

*MINUTES  
of ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL  
held at 5 Russell Square, High Street, Broadway,  
on Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup> May 2014, at 7.00 pm*

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PRESENT: Councillor D. W. Folkes (Chairman),  
Councillors Miss D. Hardiman, A.A.L.Holmes, Mrs. A. Locker,  
B.M.Parmenter, F. Penny, Mrs. R. Rogers, Mrs. S. Stephenson,  
Mrs. J. Stock  
Also in attendance: PC Pegler/West Mercia Police, Broadway  
Trust, County Councillor Mrs. E. Eyre

(1) ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN: As there were no other nominations it was proposed by Councillor Mrs. Stock, seconded by Councillor Parmenter, and carried unanimously, that Councillor Folkes be re-elected as Chairman.

(2) SIGNING OF DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE OF CHAIRMAN: Councillor Folkes signed and dated the Declaration of Acceptance of Office of Chairman in the presence of the Clerk as Proper Officer of the Council

(3) ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN: As there were no other nominations it was proposed by Councillor Folkes, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Rogers, and carried unanimously, that Councillor Parmenter be elected as Vice-Chairman.

(4) SIGNING OF DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE OF VICE-CHAIRMAN: Councillor Parmenter signed and dated the Declaration of Acceptance of Office of Vice-Chairman in the presence of the Clerk as Proper Officer of the Council.

(5) APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Apologies were received and accepted from Councillors J. Williams, N. Robinson, Mrs. C. Wilson, and Dr. R. Clements.

(6) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None

(7) PRESENTATION / GRANT CHEQUES, DONATIONS:

At the last meeting it was agreed to award the sum of £250 each to Broadway Youth Activities and Broadway Pilots, and the Chairman invited the Reverend Ken Martin to come forward and receive the two cheques. The Reverend Ken Martin thanked the Parish Council on behalf of both groups

It had also been agreed to donate the sum of £250 to Mr. Andy Walters from Broadway Bowling Club who last year became the National Singles Bowls Champion and had brought along his magnificent trophy. As a result of winning this competition he had been invited to compete in the Champion of Champions event in New Zealand later this year which was a fantastic achievement. In recognition of this the Chairman invited Andy to come forward to receive his cheque as a donation towards the cost of the trip and

Andy thanked the Parish Council for its generosity who, in turn, wished him every success in New Zealand.

(8) POLICE REPORT:

PC Pegler reported that since the last meeting twenty-two crimes had been reported - an increase in normal levels due to the five arson attacks which took place on the night of 24<sup>th</sup>/25<sup>th</sup> March, and two nights later a vehicle was stolen and six others broken into. Locally, shop lifting continues to be a problem and a drugs raid had taken place when twelve plants were removed from a premises. Following concerns raised by Councillor Williams regarding speeding on Fish Hill, PC Pegler confirmed that his bid had been accepted for additional specialised speed enforcement and regular patrols would now take place during the summer months. During the first patrol, forty motorcyclists and forty vehicles were stopped resulting in the seizure of one vehicle for no insurance and the issue of several fixed penalty notices. Motoring advice was also given to a number of drivers and riders. Councillor Parmenter and the Clerk asked if a similar exercise could be carried out on Cheltenham Road and Snowhill Road to which PC Pegler replied that he would make additional bids for these areas.

Regarding the five arson attacks when the doors of St. Eadburgha's Church, the Lifford Hall, the Police Station, and the Library were badly damaged, together with a failed attempt on Barn Close Surgery door, investigative work was ongoing and CCTV footage was still being reviewed. Councillor Mrs. Rogers asked if the village CCTV had been of any use, to which PC Pegler replied that, unfortunately, an earlier power cut had caused problems, but the Police were still viewing CCTV footage from several business premises in the High Street. The Clerk was instructed to write to the District Council regarding the issues relating to the village CCTV cameras.

Councillor Mrs. Stephenson raised concerns regarding mud on the road between Broadway and Childswickham. PC Pegler replied that it was the responsibility of the farmer/landowner to clear any mud deposited by their vehicles.

