

Burton Green Parish Council

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Dear Councillor

You are hereby summoned to attend the meeting of Burton Green Parish Council at Burton Green Village Hall on Monday 20th January 2014 at 7.30pm. If you are unable to attend, please forward your apologies to either myself or the Chairman.



Mrs Louise Baudet
Clerk to the Parish Council

Members of the public and press are welcome to attend.

A G E N D A

1. **Apologies** : To receive apologies and approve reasons for absence
2. **Declarations of Interest** :
 - (a) Councillors are reminded of the need to update their register of interests
 - (b) To declare any interests in items on the agenda and their nature
 - (c) To receive and consider written requests for new DPI (disclosable pecuniary interests) dispensations on items relating to the Agenda.
3. **Minutes of previous meeting** :
To approve the minutes of the Council meeting held on 16th December 2013 (attached)
4. **Public participation** : To adjourn to allow public participation. Residents are invited to give their views and raise questions to the Parish Council on issues on this agenda, or raise issues for future consideration at the discretion of the Chairman. Members of the public may not take part in the Parish Council meeting itself and the Parish Council can not pass a resolution on matters raised during public participation. Upon restoration of standing order the Parish Council may discuss and agree actions to be taken on any matters raised.
5. **Presentation to Parish Council** : Parish Plan (Mrs K Stewart) – for information
6. **Presentation to Parish Council** : Local Plan consultation : Village Housing Options and Settlement Boundaries (Mr M Sitch, Barton Willmore and Mr B Swindell, resident) – presentation for information
7. **Presentation to Parish Council** : Local Plan consultation : Village Housing Options and Settlement Boundaries (Dr Paul Thornton, resident) – presentation for information
8. **Neighbourhood Plan** : (a) To consider and adopt Terms of Reference for Neighbourhood Plan Committee (b) to receive and approve report from Neighbourhood Plan Working Group/Committee, including recommendations for format of Open Event for residents on 9th February 2014.

- 10. Local Plan consultation : Village Housing Options and Settlement Boundaries**
 - 10.1 to consider and agree if the Parish Council will submit a response to the consultation
 - 10.3 to consider and agree and proposed action in response to the consultation. (note : extended deadline 24th January 2014 for Parish Council to respond.

- 11. Community Reports :** To receive reports, and agree any action, from :
 - 11.1 Warwickshire Police
 - 11.2 County Councillor – Kenilworth Abbey – John Whitehouse
 - 11.3 District Councillors – Kenilworth Abbey – Ann Blacklock, Michael Coker and George Illingworth
 - 11.4 Link Councillor with Burton Green C of E Primary School – Cllr Hickinbottom
 - 11.5 Link Councillor with Burton Green Village Hall Committee – Cllr Stewart
 - 11.6 Link Councillor with Burton Green Neighbourhood Watch – Cllr deWorringham
 - 11.7 Link Councillor with Burton Green Residents’ Association – Cllr Taylor
 - 11.8 Link Councillor with Kenilworth Greenway Trust – Cllr Hills
 - 11.9 Link Councillor with Burton Green HS2 Action Group – Cllr Taylor

- 12. Progress reports for information :**
 - 12.1 Footpath – Westwood Heath Road (Cllr Owen)
 - 12.2 Neighbourhood Planning training – 4th February at Burton Green Village Hall
 - 12.3 Appointment of Clerk – to receive update and agree Councillors for interview panel and new date to interview applicants.
 - 12.4 Warwick University (Cllr Taylor)

- 13. HS2 :**
 - 13.1 to discuss and agree response to (a) Environmental Statement – deadline 24th January 2014 (b) HS2 Phase 2 Route consultation - deadline 31st January 2014
 - 13.2 to discuss/agree any other matters relating to HS2

- 14. Planning :**
 - 14.1 to consider and comment on any planning application consultations received
 - 14.2 to receive, for information, details of planning applications approved

- 15. Finance :**
 - 15.1 To receive and approve bank reconciliation to December 2013, and Income and Expenditure analysis
 - 15.2 To receive and agree action on draft budget, giving consideration to precept implications
 - 15.3 To consider and approve accounts for payment

- 16. Planning applications :**
 - 16.1 to consider and comment on (a) W/13/1699 374 Cromwell Lane – erection of new first floor, garage conversion and side extension (b) W/13/1769 Hales, Red Lane – erection of pitched roof (c) any planning application consultations received
 - 16.2 to receive, for information, details of planning applications approved

- 17. Communications :** To receive and discuss communications received (and comment/action if appropriate)

- 18. Resignation :** To receive letter of resignation from Cllr Taylor and agree arrangements for advertisement of casual vacancy. To review and agree Link Councillors.

