPI- Committee Member of Village News DPI Plot holder	

**26/705 To consider any dispensations**

Written requests for the council to grant a dispensation to a councillor (as per Localism Act 2011,s33) must be with the Clerk before the meeting.

There were no requests for dispensation.

**26/706 Open Session Participation to hear from:**

a) Members of the Public.

- Mrs Paula Staples addressed the Council in support of the grant application submitted by the Friends of St Ecgwin's Church. She outlined the purpose of the

application and expressed hope that the Council would look favourably upon the request.

- II. Mr Trevor Askew addressed the Council in support of the grant applications submitted by the Village News and the Honeybourne Allotment and Garden Association (HAGA). In relation to the HAGA application, Mr Askew also requested that, in the event of a successful grant award and the subsequent purchase of equipment, the Council would consider permitting HAGA to store the equipment at the Pavilion.

b) Supporting organisations, - South Worcestershire Policing Team. None present.

c) Worcestershire County Councillor – Not present

d) Wychavon District Cllr H Robson – Not present

Wychavon District Cllrs J Ciotti - District Cllr Ciotti provided her report in advance of the meeting (attached as **Appendix 1, page 636**) **The report was noted.**

- i. Cllr Clear requested further information regarding the Wychavon Community Resilience small grants scheme.
- ii. Cllr Clelland requested that District Councillor Ciotti pass a message to District Councillor Robson regarding the lighting at Honeybourne Railway Station, following a resident's difficulty in making contact with District Councillor Robson.

#### 26/707 Adoption of minutes

- I. To approve adoption of the minutes of 10<sup>th</sup> March 2026
- II. To approve adoption of confidential minutes 10<sup>th</sup> March 2026

**Resolved:**

- I. That the minutes of the Parish Council meeting 10<sup>th</sup> March be approved as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman.
- II. That the minutes of the Parish Council Confidential meeting 10<sup>th</sup> March be approved as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

#### 26/708 Chairman's report (For information only)

The Chair reported that the Neighbourhood Development Plan review survey had been completed and thanked the One Stop and the Thatched Tavern for hosting the survey collection boxes. The Clerk was requested to write to both establishments on behalf of the Council to express the Council's thanks.

Cllr Attridge enquired whether there had been any update regarding the car park feasibility study, as previously noted in the February minutes. The Chair advised that no further information had been received and confirmed that he would contact the Deputy Chief Executive and S151 Officer at Wychavon District Council to seek an update.

#### 26/709 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) Planter — Honeybourne Road	The permit from Worcestershire County Council Highways for the installation of the roadside planter has been received. The planter has been purchased and will be installed when summer bedding plants are put in place later in the season.
b) Play Equipment — Annual Inspection	The annual play equipment inspection has been completed. The inspection report is satisfactory with only minor works identified as requiring attention. Works will be actioned accordingly.
c) Footway Lighting — Stratford Road	The faulty footway lighting on Stratford Road has been attended to and the photocell replaced.
d) Local Government Reorganisation in Worcestershire — Consultation Response	The Council's consultation response to the Government's consultation on Local Government Reorganisation in Worcestershire was submitted on 19 <sup>th</sup> March 2026 ahead of the 26 <sup>th</sup> March 2026 deadline.