(9) PRESENTATION / CYCLING ACTIVITIES:

Mr. Steve Bullen from Honeybourne Bicycle Users Group gave a short presentation on encouraging cycling within the area and commenced by giving a brief history on the creation of a cycling regime in Honeybourne. The ultimate aim would be to connect local villages with each other and Evesham by means of safe cycling routes. Presentations were also in the process of being given to other parish councils, and as a result it was hoped that a parish councillor or interested resident would 'adopt' cycling and mobility issues, eventually setting up a working group to organise events etc. for a cycling regime throughout the village. This scheme had already been developed in Honeybourne after initial concerns had been raised regarding road safety, especially for younger riders, and it had now developed into families and residents of all ages enjoying cycling in all its forms. It was agreed that Mr. Bullen would forward an article to the Clerk which could be placed in the Broadway newsletter requesting interested parties to get in touch.

## (10) MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 20:03:14

Proposed by Councillor Miss Hardiman, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Stock, the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> March 2014 were unanimously approved, and were duly signed and dated as a true record.

## (11) ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO COMMITTEES:

**Emergency Decisions Group:** This Group consists of the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and the Clerk

**Planning Committee:** All existing members were prepared to be re-elected - Councillors Folkes (Chairman), Penny, Williams, Mrs. Stephenson and Mrs. Stock. Two new members were elected - Councillors Holmes and Miss Hardiman

**Finance Working Group:** All existing members were prepared to be re-elected - Councillors Mrs. Stephenson (Chairman), Folkes, Miss Hardiman, Mrs. Locker, Robinson and Mrs. Stock. Two new members were elected - Councillors Holmes and Mrs. Rogers

**Flooding Committee:** All existing members were prepared to be re-elected - Councillors Williams (Chairman), Folkes, Penny, Mrs. Wilson, J. Hankinson (co-opted member)

**Activity Park:** All existing members were prepared to be re-elected - Councillors Folkes (Chairman), Penny, and Dr. Clements. One new member was elected - Councillor Holmes.

**Tree Committee:** All existing members were prepared to be re-elected - Councillors Dr. Clements (Chairman), Folkes and Robinson together with Andrew Woods/Parish Tree consultant, Sally Griffiths/District Councillor Tree Officer, and J. Vincent/Broadway Trust

## (12) ELECTION OF REPRESENTATIVES:

**P.A.C.T:** Councillors Folkes and Mrs. Rogers

**Visitor Management:** Councillors Folkes, Miss Hardiman, Mrs. Rogers and Mrs. Wilson

**Parish Tree Officer:** Councillor Dr. Clements

**Parish Tree Consultant:** Andrew Woods/Abbey Forestry

**Parish Footpaths Officer:** Frank Benham

**Parish Lengthsman:** Maurice Parkinson

## (13) COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORTS:

A copy of County Councillor Mrs. Eyre's report had been circulated to all members. Issues raised included -

- Highlighting of the Severn Trent work on Leamington Road to alleviate foul water flooding was expected to commence in mid September. Sections of the road would be closed to through-traffic with every effort to provide safe access

to properties and businesses. Severn Trent were contacting local residents and businesses with information.

- Station Road bridge – a Notice of Road Closure had been issued to close Station Road around the bridge in order to carry out maintenance and reconstruction work effective from 16<sup>th</sup> June and lasting approximately thirteen weeks. Councillors raised grave concerns regarding the proposed works to be undertaken as no prior notice/information had been given by GWR, and after much discussion it was agreed that the Clerk would invite representatives from GWR to a meeting to give an explanation.
- Repairs to pot-holes and damaged surface areas in Back Lane would be carried out shortly by the County Council. Notices had been sent to all frontage owners informing them that repairs would be carried out without prejudice.
- The consultation had now finished regarding the yellow lines in Station Road. As expected, some objections had been received, but it was hoped that work would now commence within two to three months. Several councillors raised concerns that vehicles would now park elsewhere such as Lifford Gardens/Mill Avenue and in response Councillor Mrs. Eyre reported that concessionary and seasonal car parking tickets were available for all the village car parks and application forms could be obtained from the Parish Office/District Council.

A copy of the full report was available in the Parish Office and would be included with the minutes of the main meeting on the website.

(14) CLERK'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE:

Work had commenced on the restoration of the War Memorial by Steve Allard and Son of Worcester and was expected to take approximately one week to complete. Upon completion the District Conservation Officer would be notified and forwarded photographs of the work as requested. The Clerk would liaise with the Reverend Michelle Massey and the Royal British Legion regarding a re-dedication service.