- 19. Speed Limit Review consultation :** To receive and respond to consultation

- 20. WALC Annual Briefing Seminar :** To receive information (Cllr Owen)

- 21. Councillor’s reports and items for future Agenda :** Councillors are requested to use this opportunity to report minor matters of information or action, not included elsewhere on the Agenda, and to raise items for future Agendas. Councillors are respectfully reminded that this is not an opportunity for debate or decision making.

- 22. Date of Next Meeting :** 17th February 2014, 7.30pm at Burton Green Village Hall.

**Minutes of the meeting of Burton Green Parish Council
Held on Monday 16th December 2013 at 7.30pm
At Burton Green Village Hall**

CLLrs present : Ian Cox (Chairman)
 Ian deWorringham
 Adrian Hickinbottom
 Marlene Hill
 Vaughan Owen
 Marcus Stewart
 Archie Taylor

In attendance : Cllr Anne Blacklock
 Cllr Michael Coker
 Cllr George Illingworth
 Mrs L Baudet (Clerk)

172/13 Apologies for absence

There were no apologies for absence from Members of the Parish Council. The Parish Council noted for information an apology from Cllr J Whitehouse (Warwickshire County Council)

173/13 Declarations of interest

There were no interests to declare.

174/13 Minutes of previous meeting

RESOLVED : that the minutes of the previous meeting held on 19th November 2013, having been circulated and read, be signed as a correct record subject to the amendment of Minute No 74/113 para 1 to read 'speed limit review' and para 3 to read Cllr Hills at lines 1 and 5, and the acceptance of apologies from Cllr Hickinbottom.

175/13 Standing Orders

RESOLVED : that the Parish Council amend Standing Orders (1) regarding public participation as contained in Appendix 1, and also note advice regarding the conduct of Parish Council meetings.

Members also noted the guidance for members of the public which would be available at future Parish Council meetings, to support public copies of the Agenda for the meetings.

176/13 Progress Reports

There were no items to report

177/13 Community Reports

- 177.1 Warwickshire Police
No items to report.
- 177.2 County Councillor – Kenilworth Abbey
Cllr John Whitehouse had submitted a written item to report that the legal notice to launch the statutory consultation process will be published on 9th January. This is for the reduction from 40mph to 30mph through most of the village, and the reversal of priority direction on the Cromwell Lane bridge.
- 177.3 District Councillor – Kenilworth Abbey
Cllr Ann Blacklock reported on the Christmas waste collection arrangements and also the Local Plan.
Cllr Michael Coker – no items to report
Cllr George Illingworth reported that Cllr Andrew Mobbs, a Councillor for Kenilworth Park Hill ward, had been appointed Leader of the Council. The deadline for consultation on the Parish Boundary Review had now been extended to 28th January 2014. Discussing HS2 he reported that Warwick District Council had appointed a 0.5fte Officer dedicated to working on HS2 ; a response to the Environmental consultation was being prepared.
- 177.4 Link Councillor with Burton Green C of E Primary School
Cllr Hickinbottom reported on the Breakfast Club at the school.
- 177.5 Link Councillor with Burton Green Village Hall Committee
Cllr Stewart reported that the Christmas Lunch for residents had gone well with nearly 70 people attending and pupils from the school singing.
- 177.6 Link Councillor with Burton Green Neighbourhood Watch
Cllr deWorringham reported that there had been a burglary in Cromwell Lane and also a theft from a car outside the school ; there had been a general increase in sat nav thefts from cars in the Kenilworth area.
- 177.7 Link Councillor with Burton Green Residents' Association
Standing Orders were suspended and the meeting opened for public participation. Mrs Taylor reported on the carol service and also wished to thank Cllr Cox for attending the meeting organised by the Residents' Association on Friday 13th December, at which he gave a broad overview of current local and national planning matters. Standing Orders were restored and public participation closed.
- 177.8 Link Councillor with Kenilworth Greenway Trust
Cllr Hills had no items to report.
- 177.9 Link Councillor with Burton Green HS2 Action Group
Cllr Taylor reported that meetings were being held nationally by groups down the Y junction. The HS2 Action Group had responded to the HS2 Environmental Statement consultation. The Residents' Association had also submitted a response focusing on criteria 1 highlighting the adverse impact HS2 would have on the community and the need for a tunnel. He had obtained a hard copy of the Environmental Statement and would be looking at that.

