HONEYBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting

held at Honeybourne Village Hall, Harvest Close, Honeybourne WR11 7RH
on Tuesday 10th November 2026 at 7:15pm

Members present: Cllrs H Jobes (Chair), B Dubb (Vice-Chair), A Attridge, G Clelland, J Mellor, S Sidwell & S Walsh

In attendance: Parish Clerk, Linda Stanton & 3 members of public

26/808 Apologies

Apologies were received and accepted from the following members:

Councillor	Reason
A Mathias	Work commitment
C Clear	Work commitment
A Galeckyj	Personal

26/809 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 following declarations of interest were made:

Cllr	Item	Interest
G Clelland	26/816 (a) – Schedule of payments: payment to Limebridge Rural Services	ODI – Personal friend
H Jobes	26/816 (a) – Schedule of payments: payments to Honeybourne Village Hall and reimbursement of selection packs for the Christmas event	DPI

26/810 To consider any dispensations

There were no requests for dispensation.

26/811 Open Session

a) Members of the Public. Members of the public were present but did not address the Council.

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

c) Worcestershire County Councillor — H Robson was not in attendance. Report received and circulated. **(Appendix 1 pages 761- 762)**

d) Wychavon District Councillors — J Ciotti and H Robson. The District Councillors were not in attendance. Cllr Ciotti's report was received and circulated. **(Appendix 2 page 763)**

26/812 Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 13th October 2026 were presented for adoption.

Resolved:

That the minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 13th October 2026 be approved as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

26/813 Chairman's Report (for information only)

The Chairman reported that he had laid a wreath at St Ecgwin's Church on Remembrance Sunday, at a short service. He also reported that he will present a poppy wreath on behalf of the Council on Wednesday 11th November 2026, when the Great Western Railway Poppy Train calls at Honeybourne Station, and that anyone is welcome to attend.

Noted:

That the Chairman's report be noted

26/814 Parish Clerk's Report (for information only)

The Clerk presented her report. Members noted the updates on ongoing matters as follows:

a) Wychavon Community Resilience Grant – Independent Energy Assessment	The Clerk reported that the application to the Wychavon Community Resilience Grant (Community Building Energy Resilience) for an independent energy assessment of the pavilion has been successful. The independent assessor attended on Monday 9th November 2026 to carry out the assessment, and a full report is expected by the end of the week.
b) Police and Crime Commissioner – Town and Parish Council Survey 2026	The Clerk has submitted Members' collective comments online to the Police and Crime Commissioner for West Mercia as part of the annual Town and Parish Council Survey.
c) Station Road – Speeding Concerns	The Clerk has asked West Mercia Police to carry out a further speed data collection exercise on Station Road. The police have passed the request to their Road Safety Team and advised that there is currently no recent speed data for Station Road near Ranch Caravans. They also advised that enforcement activity has continued in the area this year, with Weston Road visited by both the Safety Camera Van and motorcycle enforcement officers on 27 occasions. The police advised that two weeks is the standard collection period for speed data and that a longer period would not make a difference, as an average is taken. The local Safer Neighbourhood Team hopes to carry out speed enforcement on Station Road using a TruCam device and will let the Clerk know once it has been done. The Clerk has also asked County Councillor Hannah Robson whether Worcestershire County Council can place a speed data box on Station Road. Cllr Robson advised that Station Road is on the list, but only one officer covers the whole of Worcestershire.
d) Highways – Gully, Shinehill to Buckle Street	The Clerk has reported to Worcestershire County Council Highways that the gully between Shinehill and Buckle Street requires clearing.
e) Highways – Road Markings, Weston Road	The Clerk has raised with County Councillor Hannah Robson the need for the road markings on Weston Road to be renewed.
f) Arrow Valley Solar (EN0110033) – Consultation Response	The Clerk has submitted the Council's response to Arrow Valley Solar's public consultation, and Arrow Valley Solar's team has acknowledged receipt.
g) Local Council Award Scheme (LCAS) – Silver Application	The Clerk has submitted the Council's application for the Local Council Award Scheme Silver Award. The outcome is expected in five to six weeks.
h) Cotswold District Council Regulation 19 Local Plan – Supplementary Representation Submitted	The Clerk has submitted the Council's supplementary representation to Cotswold District Council's Regulation 19 consultation on its Local Plan 2026–2043, via its online portal, ahead of the extended deadline of 3rd November 2026. The representation responds to the newly published transport