Broadway Brownies had contacted the Clerk regarding a litter pick around the village who had informed them that a grant of £250 was available for such an activity. After discussion it was agreed to undertake the litter pick around the estate avenues, and having liaised with the environmental services at the District Council the date of 19<sup>th</sup> May was arranged subject to the completion of a disclaimer form and receipt of a public liability insurance certificate.

The District Electoral Services were undertaking a review of polling districts and polling places within the Wychavon District Council area. Feedback was required on the following – suitability of current sites (ease to locate, suitability for voting, disabled facilities) and alternative options for locations.

St Mary's Catholic Primary School had invited members of the Parish Council to an ICT Project presentation evening to view the new ICT suite and equipment but, unfortunately, the event was being held at the same time as this meeting. The Head of School, Mrs. Sarah Munn, wished to thank the Parish Council for their help and contribution towards the project, and if any councillor was interested in viewing the new suite and equipment a visit could be arranged for another time.

**'Italy comes to Broadway' event:** This event took place on Sunday, 4<sup>th</sup> May, and was supported by the Traders' Association and the District Council. Stalls were positioned on the area in front of Cotswold Court and the small greens and gravels were used to display Italian cars. The event was well attended and reaction from both visitors and locals was very positive. Chris Brooks from the District Council was working on a brief questionnaire to understand the impact of the event on businesses and to establish any other potential event activity, and those interested, for the future.

**Finance Working Group:** A meeting was held on Tuesday, 13<sup>th</sup> May, at the Parish office. The approval of the accounts for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2014, the Annual Governance Statement, and the report of the internal auditor, are covered in Agenda Items (16) and (17).

The following items were also discussed :-

**Parish Council insurance** – the annual renewal details had been received from the current insurers, Aon, and the Clerk had also obtained an alternative quotation from Came and Co. Local Council Insurance. After discussion, the Group recommended this new quotation and it was unanimously accepted after a proposal by Councillor Miss Hardiman, seconded by Councillor Mr. Stephenson.

**Financial Regulations** – these had been reviewed by the National Association of Local Councils and after explanation and discussion the Group wished to recommend adoption. Proposed by Councillor Parmenter, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Stephenson, it was unanimously agreed to adopt the regulations.

**Risk Analysis Schedule 2014/15 / Review of Health and Safety Policy** – the Group reviewed and discussed both items and recommended both for approval. Approval was unanimously agreed after a proposal by Councillor Mrs. Stephenson, seconded by Councillor Miss Hardiman.

(16) APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS Y/E 31:03:14 / APPROVAL OF ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT:

A copy of the accounts for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2014 has been circulated to all councillors. The Finance Working Group held a meeting on the 13<sup>th</sup> May to examine the accounts in detail with the Clerk as the Responsible Finance Officer and wished to recommend approval of the accounts to the Council. This recommendation was proposed by Councillor Miss Hardiman, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Stephenson, and carried unanimously. Following a recommendation from the internal auditor, the Clerk fully explained the annual governance statement to the Group who wished to recommend its approval. This was approved after a proposal by Councillor Mrs. Stock, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Stephenson, and carried unanimously.

(17) REAPPOINTMENT OF INTERNAL AUDITOR AND REVIEW OF INTERNAL AUDIT:

The Clerk read out the internal auditor's report which was noted by the Council. Mr. Ian Fraser had indicated his willingness to continue as internal auditor for a further year which the Finance Working Group recommended. This recommendation was proposed by Councillor Miss Hardman, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Stephenson, and carried unanimously.

## (18) PLANNING:

A planning meeting was held on the 24<sup>th</sup> April at the District Council offices in Pershore regarding a planning application for land in Leamington Road. Representation was made by the Chairman of the Parish Council, Mr. Graham Love from Broadway Trust, and Mr. Barrie Parmenter (who also spoke on behalf of Councillor Mrs. Eyre), in opposition to this application, as a result of which I am pleased to advise that this application was refused.