178/13 HS2

- 178.1 HS2 Property Consultation
The response drafted by Cllr Stewart had been circulated prior to the meeting and it was
RESOLVED : that the final response be ratified by the Parish Council, as

contained in Appendix B

178.2 HS2 consultations

Environmental Statement (consultation deadline 24th January 2013) – it was agreed that each Councillor would draft a response to allocated headings ; Cllr Hills would co-ordinate by allocating headings to people and would herself prepare a response addressing noise, hydrology, landscape impact. Cllr Taylor commented that it was important for the response to raise issues and questions, and also reflect similar views of other responses by organisation representing Burton Green so there was a co-ordinated approach.

HS2 Phase 2 Route consultation (deadline 31st January 2013); Members to bring their contributions to the Parish Council response to the January meeting.

Cllr Taylor briefed the meeting on the responses from Berkswell/Solihull and also the Burton Green HS2 Action Group. It was agreed that it was important for the Parish Council to respond independently. Cllr Hills reported she was still awaiting a response re aquifers.

There were no other matters relating to HS2 discussed.

179/13 Local Plan consultation : Village Housing Options and Settlement Boundaries

The Clerk circulated hard copies of a letter from Mr and Mrs Swindell regarding village housing options to all Members.

The Chairman opened the discussion by stating that he felt it was difficult to comment on the consultation as the Parish Council had only been made aware of the proposals being put forward by Cala Homes ; no other interested parties had approached the Parish Council to state their case. He also had concerns over the Parish Council's ability to constructively comment on the viability of developers proposals. This view was supported by other Members present, and there was a discussion as to whether or not the Parish Council had sufficient expertise to be able to evaluate and objectively agree upon a preferred site. The timing of both the presentation by Cala to the Parish Council and the start of the consultation by Warwick District Council had unfortunately been coincidental, and the Parish Council had not been aware that there was to be a consultation on Village Housing options. Reference was made to the presentation made by Mr Hay to the Parish Council at the February 2013 meeting at which he had given a contextual outline of the new local plan and national policy, and then outlined the process by which the District would work with Parish Councils. Members agreed that this presentation had not clarified the process clearly enough or indicated timescales involved ; there had been no consultation with the Parish Council since the February meeting with regards to preferred option sites.

Standing Orders were suspended and opened for public participation. Cllr Blacklock referred to the presentation made by Mr Hay which she had understood contributed towards the consultation process. The Parish Council confirmed that this was not their understanding of the presentation, which had focused on the procedures rather than detailed proposals. Cllr Coker suggested to the Parish Council that they should consider making a response to the consultation, as to abstain would possibly be viewed as indicating that they supported the preferred option. The Parish Council may wish to respond by identifying a strategic view for Burton Green in the future addressing issues such as housing needs, retention of green belt and keeping the openness of areas such as Crackley Gap and Red Lane – rather than focusing on the detail of developments, which would be considered under the planning application process. Some members of the Parish Council indicated that they were not in receipt of the full consultation documents ; the Clerk reported that she had requested that the consultation documents be delivered to her home address, however they had been delivered to the Chair in error. She had contacted Warwick District Council and had been informed that because Officers were delivering the materials in their own cars, they were not able to drive to North Warwickshire to deliver to

the Clerk and the postage costs would be excessive if they were to be posted. Cllr Coker suggested that the Parish Council may wish to object to the way that the consultation process had been handled. Cllr Blacklock supported Cllr Coker's view that the Parish Council should make a response and confirmed that any comments made would be given full consideration by the District Council. Dr Thornton raised concerns re the changes to the green belt and the future of the village. Standing Orders were restored.