**Noted:**

That the report be noted

## 26/710 Correspondence & Circulations Received (For information only)

a) Worcestershire Community Rail Partnership — Annual Event, 24th April 2026. Circulated to Councillors	Invitation received from the Worcestershire Community Rail Partnership to attend their annual event on 24th April 2026 at the Guildhall. The theme this year is 'Accessing the Future' with presentations from Network Rail, their education scheme Platform, and station adopters. Doors open at 11am for an 11:15 start with a buffet lunch from 1pm. No members indicated a wish to attend.
b) Road Closure — Dudley Road and Harvard Avenue, Honeybourne	Notification received from Worcestershire County Council of a temporary road closure of Dudley Road from its junction with Station Road to its junction with Harvard Avenue, and Harvard Avenue in both directions from its junction with Dudley Road. The closure is required for footway reconstruction works by Worcestershire County Council, commencing 7th April 2026 with an anticipated duration of 39 days. The alternative route is via Station Road, Stratford Road, Grove Avenue and Westbourne. Details circulated to councillors.
c) Arrow Valley Solar Farm — Planning Inspectorate Scoping Consultation. Details and location map have been circulated to councillors.	Correspondence received from the Planning Inspectorate regarding a proposed solar farm known as Arrow Valley Solar, located on land near Evesham. The proposed development is a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP) under the Planning Act 2008 and is therefore decided by the Secretary of State rather than the local planning authority. Honeybourne Parish Council has been identified as a statutory consultee at the scoping stage, which seeks views on the scope of the Environmental Statement to be produced by the applicant. The deadline for responses is 27th April 2026.
<b>Resolved:</b> That the Council submits a response to the Arrow Valley Solar Farm scoping consultation. The Chair requested that councillors provide their comments to the Clerk by 21st April 2026 to enable the response to be prepared.	
d) South Worcestershire Development Plan Review (SWDPR) — Adoption Details and consultation links have been circulated to members.	Notification received that the South Worcestershire Development Plan Review has been formally adopted by the three South Worcestershire Councils — Malvern Hills District Council, Worcester City Council and Wychavon District Council — in March 2026. The SWDPR now forms part of the statutory development plan against which all planning applications in the area are determined
e) South Worcestershire Supplementary Planning Documents — Consultation Details and consultation links have been circulated to members.	Notification received that the South Worcestershire Councils have published Supplementary Planning Documents for consultation in support of the adopted SWDPR.
<b>Noted:</b> That correspondences be noted.	

## 26/711 Finance

### a) Grant applications 2026/2027

Council to consider grant application for the following

#### I. Honeybourne Village News

Cllr Mellor, having declared Disclosable Pecuniary Interest earlier in the meeting, left the room at 7.55 pm prior to consideration of this item.

The Chair drew members' attention to the Council's grant conditions, noting that bank charges and the cost of paying a student to assist with delivery constituted running costs and therefore fell outside the qualifying activities under those conditions.

Following discussion, it was unanimously:

**Resolved:**

That the Council awards a grant of £500 to Honeybourne Village News as a contribution towards the cost of Canva Pro subscription and printing costs for 2026/2027.

Cllr Mellor returned to the meeting at 8:05 pm

#### II. The Friends of St Ecgwin's Church.

Members considered the report and following discussion it was unanimously:

**Resolved:**

That the Council awards a grant of £150 to the Friends of St Egwin's Church as a contribution towards the cost of a promotional information leaflet and the purchase of a yard broom and dustpan and brush for the church porch for 2026/2027.

### III. Honeybourne Village Hall.

Cllr Jobes, having declared a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest earlier in the meeting, left the room at 8.15 pm prior to consideration of this item. Cllr Dubb took the Chair for this item.

Members considered the report and following discussion it was unanimously:

**Resolved:**

That the Council awards a grant of £500 to Honeybourne Village Hall as a contribution towards the cost of the annual over 60s afternoon tea event and the purchase of outdoor furniture for the Thursday morning coffee club for 2026/2027.

### IV. Friends of Honeybourne Station

Cllr Jobes remained outside the room for this item, having declared an Other Registerable Interest earlier in the meeting. Cllr Dubb continued in the Chair.

Members considered the report and following discussion it was unanimously:

**Resolved:**

That the Council awards a grant of £500 to the Friends of Honeybourne Station as a contribution towards the cost of two additional timber planters on Platform 2 for 2026/2027.

### V. Honeybourne Allotment Gardens Association

Cllr Jobes remained outside the room. Cllr Dubb and Cllr Mellor, having declared Disclosable Pecuniary Interests earlier in the meeting, left the room at 8.30 pm prior to consideration of this item. Cllr Attridge took the Chair for this and the following two items.

Cllr Attridge drew members' attention to the financial position of the association, noting that as HAGA had only recently been constituted, formal accounts were not yet available. The Treasurer had instead prepared a projected income and expenditure statement for 2026/2027 in lieu of formal accounts.

Following discussion, it was unanimously:

**Resolved:**

That the Council awards a grant of £479 to the Honeybourne Allotment Gardens Association as a contribution towards the purchase of a Makita DUR368APT2 Twin 18V Cordless Brush Cutter and Fast Twin Port Charger for 2026/2027.