**PARISH COUNCIL COMMENTS:****MEETING: 17:03:14**

Application W/14/00272/PP      **MR. P. MILLARD**, 1 Bibsworth Avenue  
Demolish existing garage and rear extension and rebuild  
The Parish Council raised no objections to this proposal

Application W/14/00174/PP      **MR. C. EDWARDS**, Chippings, Springfield Lane  
Demolition of existing and erection of detached garage  
The Planning Committee raised no objections in principal but were concerned regarding the size of the proposed garage which has the footprint of a small bungalow.

**MEETING: 31:03:14**

Application W/14/00492/LUE      **FARNCOMBE ESTATE LTD.**, Farncombe House, Farncombe Drive  
Certificate of Lawfulness for Existing B1(a) Use for Farncombe House and ancillary buildings comprising of The Potting Shed, Harvey's Place, The Farmhouse and Barn View, together with associated land, car parking and access ways on the whole of the site edged red.  
The Parish Council raised no objections to this proposal

Application W/14/00485/PP      **MR. W. BRADLEY**, 2 Friers Green, Leamington Road  
Demolition of fully glazed conservatory and construction of garden room  
The Parish Council raised no objections to this proposal

Application W/14/00262/PN      **MRS. E. JAMES**, 88 High Street  
Removal of existing shop window and replacement with timber sash windows  
The Parish Council raised no objections to this proposal

**MEETING: 22:04:14**

Application W/14/00404/PN      **MR. R. COLDICOTT**, 11 Smallbrook Road  
Erection of dwelling  
After discussion the Parish Council raised no initial objections to the building itself, but noted that application W/13/011542/PP regarding alterations and extensions to 11 Smallbrook Road was already approved. Concerns were raised, therefore, regarding the proposed access to the new site as it was understood that Foster Drive is a private road and no permission had been given to use this as an access (evidenced by several letters from objectors) and the alternative would then be to use the existing entrance from Smallbrook Road which would be adversely affected by the already approved extension.

**MEETING: 06:05:14**

Application W/14/00785/PP      **MRS. M. HUGHES**, Killybrack, Bibsworth Lane  
Replacement of single glazed windows with double glazed  
The Parish Council raised no objections to this application

Applications W/14/00681/PP and      **MR. B. DONOGHUE**, Hensley House, 158 High Street  
and W/14/00682/LB      Proposed rear entrance hall and porch  
The Parish Council raised no objections to this application

**DISTRICT COUNCIL APPROVALS:**

Application W/14/00220/PP	Mr. M. Morris, 10 Phillips Road Front extension to project no further forward than adjoining property to provide downstairs w/c and increased habitable space. Also replacement of conservatory to rear of property with new sunroom.
Application W/14/00272/PP	Mr. P. Millard, 1 Bibsworth Avenue Demolish existing garage and rear extension and rebuild
Application W/14/00262/PN	Mrs. F. James, 88 High Street Removal of existing shop window and replacement with timber sash windows and insertion of two roof lights.
Application W/14/00174/PP	Mr. C. Edwards, Chippings, Springfield Lane Demolition of existing and erection of detached garage
Application W/14/00485/PP	Mr. W. Bradley, 2 Priors Green, Learnington Road Demolition of fully glazed conservatory and construction of garden room

**(19) SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS/RECEIPTS from 05:03:14 to 07:05:14:**

<i>Payments:</i>	verified by the Clerk together with two nominated signatories	<i>net of VAT</i>
Milk/coffee/sugar		17.04
Postage		50.00
Office supplies		7.70
Worcestershire County Council / pension contribution		429.15
Unicom / telephone-internet		66.75
Grassroots Garden Services / activity park maintenance		152.00
Wychavon District Council / refuse collection bin		146.05
Wychavon District Council / Parish Games sponsorship		50.00
K. Beasley / Clerk's salary / March		1,211.01
G. A. Tomkins / Asst. Clerk's salary – March		444.65
Wychavon District Council / contribution to signage		500.00
HM Revenue and Customs / PAYE		990.31
EBC Group (UK) Ltd / photocopier charges		16.37
Cotwyn Thomas / activity park maintenance		166.25
GBD (Evesham) Limited / mowing contract		315.60
Aon Limited / insurance		61.88
Kompan Limited / activity park maintenance		1,119.60
Wychavon District Council / refuse collection bin		325.00
Information Commission / data protection		35.00
Worcestershire County Council / pension contribution		429.15
Unicom / telephone-internet		58.82
PMC Polythene Limited / dog foul bags		150.00
Grassroots Garden Services / activity park maintenance		44.00
Worcestershire CALC / councillor training		25.00
Campaign to protect Rural England / annual subscription		36.00
Cotswold Security / security contract		89.00
Worcestershire CALC / annual subscription		651.39
K. Beasley / Clerk's salary / April		1,123.77
G. A. Tomkins / Asst. Clerk's salary – April		508.30
Vale Press Limited / stationery		18.00
Cotswold Building Supplies / activity park maintenance		60.63
Grassroots Garden Service / activity park maintenance		266.00
I. Fraser / internal auditor's fee		250.00
A. Walters / grant		250.00
Broadway Pilots / grant		250.00
Broadway Youth Activities / grant		250.00
<i>Receipts:</i>		
Lloyds Bank / gross interest		3.47
Lloyds Bank / interest re fixed term		56.55
Signpost / contribution to PAT testing		38.35
Signpost / contribution to office electricity		140.00