Members agreed that a strategic view would be important and that this linked in with the Neighbourhood Planning process. It was agreed that at the next meeting of the Neighbourhood Planning Working Group to be held on 7th January 2013 at Cllr Taylor's house, the strategic vision for Burton Green should be discussed, to enable a more informed discussion at the next meeting about a response for the consultation. Cllr Taylor reported that he was writing a paper for consideration by the Parish Council on green belt issues and the Neighbourhood Plan, which he would provide for the January meeting.

With the consent of Members present, the Chairman moved to Agenda item 10.

180/13 Neighbourhood Plan

Neighbourhood Plan Working Group – an Open meeting for residents to attend will be held on 9th February 2014 between 10am and 12noon in the Village Hall, where there will be areas allocated for subjects such as village facilities, housing, parking, transport etc, enabling residents to comment and ask questions. Linking in with this Cllr Stewart agreed to circulate the analysis of the Parish Plan questionnaire before the event, as many of the areas overlap.

The Clerk circulated details of dates available for Kirkwells to provide a session for the Parish Council on Neighbourhood Planning, and it was agreed that the afternoon of the 4th February 2014 would be convenient. The Clerk would contact Kirkwells to arrange.

Information had been circulated regarding free Neighbourhood Planning Camps through the Eden Project ; Cllr Owen wished to attend on 3rd to 5th April at Oxford and Cllr Hickenbottom wished to attend on 23rd to 25th March 2014 at York. Payment of travel expenses approved (course, food and accommodation provided free of charge through Government funding).

181/13 Community Governance Review

181.1 The Parish Council had been informed that the Local Government Boundary Commission for England had recommended for the Abbey District ward in Kenilworth to include the parish of Burton Green and the University ward of Ashow and Stoneleigh joint Parish Council within its boundary (both within the Kenilworth Abbey County Electoral Division). The views of the Parish Council were being sought on this proposal to make the University ward the second ward of Burton Green Parish Council. The Chairman suspended Standing Orders for public participation. Cllr George Illingworth commented on the process whereby from May 2015 the Kenilworth Abbey ward will include the University ward. If the University ward were to join with Burton Green, there would be an additional four Parish Councillors on the Parish Council. Standing Orders were restored.

Cllr Taylor reported that the University were keen to make community links with Burton Green. Cllr Hill reminded Members that there may be financial implications in terms of additional administrative costs.

RESOLVED : that the Parish Council support the proposal to join the University ward with Burton Green

181.2 The Parish Council had been informed that due to new developments or roads since the last Parish boundary review. The Regulatory Working Group were recommending that some of the boundaries be realigned. It is being proposed to realign the northern town boundary of the current Kenilworth Abbey town ward (proposed Abbey town ward), the current Kenilworth Park Hill town ward (proposed Park Hill town ward) and the souther parish boundary of the parish of Burton Green as detailed below :

- In a north westerly direction along the Coventry Way/Green Way from the point where the current norther Kenilworth Park Hill town ward meets the Coventry Way/Green Way, opposite Princes Drive to the junction with Blind Lane and Hollis Lane.
- In a south westerly direction along Hollis Lane to the point where the current eastern boundary of Kenilworth Abbey town ward meets the northern boundary of Dunns Pitts Farm
- In a westerly direction along the northern boundary of Dunns Pitts Farm to where it meets the original northern boundary of the current Kenilworth Abbey town ward at the end the souther parish boundary of parish of Burton Green, at the junction of the footpath.

It was noted that there would be a minimal change to electorate figures.

RESOLVED : that the Parish Council support the proposal to realign the boundaries as outlined.

182/13 Appointment of Clerk

Members approved the revised job advertisement as circulated, including the recommendation to increase the monthly hours to 38 to reflect current requirements to clerk a parish with a full Council and a Committee, and to realistically reflect hours worked, and it was

RESOLVED : that the Parish Council approve the increase in the contractual hours for the new Clerk to 38 hours per month. Existing Clerk to claim hours as worked.