Members noted that in accordance with the Council's grant conditions, all grant recipients are required to provide invoices evidencing expenditure to the Clerk upon completion of the funded activities.

In order to avoid members having to withdraw from the meeting on more than one occasion, the Council agreed to bring forward Agenda Items 26/713 (b) and (a) for consideration at this point.

## 26/713 Environment & Community Wellbeing

### b) HAGA – Request to Use Parish Council Equipment.

Cllr Attridge drew members' attention to the connection between this item and the grant awarded at Agenda Item 26/711 a) v). Following discussion, it was unanimously:

**Resolved:**

That the Council declines the request to use Parish Council equipment for allotment maintenance, noting that the grant awarded at Agenda Item 26/711 a) v) provides HAGA with the means to purchase its own equipment for this purpose.

It was further unanimously:

**Resolved:**

That the Council declines the request from HAGA to store equipment at the Pavilion and that HAGA makes its own arrangements for the storage of equipment.

### a) HAGA – Data Sharing Agreement

Cllr Attridge explained the reason for the Data Sharing Agreement, noting that as the Parish Council holds personal data relating to plot holders, a formal agreement was required to ensure

that any sharing of that data with HAGA was carried out in full compliance with UK GDPR and the Data Protection Act 2018. Following consideration, it was unanimously:

**Resolved:**

That the Council approves the Data Sharing Agreement between Honeybourne Parish Council and the Honeybourne Allotment Gardens Association, governing the sharing of plot holder personal data in accordance with UK GDPR and Data Protection Act 2018, and authorises the Parish Clerk to sign the Agreement on behalf of the Council.

Cllr Jobes, Cllr Dubb and Cllr Mellor returned to the meeting at 8.45 pm and Cllr Jobes resumed the Chair.

The Council returned to the remaining items under Agenda Item 26/711 Finance.

**26/711 Finance**

**b) To approve schedule of payments**

**April schedule of payments** – To approve schedule of payments for April 2026 including any invoices to be paid as a matter of urgency

Invoice no	Cheque no	Supplier	Description	Net £	Vat £	Gross £
802525341	Direct Debit	British Gas	Pavilion power and heating	66.42	3.32	69.74
V02443719643	Direct Debit	EE	PC mobile phone	6.60	1.32	7.92
M011 GN	BACS	British Telecom	Regular charge (1 <sup>st</sup> Mar–31 <sup>st</sup> March 2026)	32.95	6.59	39.54
INV11988120	Direct Debit	Water Plus	Pavilion water	10.19	-	10.19
478712162	Direct Debit	Lloyds Bank	Accounts Maintenance Fee for PC – Community Account no: xxxxx608 (10 <sup>th</sup> Jan - 9 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2026	4.25	-	4.25
IVO4182414	Direct Debit	SSE Energy Solution	Unmetered footway lighting	378.32	75.66	453.98
SIN152879	BACS	Fairview Trading	Handyman work- Half round rail and wood screw for Leys to fit uprights to mound slide action required following annual inspection.	19.17	3.83	23.00
March	BACS	J Hyde	Handyman work	144.08	-	144.08
March	BACS	J Hyde	Lengthsman work	194.30	-	194.30
SI-10692	BACS	Security 4 Systems	Monthly IT Support	77.50	-	77.50
Tax month 1	BACS	Worcestershire Pension	Pension	788.72	-	788.72
Tax month 1	BACS	Staff salary	Staff salary	2371.49	-	2371.49
Tax month 1	BACS	HMRC	HMRC	975.33	-	975.33
3713	BACS	Limebridge Rural Services	Grounds maintenance	1570.00	314.00	1884.00
22562/23706	BACS	GS Adams Ltd	Pavilion Exterior -investigate fault and adjust time clock and check for operation	65.00	13.00	78.00
95984	BACS	ROSPA- Playsafety Ltd	Annual inspection of play equipment at Leys and Sports field equipment	222.00	44.40	266.40
INV- 16162	BACS	Starboad Systems Ltd	Annual software renewal- Cemetery	417.60	83.52	501.12
5081/2026/27	BACS	Institute of Cemetery &Crematorium Management	Annual membership-professional subscription	110.00	-	110.00
MEM257996-1	BACS	The Society of Local Council Clerks	Annual membership fee	253.00	-	253.00
INV-5132	BACS	DM Payroll Services Ltd	Administration of payroll for 2026/2027 financial year	240.00	48.00	288.00