	evidence and sets out the Council's position that Honeybourne's railway station, station car park and local roads should not be relied upon to support growth at Mickleton.
i) School Street – Grass Verge	Following concerns raised by residents about vehicles parking on the grass verge by The Manor House, the Clerk visited the site on 28th October 2026 and has asked County Councillor Hannah Robson to ask Worcestershire County Council to establish who owns, and is responsible for, the verge. A further update will be given when a response is received.
j) Safer Neighbourhood Team – Drop-in Session	The Clerk has publicised on the Council's website and Facebook page that the Safer Neighbourhood Team would hold a drop-in session outside the Co-op, Honeybourne, on Tuesday 3rd November 2026, 1:00pm to 1:30pm, for residents to raise concerns and find out what the team is doing to tackle local issues.
k) The Leys – Ground Cracking	The contractor has completed the backfilling works at The Leys. The Clerk has inspected the site and found the cracking to be localised desiccation cracking within open grassed areas, with nothing requiring further action. The cracking was caused by the dry summer weather and is expected to close with the autumn and winter rain. The Clerk has responded to a resident who raised concerns, and the site will continue to be monitored.
Noted: That the Clerk's Report be noted.	

26/815 Correspondence and Circulations Received

a) Public Notice – Temporary Road Closure Order Made, U45017 School Street	Notice received from Worcestershire County Council under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 that the (U45017 School Street, Honeybourne) (Temporary Closure) Order 2026 has been made. The order closes part of U45017 School Street, from its junction with Corner Farm Drive to its junction with Reades Piece, for remedial utility works by Severn Trent Water. Access is permitted to any land or premises fronting the highway where there is no other form of access, and to allow the works to be undertaken. The alternative route is High Street and School Street (part), and vice versa. The works have been put back to 24th January 2027. The anticipated duration is 1 day, within a maximum permitted duration of 18 months.
b) West Mercia Police Economic Crime unit	Monthly Bulletin Oct 2026 (Circulated to Councillors)
c) Worcestershire Local Government Reorganisation – Update	Correspondence received from WCALC reporting that on 29th October 2026, following its review of Local Government Reorganisation, the Government announced that it is minded to proceed with creating two new unitary authorities for the north and south of Worcestershire. No final decision has been made. There will be a period of at least three weeks during which interested parties are invited to make representations, and the Government is due to announce a final decision before Christmas. Local elections in May 2027 will go ahead on existing council boundaries. If the decision is confirmed, the timetable will change, with shadow unitary authority elections in May 2028 and Vesting Day on 1 April 2029.
d) WCALC Annual General Meeting	Invitation received to WCALC's 27th Annual General Meeting and November Event on Thursday 26th November 2026, from 4.00pm, at Worcestershire Young Farmers

	Headquarters, Shires Farm, Hawford, Worcester WR3 7FH. The invitation is for two councillors and the Clerk. Councillors wishing to attend should let the Clerk know.

Noted:

That the correspondence be noted

26/816 Finance

a) Schedule of Payments – November 2026 (for approval)

The Clerk presented the schedule of payments for November 2026, including invoices paid as a matter of urgency, for approval.