It was agreed that the Clerk would advertise on noticeboards, website, schools, JobCentre Plus and through Warwick District Council. Interviews would be held on Friday 17th January 2014 with Cllrs Cox and Hills. All enquiries for the vacancy should be directed through the Clerk to the Council.

183/13 Training

Attendance at the following courses was agreed :

Governance and Accountability – 1st February, 10am to 1pm – Cllr Cox and Cllr Owen
Data Protection and Transparency – 18th January, 10am to 3pm – Cllr deWorringham

184/13 Finance

184.1 S137 payment – Made in Burton Green 2014

Members considered a request from the organisers of the Made in Burton Green 2014 event, a community arts project in association with Warwickshire Open Studios, for funding to cover the registration fee of £200 to register for the event. Members agreed that the event would be open for all members of the parish and therefore met the requirements for a s137 payment

RESOLVED : that the Parish Council approve a payment of £200 under s137 Powers, for Made in Burton Green 2014 to register with Warwickshire Open Studios.

184.2 Draft budget

The Clerk reminded Members that the precept request should be submitted by the end of January and asked for any items for inclusion in the draft budget for the next financial year to be forwarded to her for inclusion.

184.3 To approve accounts for payment

RESOLVED :	that the Parish Council approve the following accounts for payment	
	Mrs L Baudet – Clerks salary	£232.62
	Warwickshire Council – pension conts	£58.09
	Mrs Baudet – reimbursements/allowances	£72.67
	Warks Training Partnership – Effective Responses to planning applications	£30.00

184.4 Rural Council Group

Members considered the request from the Rural Councils Group to set aside a sum of money, with the suggestion of £1 per electorate, towards a contingency fund for any action required in response to the Local Plan. Noted by Members for information.

185/13 Planning applications

There were no planning applications to consider.

186/13 Communications

Members received details of communications as contained in Appendix C.

187/13 Public participation

The Chairman suspended Standing Orders for public participation.

Cllr George Illingworth referred to the presentation by Cala Homes and also discussions with HS2, both of whom have indicated they would provide a new Village Hall for Burton Green. It was suggested that the parish consider the possibility of potentially having the opportunity to have two buildings. He felt that Cala Homes should be discussing their plans with more parties eg HS2, the Village Hall etc.

Christine Watkinson, owner of the preferred option site in the Local Plan, addressed the meeting regarding the number of houses proposed, the benefits to the village of having a new Village Hall and a solution to some of the parking problems in the village. Cala Homes have produced a revised plan for the development site. The provision of Affordable Housing was mentioned with a suggestion that the Almshouses could be included in the 40%. Cllr Blacklock clarified that under the present Local Plan, any development in excess of 10 properties, should have 40% Affordable Housing ; this could be in any singular or mixed format eg social housing, part-rent/part-buy, private rented.

The Chairman closed public participation and restored Standing Orders.

Members noted the information provided within public participation. It was agreed that rather than focus on the 'detail' of the proposed developments, the Parish Council should be discussing broader strategic issues eg if the parish should retain its open and rural aspects, facilities required for residents, green belt issues. Members agreed that these issues could be discussed at the next meeting of the Neighbourhood Plan Working Group.

188/13 Councillor's reports and items for future Agenda

There were no items to report.

189/13 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council would be held on

190/13 Closure of meeting

The meeting closed at 9.35pm

Signed (Chair)

Date

APPENDIX A

Extract from Section 1 of current Burton Green Standing Orders regarding public participation with proposed amendments identified in yellow

- Mandatory for Council meetings ●
- Mandatory for committee meetings ■
- Mandatory for sub-committee meetings ▲

(Sections shown in bold are in accordance with statute)

- a **Meetings shall be open to the public unless their presence is prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted or for other special reasons. The public’s exclusion from part or all of a meeting shall be by a resolution which shall give reasons for the public’s exclusion.**
- b Subject to Standing Order 1(c) above, members of the public are permitted to make representations or ask a question in respect of any item of business included in the agenda. Notice of such representations must be given to the Clerk or the Chairman of the Parish

Council in writing prior to the meeting.