SI-438	BACS	Andrea Pellegram Ltd	February Work on NDP Review	1520.00	304.00	1824.00
SI-439	BACS	Andrea Pellegram Ltd	Amendments to survey following comments	160.00	32.00	192.00
0151	BACS	DK Edwards	Annual internal audit 2025/26 financial year	309.70	-	309.70
<b>Equal pre-paid debit card</b>						
<b>Invoice/ Receipt</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Supplier</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Net £</b>	<b>Vat £</b>	<b>Gross £</b>
EN2026017586163	26 <sup>th</sup> March 2026	Adobe Creative	Software Subscription	16.64	3.33	19.97
<b>Resolved:</b>						
7 in favour, 1 abstention to approve the schedule of payments (the abstaining councillors having declared an interest earlier in the meeting)						

**c) March Bank Reconciliation – To approve bank reconciliation**

**Honeybourne Parish Council**

31<sup>st</sup> March 2026 (2025-2026)

<b>A</b>	<b>Bank Reconciliation at 31/03/2026</b>			
	Cash in Hand 01/04/2025			135,594.30
	<b>ADD</b>			168,038.66
	Receipts 01/04/2025 - 31/03/2026			303,632.96
	<b>SUBTRACT</b>			186,014.50
	Payments 01/04/2025 - 31/03/2026			186,014.50
	<b>Cash in Hand 31/03/2026</b> (per Cash Book)			<b>117,618.46</b>
	Cash in hand per Bank Statements			
	Petty Cash 31/03/2026	0.00		
	Lloyds Business Bank Instant 31/03/2026	110,558.47		
	Lloyds Treasurers Account 31/03/2026	6,879.99		
	Prepaid Debit Card Equals 31/03/2026	180.00		
				<b>117,618.46</b>
	Less unrepresented payments			117,618.46
	Plus unrepresented receipts			
<b>B</b>	<b>Adjusted Bank Balance</b>			<b>117,618.46</b>
<b>A = B Checks out OK</b>				
<b>Resolved:</b>				
That the Bank reconciliation is approved				

**d) Annual Internal Audit Report 2025/2026**

The Council received the Annual Internal Audit Report for the financial year 2025/2026, completed and signed by Duncan Edwards, DKE Audit Services. Members noted that the report confirmed no control issues or recommendations had been identified. The Council expressed its thanks to the internal auditor for his work.

**Resolved:**

That the Council receives and notes the Annual Internal Audit Report for the financial year 2025/2026.

**e) Annual Governance and Accountability Return — Section 1, Annual Governance Statement 2025/2026**

The Chair read each assertion and its meaning to the Council. Following consideration, it was unanimously:

**Resolved:**

That the Council approves Section 1 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return, the Annual Governance Statement for the financial year to 31st March 2026, and that the Chairman and Parish Clerk/Responsible Financial Officer sign the statement accordingly.

**f) Annual Governance and Accountability Return — Section 2, Annual Accounting Statements 2025/2026**

The Council considered Section 2 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return, including the Annual Accounting Statements, the Explanation of Variance and the 31st March 2026 Bank Reconciliation. Members noted that the Responsible Financial Officer had signed the statements prior to the meeting to confirm they were in order. Following consideration, it was unanimously:

**Resolved:**

That the Council approves Section 2 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return, the Annual Accounting Statements for the financial year to 31st March 2026, and that the Chairman signs Section 2 accordingly.

**g) South Worcestershire Citizens Advice — Request for Donation**

Members considered the request for a donation from South Worcestershire Citizens Advice. Following discussion, it was unanimously:

**Resolved:**

That the Council approves a donation of £250 to South Worcestershire Citizens Advice for 2026/2027.

**26/712 Committee & Working Groups reports**

To receive minutes of meetings from Council and committees & working groups held since the last Council meeting (if any).