Invoice no	Payment Method	Supplier	Description	Net £	VAT £	Gross £
804274196	Direct Debit	British Gas	Pavilion power and heating	67.45	-	67.45
M01873	Standing Order	British Telecom	Regular charge (1st Oct – 31st Oct 2026)	36.95	7.39	44.34
INV13731206	Direct Debit	Water Plus	Pavilion water	8.41	-	8.41
496346862	Direct Debit	Lloyds Bank	Accounts Maintenance Fee for PC – Community Account no: xxxxx608 (10th Aug - 9th Sept 2026)	4.25	-	4.25
IVO4971142	Direct Debit	SSE Energy Solution	Unmetered footway lighting	133.18	26.64	159.82
820640	BACS	NALC	Registration for Local Council Award Scheme (silver award)	50.00	10.00	60.00
54332	BACS	TH Waste Recycling T/A Budget Skip	Skip Hire for Christmas event	170.83	34.17	205.00
October	BACS	J Hyde	Handyman work	158.25	-	158.25
October	BACS	J Hyde	Lengthsman work	118.05	-	118.05
SI- 10939	BACS	Security 4 Systems	Monthly IT Support	77.50	-	77.50
Tax month 8	BACS	Worcestershire Pension	Pension	892.85	-	892.85
Tax month 8	BACS	Staff salary	Staff salary	2705.78	-	2705.78
Tax month 8	BACS	HMRC	HMRC	1091.15	-	1091.15
3963	BACS	Limebridge Rural Services	Grounds maintenance	1665.00	333.00	1998.00
3982	BACS	Limebridge Rural Services	Pollarding of willow overhanging neighboring property at cemetery	200.00	40.00	240.00
SAJ-UK/2026/03729	BACS	Elan City Ltd	VAS extended warranty	105.22	21.04	126.26
Inv-23368	BACS	Starboard Systems Ltd	Scribe Accounts Renewal	612.00	122.40	734.40
CG1528	BACS	Honeybourne Village Hall	Venue hire for council meetings Office use Qtr 3 & 4	618.00	-	618.00
CG1543	BACS	Honeybourne Village Hall	Refreshments for volunteers – Litter pick – 1st November 2026	54.50	-	54.50
SIN162718	BACS	Fairview Trading Co. Ltd	Hex Set Screw Nut & Washers Treated rail	7.43	1.49	8.92
	BACS	Equals Money	Top up pre-paid debit card	250.00	-	250.00
INV-02433	BACS	NALC	Local Government Reorganisation: Revolution or regression (Training)	35.00	7.00	42.00
1697	BACS	CJC Aggregates & Landscaping Supplies	Road planings Bulk Bags- For PROW work	93.41	18.68	112.09
514800	BACS	Heath Jobes	Reimbursement of Selection packs (150 packs) for Christmas event	142.50	-	142.50
WPGA2628	BACS	Wychavon Parish Games	Events entry fee for 2026	80.00	-	80.00
Pre-paid Debit card						

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Invoice/Receipt No	Date	Supplier	Description	Net £	VAT £	Gross £
2026060866738	26th Oct 2026	Adobe Systems Software	Monthly subs	16.64	3.33	19.97
626894	28th Oct 2026	Tesco	Wine for raffle prize	91.85	-	91.85
696183	28th Oct 2026	Post Office Ltd	M & S voucher for raffle prize	100.00	-	100.00
0008637792	28th Oct 2026	Thorntons Limited	Chocolate Hamper for raffle prize	45.00	9.00	54.00
344221982026-11-02	1st Nov 2026	Lebara Mobile Ltd	Mobile phone	4.17	0.83	5.00
17479000001	2nd Nov 2026	Harrisons	3 gift bags for raffle prizes	3.00	-	3.00
1071684347	9th Nov 2026	B& Q Ltd	2 Wheelbarrows – PROW work	55.98	-	55.98
134662	9th Nov 2026	Hillers Farm Shop	Gift vouchers – raffle prize	66.67	13.33	80.00
878385 /294765	9th Nov 2026	Post Office Ltd	One 4 All gift card – raffle prize	100.00	-	100.00

Resolved:
That the schedule of payments for November 2026 be approved. (5 For, 2 Abstentions)
Cllrs G Clelland and H Jobes abstained, having declared interests (see 26/809).

b) Bank Reconciliation – October 2026 (for approval)

The Clerk presented the bank reconciliation for October 2026, for approval.