- c The period of time which is designated for public participation in accordance with Standing Order 1(d) above shall not exceed five minutes under each item of business included in the agenda.
- d Subject to Standing Order 1(c) above, each member of the public is entitled to speak once only in respect of business itemised on the agenda and shall not speak for more than three minutes.
- e In accordance with Standing Order 1(d) above, a question or representation made (delete – asked) by a member of the public during a public participation session at a meeting shall not require a response or debate.
- f In accordance with Standing Order 1(e) above, the Chairman may direct that a response to a question posed by a member of the public be referred to a Councillor for a oral response or to the Clerk for a written or oral response, in relation to clarification of procedural or policy items.
- g A summary of the issues raised during the public participation sessions at a meeting shall be included in the minutes of that meeting.

- h A person shall indicate with their hand when requesting to speak, state their name and address and stay seated when speaking. Move from (i) to incorporate into (h) - Any person speaking at a meeting shall address their comments to the Chairman

- i. (new) A member of the public wishing to speak during the meeting of the Parish Council should give regard to (h) above. The Chairman should consider requesting that the Parish Council suspend Standing Orders to allow public participation, with reference to Standing Orders (1) and (5) as required.

- i Only one person is permitted to speak at a time. If more than one person wishes to speak, the Chairman shall direct the order of speaking, subject to (h) above.

- j When all members of the public have spoken in the public participation section, the Chairman will restore standing orders and resume the meeting. At this point the Council may discuss the items raised by the public and consider any action to be taken. If the action will need a Council decision or expenditure it will be referred to a future Agenda.

- k **Photographing, recording, broadcasting or transmitting the proceedings of a meeting by any means is not permitted without the Council's prior written consent.** At the start of the meeting the Chairman should remind the press (and public) about recording or filming restrictions.

- l **In accordance with Standing Order 1(c) above, the press shall be provided reasonable facilities for the taking of their report of all or part of a meeting at which they are entitled to be present.**

- m Standing Order 1 (a) to (m) are deemed applicable to full Parish Council meetings, Committee meetings and Sub-Committee meetings.

Footnotes for Councillors information (not part of standing orders) :

Local Councils Explained (2013) page 154 re : public participation

“The Chairman must ensure that any public participation session is in accordance with standing orders. The Chairman should be mindful that members of the public may be less experienced at speaking in public and may not be familiar with the formal proceedings of a meeting.”

The public participation section is the opportunity for the public to communicate with the Council and the time set aside should be regarded as the public's time. Debating, disagreeing, discussing with points within the public section will eat into this time and Councillors should be mindful that the standing orders have been suspended and that Council input should be held until the standing orders have been restored or, the item is brought onto a future agenda for debate and decision.

As a 'closed' meeting Parish Councillors and the Clerk should be seated at the main table, with any other persons seated in the public area. Copies of the Agenda and written guidance on procedural matters may be available for members of the public as a matter of good practice.

APPENDIX B

Dear HS2,

This response is on behalf of Burton Green Parish Council. Burton Green is a semi-rural village in Warwickshire which is split in two by the proposed HS2 scheme. As such we are one of the most impacted communities on the proposed route. Therefore, within our response we ask HS2 to consider our unique situation as a special case and apply the safeguarded area and rural support zones with consideration to the impact on the whole community.

Our specific points are as follows:

Question 1

What are your views on the criteria we have put forward to assess options for long term discretionary compensation?

We broadly agree with the criteria proposed. We note that it only applies to owner-occupiers, as per our previous response, if a property is affected then *it is affected* whether the owner is the occupier or not, and therefore should be compensated appropriately. Compensation should not just apply to owner occupiers; in fact we struggle to understand why the distinction is made by HS2?

We are pleased to see that community cohesion is included within the criteria as this is important to Burton Green due to the way the line splits the village in two and removes the village hall. We would like to seek confirmation that this is particularly considered during the construction phase of the project, which we fear could split the village in two for a long period of time causing damage to the community and threatening the viability of the village school.