Signpost / contribution to office water	31.25
Worcestershire County Council / lengthsman scheme	132.00
Cash / donations re dog foul bags	25.00
Lloyds Bank / gross interest	3.38
Wychavon District Council / procept	40,102.00
Wychavon District Council / grant re precept	3,649.00

(20) COUNCILLORS' REPORTS AND ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA:

Councillor Mrs. Stephenson raised the issue of the closure of HSBC Bank in Broadway, which would be effective from 18<sup>th</sup> July, and the inconvenience this would cause to both businesses and residents. Councillor Mrs. Eyre stated that a meeting would shortly take place, also attended by Councillor Robinson on behalf of the Traders' Association, with representatives from HSBC to hear the views and concerns of the village. The Clerk was instructed to write to HSBC stating the displeasure of the Parish Council at this closure.

Councillor Penny raised concerns regarding the number of molehills in the activity park and the Clerk was instructed to investigate the matter further and report back accordingly.

Councillor Mrs. Stock, on behalf of the Parish Council, thanked the Clerk for organising the recent meal at Russells Restaurant.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.15 pm and opened the PUBLIC INFORMATION SESSION:

- Mr. Langston from Mill Avenue thanked the parish council for putting the matter in hand regarding the proposed clearance of the ditch at the rear of Mill Avenue, as the small amount of money it would cost to carry out this work would give the residents great peace of mind that there would be some form of protection during heavy rain. He also reiterated the concerns of several of the parish council members regarding vehicles parking elsewhere when the yellow lines were installed along Station Road.
- Following comments and concerns made by several members of the Trust, Mr. Vincent of Broadway Trust requested the Clerk to write to Mr. Thompson, the organiser of Broadfest, highlighting the rules and regulations regarding the use of the Green especially the finish time of 10.00 pm.

The Chairman finally closed the meeting at 8.30 pm

*Date /Time Next Meeting: Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> June 2014, at 7.00 pm*

**LOCAL HIGHWAY AND FLOODING ISSUES**

**1. Surface dressing impact on journey times?**

Around 200 roads in Worcestershire are set for improvement during the summer as part of £3.5million surface dressing project which started April 28

**2. 4.5 months Severn Trent road works on Leamington Road to alleviate foul water flooding to properties may require more journey planning.**

I have asked for

- the start to be delayed until 16<sup>th</sup> September until after the Tour of Britain on 10<sup>th</sup> September, Craft Show 13th September and Food Festival on 14<sup>th</sup> September
- Access arrangements to the car park, houses and businesses in this road.
- changes to be in place to accommodate
  - late night shopping on 28/11 and 5/12
  - Hunt on Boxing Day.
  - If it runs over Cheltenham week

During the construction phase a section of Leamington Road will be closed for through traffic (short sections – approximately 100metres at any one time), every effort will be made to provide safe access to properties and businesses. There will be a diversion route.

Once the detail design is complete Severn Trent will endeavour to contact the residents and businesses with regard to access, parking etc.

Severn Trent have agreed the construction works, planned to start during the latter part of September 2014 or early October will avoid any clashes with the pre planned activities such as Tour of Britain, Food Festival etc) will be expected to be completed by mid February 2015.