Bank Reconciliation at 31/10/2026		
Cash in Hand 01/04/2026		117,618.46
ADD		
Receipts 01/04/2026 – 31/10/2026		190,776.56
		308,395.02
SUBTRACT		
Payments 01/04/2026 – 31/10/2026		140,293.83
Cash in Hand 31/10/2026 (per Cash Book) A		168,101.19
Cash in hand per Bank Statements		
Petty Cash 31/10/2026	0.00	
Lloyds Business Bank Instant 31/10/2026	161,296.90	
Lloyds Treasurers Account 31/10/2026	6,476.42	
Prepaid Debit Card Equals 31/10/2026	327.87	168,101.19
Less unpresented payments		
Plus unpresented receipts		
Adjusted Bank Balance B A = B Checks out OK		168,101.19

Resolved:
That the bank reconciliation for October 2026 be approved.

c) Friends of St Ecgwin's Church Grant – Repayment of Unspent Balance (for noting)
Members noted that the Friends of St Ecgwin's Church have repaid the unspent balance of £67.84 from the 2026/27 grant award.

26/817 Committee & Working Groups reports

a) Neighbourhood Development Plan Review – Steering Group Meeting. Members noted that the next meeting of the NDP Review Steering Group will be held on Thursday 12th November 2026 at 6:30pm.

26/818 Environment and Community Wellbeing

a) Christmas Raffle Hamper Contributions

Most members brought their contributions for the Christmas raffle hamper to the meeting. Members who had not done so were asked to drop them off at the Village Hall or to arrange with the Clerk to collect them from their home. The hamper will be a prize in the raffle at the Christmas switch-on event on 4th December 2026.

b) GWR Poppy Train – Armistice Day Wreath Presentation

Members noted that the Great Western Railway Poppy Train will call at Honeybourne Station (Platform 2) at 07.57, departing 07.58, on Armistice Day, Wednesday 11th November 2026, with wreaths transported to London Paddington and laid at the War Memorial. The Chairman will present a wreath on behalf of the Parish Council.

c) Christmas Switch-On Event – Marquee Assistance

Members were reminded that help is needed to erect the marquee on Friday 4th December 2026 at 10am and to dismantle it on Saturday 5th December at 10am. Mince pies and hot drinks will be provided for the volunteers.

d) Honeybourne Harriers – Return of Children's Football Kit

Members noted that Honeybourne Harriers, which received a grant from the Council some time ago, no longer exists and has returned its children's football kit to the Council. The kit has no branding. Members considered whether to donate the kit to Honeybourne Primary Academy or offer it to a local football club.

Resolved:

That the children's football kit be donated to Honeybourne Primary Academy.

e) Christmas Food Collection

Members noted that the Clerk had made enquiries about a possible one-off food collection in Honeybourne over the Christmas period. The church does not run a collection or link with a food bank in the village. Caring Hands, which helps people in need in and around Evesham, has confirmed that it supports people from Honeybourne and that donations can be signposted to it.

Noted:

That the Clerk signpost anyone enquiring to Caring Hands, asking them to donate non-perishable food, and publish information on the Council's Facebook page and website.

26/819 Planning

a) Buckle Street – W/26/01732/OUT – Response Submitted

Members noted that the Council's response to the additional information received from the applicant has been submitted to Wychavon District Council, confirming that the Council's objection stands.

b) Bretforton Road – W/26/00521/RM – Response Submitted

Members noted that the Council's response to the further amended plans for 24 dwellings at Land at Bretforton Road has been submitted to Wychavon District Council. The response notes that the changes relate mainly to highways and that the Council's earlier response of 9th August 2026 is unchanged. It asks the applicant to deliver the community orchard as shown, to confirm the housing mix and its compliance with Policy H2 of the Honeybourne Neighbourhood Plan, and to notify the Council when the Landscape and Ecological Management Plan is submitted.