We are also pleased that the criteria includes 'functioning of housing market' specifying the Governments desire for the property market "to function as normally as possible during the development and construction phases". However we would have preferred the criteria to be "as normal" rather than "as normal as possible" as this appears to provide wriggle room possibly leading to a less fair outcome to property owners. Trust in the way HS2 conducts business is already low based on experience of both the exceptional hardship scheme and the community consultation process to date which has been an appalling act of lip service. So the wriggle room this provides just creates further suspicion of a poor outcome for affected communities and them having to bear a greater proportion of the cost of HS2, with little benefit.

Question 2

What are your views on our proposals for an express purchase scheme?

We welcome the decision to put in place an express purchase scheme as the rules around the current exceptional hardship scheme are unworkable and causing stress and distress to residents that have applied to it. We understand that nationally only 25% of applications to the EHS have been successful which would imply that scheme is not working for those affected. Future schemes need to work better than this.

Question 3

What are your views on the proposed long term hardship scheme?

We agree that there needs to be a scheme for properties impacted outside of the safeguarded area and rural support zone.

However, we have concerns over how the applications will be judged.

Property type. We believe any owner of a property that is devalued by HS2 has the right to compensation for that loss and not just owner-occupiers.

Effort to sell, we welcome the qualifying period reduction from 12 to 6 months, however we believe an offer of 15% below the market price results in a significant loss to the property owner, and more than double the average difference between asking and selling price.

Hardship. The need to show hardship is perverse and does not facilitate the "market to function as normally as possible during the development and construction phases". People move house as part of the normal functioning of the property market, if they are unable to secure a market value for their property due to a imposed government scheme that they have no say over that is hardship in itself! Therefore the requirement to show hardship as currently defined by HS2 in the EHS and this consultation needs to be redefined, to the suffering of blight.

Question 4

What are your views on the 'sale and rentback scheme'?

We agree with the proposed sale and rentback scheme for houses within the safeguarded area.

Question 5

What are your views on our alternative proposals for renting properties to their previous owners?

We believe that the alternative proposals to apply a principle of renting back all properties to their former owners would be beneficial for community continuity.

Question 6

What are your views on our proposals for a voluntary purchase scheme within a 'rural support zone'.

We support the introduction of the voluntary purchase scheme within the rural support zone. However, an arbitrary 120m cut off is too simplistic and ignores the topography and other local factors. The zone should recognise the local geography more sympathetically, especially in a village setting such as Burton Green, and all properties facing loss should be eligible rather than presenting a 120m lottery for residents.

Question 7

What are your views on the option to introduce a 'time-based' property bond scheme within a 'rural support zone' as an alternative to the voluntary purchase scheme?

We would support the introduction of a Property Bond if it were available for any property that suffers blight and not just restricted to the Rural Support Zone. It should be implemented instead of the Long Term Hardship Scheme, as this would

truly then help to facilitate the 'normal functioning of the property market' and if as the Government claims the loss of value is temporary than this would appear to be a low cost solution as resale values would recover. However, if just applied to the Rural Support Zone it is potentially an inferior method of compensation than the proposed Voluntary Purchase Scheme.

Yours faithfully,

Marcus Stewart
Parish Councillor

APPENDIX C

Communications reporting at December 2013 meeting

	Date		From :	Purpose
1	15.12.13	E	Mr and Mrs Swindell	Letter re : Village Housing options, representation to PC at future meeting – circulated to Cllrs