**a) Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group**

Members **noted** that 96 responses had been received to the recent community survey, comprising 19 online responses and 77 hard copies. The hard copy responses had been forwarded to the planning consultant for analysis.

**b) Honeybourne Allotment Gardens Association — Note of Meeting**

Members **noted** the record of the meeting held between the Parish Clerk and the Chair of the Honeybourne Allotment Gardens Association on 16th March 2026 regarding allotment invoicing and reconciliation for the 2026 season.

**26/713 Environment & Community Wellbeing**

Members noted that Agenda Items 26/713 (b) and (a) had been brought forward and considered earlier in the meeting. These items are recorded at **pages 629-630** of these minutes.

**c) House Martin Nest Boxes**

Members considered the purchase and installation of two house martin nest boxes within the parish. Following discussion, it was unanimously:

**Resolved:**

That the Council approves the expenditure of £40 for the purchase and installation of two house martin nest boxes and authorises the Clerk to proceed with installation in a suitable location in consultation with the proposing councillor.

**d) Street Naming — Corner Farm Drive Development**

Members considered the report. Following discussion, it was unanimously:

**Resolved:**

That the Council:

- I. Ratifies the decision taken under the Scheme of Delegation to name the new street off Corner Farm Drive as Texel Close;
- II. Notes that the Street Naming Officer has confirmed that no objection to the name Texel Close has been received from District Councillors or the Portfolio Holder; and
- III. Formally adopts the reference list of historically appropriate street names for future street naming requests within the parish.

#### e) St Egwin's Churchyard: Maintenance Responsibilities

Members noted the written confirmation received from the Diocese confirming that the Parish Council's maintenance responsibility under Section 215 of the Local Government Act 1972 relates to the closed (old) section of St Egwin's Churchyard only. It was unanimously:

**Resolved:**

That the Council notes that its maintenance responsibility under Section 215 of the Local Government Act 1972 is limited to the closed (old) section of St Egwin's Churchyard only, and that written confirmation of this position has been received from the Diocese and is retained on file.

#### f) St Egwin's Churchyard: Planned Activities

Members noted correspondence received advising of a planned plant sale on 6th June 2026 and Ribbons for Remembrance activities in November 2026. It was unanimously:

**Resolved:**

That the Council notes that it does not own or control St Egwin's Churchyard and has no power to grant or refuse permission for events or activities within it. All permissions remain with the PCC and Diocese. Being notified of planned activities does not create any responsibility or liability for the Parish Council.

#### 26/714 a) Members to respond to planning applications.

Application ref	Site Address	Propose
W/25/01046/LB	Ashwins Farm, 29 School Street, Honeybourne, WR11 7PL	Various external works to include replacement roof coverings and windows
<b>Resolved:</b> To make no representation on this application.		
W/26/00666/HP	62 Stratford Road, Honeybourne, WR11 7PL	Construction of ancillary building providing bedroom and shower room
<b>Resolved:</b> To make no representation on this application.		
W/26/00521/RM	Land At (OS 1103 4392), Bretforton Road, Honeybourne	Reserved matters application for appearance, landscaping, layout and scale following grant of permission W/25/01580/OUT for the erection of up to 24 dwellings with detailed access
<p>Members noted that the Council had previously objected to the outline planning application W/25/01580/OUT on the grounds of the scheme's location in the countryside and its impact on the settlement pattern and conservation area of Honeybourne. That outline permission having been granted by Wychavon District Council, the principle of development is now established and cannot be revisited at reserved matters stage.</p> <p>The Council had appointed a planning consultant to prepare representations on the reserved matters submission. The draft representations had been circulated to members at the meeting. Members were satisfied with the content of the draft and resolved to submit it with two additional points included, relating to ridge heights under Policy H5(g) of the Honeybourne Neighbourhood Plan and the incorporation of bird and bat nesting boxes under Policy H9. Members noted that the Council had been granted an extended deadline of 18th April 2026 for submission of representations.</p> <p><b>Resolved:</b> That the Council authorises the submission of representations on Planning Application W/26/00521/RM as prepared by the Council's planning consultant, incorporating the two additional points requested by members, and that the Parish Clerk submits the representations to Wychavon District Council ahead of the extended deadline of 18th April 2026.</p>		