Noted:

That the planning updates be noted.

26/820 Planning Decisions

Members noted the following decisions from Wychavon District Council:

Application	Location and Proposal	Decision
W/25/02384/FUL	12 Harvard Avenue, Honeybourne – Detached 3-bedroom self-build	Approved
W/26/01603/HP	43 Fallow Field, Honeybourne – Demolish conservatory and erect single storey rear extension	Approved

W/26/00521/RM	Land at Bretforton Road, Honeybourne – Reserved matters for up to 24 dwellings	Approved

Noted:
That the planning decisions be noted.

26/821 Planning Applications

Members considered the Clerk's report to the Chairman on the application

Application reference	Location	Proposal
a) W/26/02043/HP	7 China Corner, Honeybourne, WR117PH	Two storey rear extension

Resolved:

That the Council:

i. makes no comment on whether permission should be granted for W/26/02043/HP and defers to Wychavon District Council's officers;

ii. asks that Wychavon assesses the application against Neighbourhood Plan Policies H4, H6 and H11 and the Wychavon Design Code;

iii. asks in particular that Wychavon is satisfied with the heritage assessment, which should be prepared with appropriate expertise, given the adjoining Grade II listed 8 China Corner, the nearby Ivydene and the Conservation Area; with the materials, windows and doors; and with the surface water drainage, given the flood risk;

iv. asks that the drainage engineer's condition is applied if permission is granted; and

v. asks that public footpath HY-540 C is kept clear during construction.

Members considered the draft response to Wychavon District Council. **(Appendix 3 page 763)**

Application reference	Location	Proposal
b) W/26/02512/PIP	Land at OS 0990 4303, Weston Road, Bretforton	Permission in Principle for a minimum of 4 and maximum of 9 dwellings

Resolved:

That the Council:

i. objects to this application, for the reasons set out in the appended response, namely that the site is outside the development boundary and the applicant's reliance on Policy S5(1)(j) is not supported, as Wychavon can demonstrate a five-year housing land supply and its Housing Delivery Test result is above 75%; that the site is not well related to the settlement; that Honeybourne station is not a "well-connected station" under the NPPF; and that the site has a medium surface water flood risk;

ii. reserves comment on design, access, drainage, ecology and all other technical matters for the technical details stage;

iii. asks that permission in principle is refused; and

iv. agrees that the response be submitted to Wychavon District Council.

Members considered the draft response to Wychavon District Council. **(Appendix 4 page 765)**

Application reference	Location	Proposal
c) W/26/02386/FUL	Street record, Weston Road, Bretforton	Two temporary construction access points on the B4035 Weston Road for the West Import Resilience Project.

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Resolved:

That the Council:

i. has no objection to the principle of the temporary accesses, on the basis that the permission is strictly temporary and subject to the conditions set out in the appended response, covering: the period of the permission and full reinstatement by a fixed date; approval of the Traffic Management Plan and Construction Environmental Management Plan before work starts, including HGV routing that keeps construction traffic out of Honeybourne and Bretforton villages, deliveries and workforce movements outside peak hours, a daily limit on HGV movements, and controls on working hours, dust, noise and mud; highway safety, with the temporary speed limit order and signage in place before the accesses are first used; hedgerow and tree reinstatement; and minimal temporary lighting and keeping public rights of way open and safe; and

ii. agrees that the response be submitted to Wychavon District Council.

26/822 Items for Next Meeting

Members were reminded to notify the Clerk of items for discussion at the next council meeting by 27th November 2026.