2	11.12.13	E	Stephen Hay, WDC	Update : further documentation available if required, feedback reqt on items felt missing eg shops, pubs, community venues
3	10.12.13	E	Alison Hodge, WALC	Latest update from DCLG on Neighbourhood Planning – circulated to Cllrs
4	10.12.13	E	Alison Hodge, WALC	DCLG newsletter on Neighbourhood Planning – updates from around the country – circulated to Cllrs
5	10.12.13	E	Warwick District Council	Agenda for Planning Cttee 17.12.13 –circulated to Cllrs
6	10.12.13	E	Alison Hodge, WALC	Copy of letter from Adderbury PC to the Prime Minister re Neighbourhood Plans & Local Plans
7	9.12.13	E	Alison Hodge, WALC	Government's Autumn statement - circulated
8	9.12.13	E	Eden Project	Free Neighbourhood Planning Camps, 23-25 March 2014 York or 3-5 April 2014 Oxford - circulated
9	9.12.13	E	L Taylor, resident	Ref her planning application WD/13/1699 – requesting comments from Parish Council. Clerk responded – no consultation papers received.
10	6.12.13	E	Alison Gregory, WALC	Invite to online discussion forum for Clerks
11	6.12.13	E	Helping Hands	Advertising enquiry – forwarded to Bugle
12	4.12.13	E	Caroline Finney, rCOH	Neighbourhood Planning consultants : invite to meeting at Chipping Norton 13.1.14 - circulate
13	3.12.13	E	H Smith, Kenilworth Weekly News	Req for information on timescale for intended response from PC re Local Plan–responded/circulated
14	2.12.13	E	Alison Hodge, WALC	For info : Letter from Stratford District Council re Council Tax Benefit Support Grant – circulated for info
15	2.12.13	E	Alison Hodge, WALC	(a) feedback WALC's rep on the Safer and Stronger Communities Partnership re increased Police presence over xmas (b) s137 limit on expenditure 2014/15 £7.20 per resident (c) WW1 Centenary events – link to http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/communitycovenant - for funding/events - circulated to Cllrs
16	28.11.13	E	Alison Hodge, WALC	Course : Governance and Accountability 1 st Feb 2014 10am to 1pm Offchurch ; How to Make Effective Responses to Planning applications, 22 nd March 10am to 1pm Ettington ; Data Protection, Transparency etc. 18 th January 10am to 3pm – details circulated
17	27.11.13	E	Jane Coates, WCC	Opening of Veterans Contact point in Nuneaton for military and ex-military personnel – for Bugle.
18	26.11.13	E	HS2, Alison Munro – Chief Executive	Letter re Environmental Statement – circulated to Cllrs (comments on draft by 24 th January 2014)
19	26.11.13	E	Elizabeth Birkinshaw, Jones LangleSalle	Rural Growth Network Scheme for Small Businesses – including availability of office accommodation
20	26.11.13	E	Warwick District Council	Local Plan Consultation - Village Housing Options and Settlement Boundaries (digital). Deadline : 20 th January 2014
21	26.11.13	E	Jane Coates, Warwick District Council	Refuse and recycling collections over Christmas – information forwarded to Bugle
22	26.11.13	P	HS2	Phase 1 draft Environmental Statement consultation – next steps – circulated to Cllrs
23	25.11.13	E	Mike Dutton, Budbrooke	Mins of Rural Councils Group meeting 16 th Nov 2013, incl request for funding – circulated to Cllrs
24	25.11.13	E	Paul Thornton	Cc of letter to S Hay re Local Plan (Small Villages) – copied to all Cllrs for information

25	25.11.13	P	J Clayton, Warwick District Council	Parish and Town Council Tax bases 2014/15, tax base changes 2014/15. Precept requests by 31 st January. Circulated to Cllrs
26	22.11.13	E	Warwick District Council	Newsletter : Warwickshire Minerals Plan update – circulated to Cllrs
27	22.11.13	E	B Davies, WDC	Refuse and recycling collections – sent to M Webb/Cllrs
28	22.11.13	E	Alison Gregory, WALC	Warwick branch of WALC mtg 11.12.13 – circ to Cllrs
29	22.11.13	E	Jane Coates, WDC	Kenilworth Community Forum meeting Agenda, 2 nd December – circ to Cllrs
30	21.11.13	P	Central Warwickshire Villages Leader	Survey re awareness of Leader programme – scanned and circulated to Cllrs
31	20.11.13	E	Alison Hodge, WALC	Membership rates and accounts guidance - circulated
32	20.11.13	E	Helen May, Warwick Uni	Christmas event - Monday 9 December 5.30pm-7.30pm in University House on Kirby Corner Road – circulated to Cllrs
33	19.11.13	E	Graham Leach, WDC	Working Party looking at Code of Conduct – views from (a) Clerk (b) PC and (c) individual Cllrs on Code of Conduct, procedure for making complaints, procedure for investigating complaints, procedure for hearings, arrangements for Joint Stds Ctss, Guide to Stds Cttee and procedure for appointing Parish and Town Council Reps to Stds Cttee. Circulated to Councillors.

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