Consultation as Neighbouring Parish		
26/00623/VARY	Meon Vale, Campden Road, Lower Quinton	Application for removal of Conditions 27 (offsite highway works at the junction of Shipston Road with Clifford Lane) and 28 (offsite highway works at the junction of Shipston Road with Trinity Way) of planning permission 14/01186/OUT dated 02/04/2015. Original description of development: Outline Planning Application (with means of access) for the development of up to 550 dwellings Use Class C3/C2 (Use Class C2 not to exceed 85 dwellings); a one-form entry Primary School (Use Class D1) with associated open space; a leisure village comprising up to 300 units of self-catering lodges and holiday homes (Use Classes C1/ C3), ancillary facilities building(s) to incorporate reception and administration facilities (Use Class B1a), entertainment areas (Use Classes D1 / D2) and retail uses (Use Classes A1 / A3/ A5), a touring caravan and camping site with up to 80 pitches and ancillary facilities building; the creation of landscaping, open space and ecological habitats; new accesses for vehicles, pedestrians and cycles; new internal highways; car and cycle parking; sustainable drainage measures, including storage ponds for surface water attenuation; provision of utilities infrastructure; earth works and all ancillary enabling works including demolition of buildings and structures and ground remediation.
Members noted that this application had been received for consultation as a neighbouring parish. Members resolved to note the application and make no representation.		
<b>Resolved:</b> To note the application and make no representation.		

**b) Planning Decisions received.**

No planning decisions received.

**26/715 Members are reminded to notify the Clerk of any items for discussion for the next Council meeting by 30<sup>th</sup> April 2026**

**26/716 Date of Next Meeting**

Annual Parish Meeting 12<sup>th</sup> May 2026, 6:30pm at Honeybourne Village Hall

Next Annual Parish Council Meeting, 12<sup>th</sup> May 2026, 7:15pm at Honeybourne Village Hall

The meeting concluded at 9:15 pm

Signed: .....  
Chairman, Honeybourne Parish Council

Date: .....  
12<sup>th</sup> May 2026

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

## **Appendix 1 – 26706 (d)**

### **District Cllr J Ciotti Report (Honeybourne, Pebworth and The Littletons) April 2026 Wychavon District Council Report to Parish Councils**

It's all happening in Wychavon – from the Riverside shopping centre to tin foil!

- Wychavon now own the Riverside Shopping Centre in Evesham, Marilyn Night Club, the Town Hall and other buildings in the Market Square. Plans include demolishing the shopping centre and refurbishing the listed Town Hall after years of neglect. Public engagement events to follow: the first one is on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> April at 4pm at Evesham Town Hall.
- A new Design Code will shape higher quality housing development by developers to ensure proposals reflect the district's distinctive character. You can have your say on the draft code. [Wychavon.gov.uk/consultations](http://Wychavon.gov.uk/consultations)
- Businesses across the area can now apply for grants of up to £15,000 to support growth, investment and job creation. Growth Fund [www.wychavon.gov.uk/growth](http://www.wychavon.gov.uk/growth)
- The South Worcestershire Development Plan Review was adopted by the Council on March 25<sup>th</sup>. The press release stated, 'this is an extraordinary achievement for our Policy Team in a landscape where so many local plans are being halted'. It is confirmed that the Council a 5-year housing land supply with a 5% buffer. Data will be published in the summer after taking account of completions and changes in the supply of houses.
- Residents are being asked for their views on an ambitious plan to end homelessness and rough sleeping across Worcestershire. Please see [www.wychavon.gov.uk/consultations](http://www.wychavon.gov.uk/consultations)
- We Are Wychavon Support Fund: £5 million coming our way, watch out for details!
- At a recent Council meeting we supported proposals for the delivery and management of the £500,000 Wychavon Community Resilience small grants scheme, covering community group support, biodiversity projects and energy efficiency improvements to community buildings. The Biodiversity element will be delivered via Worcestershire Wildlife Trust; the Climate and Natural Panel will assess applications for the energy element.
- Finally, from April households can add clean aluminium foil and empty plastic tubes to their green recycling bin. [www.wychavon.gov.uk/waste-and-recycling/recycling](http://www.wychavon.gov.uk/waste-and-recycling/recycling)