26/823 Date and Venue of Next Meeting

The next Parish Council meeting is confirmed as Tuesday 8th December 2026 at 7:15pm at Honeybourne Village Hall, Harvest Close, Honeybourne.

Meeting Concluded : 19:40

Signed: …… Date: ……
Chairman, Honeybourne Parish Council

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

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Appendix 1 - 26/811(c)

Worcestershire County Councillor's Report – November 2026

November 2026 Monthly Parish Council Report

November is the month to make sure your drains and gulleys are clear. Please report any that need attention via the Report It system at

Report a road or path issue | Worcestershire County Council
https://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/council-services/travel-and-highways/report-road-or-path-issue

Local Government Reorganisation (LGR) – government confirmed that 4 areas will recommence LGR with Worcestershire being one of them. This will be on the same boundaries as announced in July, a North & South Worcestershire option, with elections for the unitary authority in May 28. This means that there will be Wychavon District Council elections in May 27 for a 2 year term with vesting day of the new authority in April 2029

Meetings to discuss flood prevention and highways issues have been attended in Honeybourne, Cleeve Prior, Pebworth, North Littleton & South Littleton

Shinehill Lane, has been resurfaced on the bend that has seen many accident's, with new white lines and catseyes.

Honeybourne Rail Pedestrian bridge to link a new car park at the station, the feasibility study is underway commissioned by Wychavon

Worcestershire County Council, Natural Networks Grant scheme was launched at the end of October
https://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/news/natural-networks-grant-scheme-launched-support-local-nature-recovery

Worcestershire County Council has launched the Natural Networks LNRS Delivery Fund in partnership with Worcestershire Wildlife Trust, offering grants of £5,000 to £50,000 for projects that create, restore, enhance and connect habitats across the county. The fund will help deliver the ambitions of Worcestershire's Local Nature Recovery Strategy (LNRS) and support practical action for nature on the ground.

The new fund will support a wide range of projects that contribute to nature's recovery, including pond restoration, species-rich grassland enhancement, orchard restoration, woodland creation, hedgerow planting, wetland creation and natural flood management.

Applications are welcomed from farmers, landowners, businesses, schools, charities, community groups, parish councils and public bodies.

Councillor Josh Robinson, Worcestershire County Council's Cabinet Member for Environment and Communities, said: "Worcestershire is home to an incredible range of wildlife and habitats, and this fund provides a fantastic opportunity for people and organisations to play a direct role in protecting and enhancing our natural environment.

"By supporting new projects, we can help deliver the priorities set out in Worcestershire's Local Nature Recovery Strategy and create meaningful benefits for nature, communities and future generations."

Worcestershire contains around 8% of England's remaining traditional orchards and up to 25% of its remaining lowland meadows. The county is home to important species including the brown hairstreak butterfly, noble chafer beetle and slow worm. Despite this rich natural heritage, many habitats and species remain under pressure, highlighting the need for coordinated action to reverse nature's decline.

As well as supporting wildlife, nature recovery projects can deliver a range of wider benefits. These include healthier soils, cleaner water, reduced flood risk, increased carbon storage and more opportunities for people to connect with nature close to where they live.

The Council is keen to work with partners across Worcestershire to deliver lasting environmental improvements. Projects that strengthen habitat connectivity, create larger and more resilient ecological networks, and provide benefits across wider areas are particularly encouraged.

Successful applicants can apply for funding covering up to 75% of eligible project costs. Applicants will also have access to free Worcestershire Wildlife Trust Biodiversity Enhancement Assessments, providing expert advice to identify opportunities and help shape projects that align with Local Nature Recovery Strategy priorities.

Steve Bloomfield, Head of Conservation at Worcestershire Wildlife Trust, said: “We’re very pleased to be partnering with Worcestershire County Council again to help deliver nature’s recovery across the county. By combining the Council’s funding and our expertise, we hope to be able to help businesses and community bodies to do their bit for wildlife. This builds on the fantastic success of Natural Networks, which has been helping both wildlife and people since 2018.”

Applications will be assessed on a rolling basis, subject to available funding. Anyone considering a project is encouraged to contact the programme team to discuss their ideas and explore how the Natural Networks Fund could help bring them to life.

Within the Natural Networks Programme, the new LNRS Delivery Fund sits alongside a separate funding pot for smaller projects within the Wychavon and Malvern Hills districts, that offers grants of up to £2,000 to support local nature recovery initiatives.

Further information on eligibility, applications and Biodiversity Enhancement Assessments can be found on the Natural Networks webpages.

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Appendix 2 – 26/811 (d)

Wychavon District Councillors' Report – November 2026

November 2026 Report to Parish Councils from Wychavon District Councillors

Local Government Reorganisation will continue in Worcestershire we were informed recently by the housing minister. Another 'head in hands' moment with greater clarity but not complete certainty! The new plan is that District Council elections will take place in May 2027, followed by shadow unitary elections in 2028 with implementation of the 2 unitary councils (North and South Worcestershire) in 2029.

The Local Nature Recovery Strategy Delivery Fund is a new programme and town/parish councils can apply along with charities and farms. Grants range from £5k to £50k (with 25% minimum match funding from the applicant) and examples of projects could range from habitat creation and restoration or wetland/pond creation to hedgehog corridors or artificial light measures in built-up areas. They must deliver significant ecological benefits to habitats or species. worcestershirewildlifetrust.co.uk/natural-networks is the place to go for advice and planning help via a small grant before going to the Natural Networks Programme Worcestershire County Council. I am happy to help guide any councillors who are interested in looking further into this.

With the Crisis and Resilience Fund (Wychavon and Worcestershire County Council) a new 3 year scheme up to 2029 has brought additional financial support to people who currently receive housing benefit, or housing costs via Universal Credit and are in financial crisis due to the cost of living. Although it is temporary help it recognises that sometimes a one-off payment (for food, energy or household items) is not an adequate solution on its own.

Our latest plea to everyone is Recycle Right: please wash out your containers before putting in your green bin - they are not washed at the recycling plant! Also most wrapping or sweet papers are not recyclable.

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Appendix 3 – 26/821(b)

Honeybourne Parish Council Response – W/26/02512/PIP – Land at OS 0990 4303, Weston Road, Bretforton

Honeybourne Parish Council objects to this application. The site lies partly within the parish of Honeybourne, as shown on Wychavon's own application page and planning map, which the applicant's statement does not acknowledge. Our comments relate to location, land use and amount of development.

1. Principle. Wychavon's own constraints list shows the site is outside the SWDPR development boundary, and on the adopted SWDPR Policies Map the site lies beyond the south-eastern end of the Bretforton development boundary, along the B4035. Under NPPF (August 2026) policy S5, only the listed forms of development may be approved outside settlements. The applicant relies on S5(1)(j), evidenced unmet need.

2. No unmet need. S5(1)(j) names two circumstances: no five-year housing supply, or a Housing Delivery Test score below 75%. Neither applies. The South Worcestershire Five Year Housing Land Supply Report (June 2026, para 8.1) states that the South Worcestershire councils, including Wychavon, can demonstrate 5.48 years' supply with a 20% buffer. The Housing Delivery Test: 2025 measurement (published 17 August 2026) gives Wychavon a result of 103%. The 4.49 years the applicant quotes comes from an appeal in Malvern Hills (6006301) and is not the published position of the South Worcestershire councils.

The applicant also points to a shortage of affordable housing. This was already known, and the Planning Inspectors considered it when they examined the adopted plan (applicant's para 4.20). The applicant admits that affordable housing cannot be secured at this stage (applicant's para 8.2), so it cannot be counted as a benefit of this application. The application gives no commitment to any affordable homes at this stage.

3. Earlier approval nearby. The applicant refers to nearby approvals. W/23/02030/PIP (up to 4 homes on Weston Road, approved 15 February 2024) was decided when Wychavon's reported supply was 2.65 years, and the officer applied the tilted balance on that basis. That site was 580m from the development boundary and was treated as open countryside. That position no longer applies.

4. Not well-related to the settlement. S5(1)(j)(i) requires the site to be physically well-related to an existing settlement. The applicant describes the site only as "near to" the development boundary and gives no distance. We ask the officer to state the distance from the site to the development boundary and to the services in Bretforton.

5. Honeybourne station. The applicant relies on Honeybourne station (para 4.30). It is not a "well-connected station" as defined in Annex B of the NPPF. It lies in the Evesham Travel to Work Area, which ranks 144th of 228 UK travel to work areas by GVA (118th of the 155 in England) and is outside the top 80. It is served by about 19 trains a day in each direction on weekdays, typically one an hour each way, with gaps of around two hours in the afternoon and evening in the direction of Oxford and London (GWR timetable T6, 17 May to 12 December 2026). The NPPF requires four trains an hour overall or two an hour in one direction throughout the daytime. The applicant puts the station at "under 1.5km". Google Maps gives the walking route from the site to the station as 1.9 miles, about 41 minutes, along Gloster Ades Road and Station Road. That is well beyond the around 800 metre reasonable walking distance in Annex B, so S5(1)(h) is not available either. The station car park is already at capacity, with no funded solution.

6. Flood risk. The constraints list shows medium (1 in 100) surface water flood risk. The applicant calls it "minor" and places it in the south-west corner, where the existing access is.

7. Reservation. Honeybourne Parish Council reserves comment on design, access, drainage, ecology and all other technical matters for the technical details stage.

We ask that permission in principle is refused.

Honeybourne Parish Council Response – W/26/02386/FUL – Street record, Weston Road, Bretforton

Honeybourne Parish Council has considered this application and has no objection to the principle of the temporary accesses, on the basis that the permission is strictly temporary and the following conditions are applied.

1. Time limit and reinstatement. The application documents give different periods for the accesses. The Transport Statement says they would be built from February 2027 and removed by October 2027. The Planning Statement and covering letter seek two years, to Q1 2029. The Council asks the Local Planning Authority to clarify the period and to limit the permission accordingly, with removal and full reinstatement by a fixed date. If a longer period is not justified, the Council would expect the shorter programme to apply.

2. Construction traffic. The Traffic Management Plan and Construction Environmental Management Plan have not been submitted with the application. The Council asks that both are approved before any work starts and that they include: HGV routing that keeps construction traffic out of Honeybourne and Bretforton villages; deliveries and workforce arrivals and departures kept outside the morning and evening peak hours (the application only says this will be done where reasonably practicable, so the Council asks that it is made a requirement); and controls on working hours, dust, noise and mud on the highway. The Transport Statement forecasts 22 two-way HGV movements a day at the busiest time and the Planning Statement says 30. The Council asks for this to be clarified and for a daily limit to be set.

3. Highway safety. The visibility splays rely on a temporary extension of the 40mph limit, which is subject to separate approval. Surveys recorded 85th-percentile speeds of 49.9mph within the existing 40mph limit. The Council asks that the speed limit order is in place, with signage, before the accesses are first used, and that the County Highways Authority is satisfied with the arrangements.

4. Hedgerow and tree reinstatement. The Council asks that reinstatement is secured by condition, using good-quality, well-established hedge stock (not the smallest whips) planted at a density that gives effective cover within a reasonable time. Failures should be replaced during an establishment period. The replacement oak should be a heavy standard of the same species, with aftercare. The off-site biodiversity net gain units should be secured before work starts.

5. Lighting and public rights of way. Any temporary lighting should be kept to a minimum and directed away from the retained hedgerows. The nearby public footpaths should be kept open and safe throughout.

These comments are based on highway safety, landscape and ecology, which are material planning considerations.

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