**3. Back Lane : Officer at County Hall states that I can order work on WCC ART work orders to have them repaired as long as the frontage owners are aware this will be done without prejudice. I have asked for costings for surface dressing etc. Order not out yetbut moving towards an outcome.**

**4. High Street issues**

Horse and Hound Public House coaches waiting more than 15 mins

license for table and chairs at Luke's – awaiting Highways

Repairs to area near Swan – no date yet

**5. Station Road – consultation finished – no outcome yet balancing objections with requests**

## **Flooding**

Culvert – new DVD awaiting interpretation and further meeting  
Balancing pond checked autum'13  
Turning circle checked by lengthman  
Flood scheme – preparation for planning going forward

**Broadband** – cabinets going in around Broadway – 8

**Library** – given them £1000 from my fund to support early sustainability.

## **County Council Issues**

**County Budget:** 2013/14 we ended up not achieving some £1m worth of savings across a range of Directorates. Savings from assisted technology will occur this year as will those from the streamlining of waste management. The current target for 2014/15 is some £26.8m but we have some £3m already delivered, £In 2015/16 the target is £24.3m plus an additional £7.4m unidentified and in 2016/17 it is £25 plus £9m

**School improvement learning achievement** - we are now several percentages now above the national average, 86% of our schools are graded good or better, since January 2014 6 schools have improved from good to outstanding.

**Children's Social Care** has improved its marketing and recruitment campaigns increasing the number of approved adopters from 26 to 36 over the previous year and has matched and placed some 56 children with adopters compared with 36 last year.

**Better Use of Property** – the Better Use of Property programme has hit its 3 year target for capital receipts on the sale of property and land totalling the sum of £14m. **Our Joint Property Vehicle** is attracting interest in the heart of Government

**Libraries Remodelling, Malvern Library** – The project to relocate Job Centre Plus to the Malvern Library was completed on the 1<sup>st</sup> April and Job Centre plus are now operating 100% of services on this site. The library service will aim to achieve some £70k worth of savings from this project.

**Open for Business** - The Launch of the National Cyber Security Centre at Malvern Science Park was opened in January and is generating income provided by Business and students with the sector specific courses such as cyber penetration. Our Worcestershire Strategic Economic Plan is attracting attention. If successful it will bring significant funds into the County to support our Economy.

**Health NHS facilitated events** are helping us move to Integrated Health and Social Care system for those individuals with the greatest needs. Discussions will now take place to explore the key outcomes for patient services and carers and how this will work in practice and the implication for governance arrangements and the County's provider networks but it is clear that if possible we would be aiming to move to a single commission and in an ideal world we would have a single provider.

**UTC** – I attended a meeting at Mazak with Members of the University, all the Worcestershire MP's and Members of the business community including for the first time, a Director from GKN to discuss the possibility of having a University Technical College established in Worcestershire. There is considerable enthusiasm from the Government for this idea and looking at the map of the locations

of the others there is not one between here and Birmingham, and I do think that it would be a great plus for the County if we could establish this.

#### **District**

**DCLG Planning performance and planning contributions** – a consultation on changing the criteria for “designation” related to planning application performance. The current threshold is 30% of major planning applications determined in 13 weeks with the proposal suggesting the figure should be increased to 40%. ‘Designation’ of an authority would mean that applicants for major housing development could submit their proposals directly to the Planning Inspectorate. The consultation also seeks to introduce a 10-unit and 1,000 square metres threshold for when affordable housing contributions could be secured in Section 106 planning agreements. A report on the proposals and a draft response is to be considered at the Planning Committee meeting on the 24 April. A link to the consultation is below.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/planning-performance-and-planning-contributions>.

**Grow in Wychavon the book was launched at Westminster.** We are hoping for a follow up visit from the Department of Business, Innovation and Skills as a result.

**New Homes Bonus** a new New Homes Bonus (NHB) Protocol has been published explaining how the bonus is calculated and its relationship to the planning system. It confirms WDC will allocate up to 40% of NHB to areas that have experienced housing growth. It explains the sliding scale for allocations of over £50,000 in years four and five and the new rules we’ve introduced. [www.wychavon.gov.uk/newhomesbonus](http://www.wychavon.gov.uk/newhomesbonus) -

#### **Home Choice Plus – allocations policy consultation has taken place**

The Inspector has overnight placed onto the SWDP Examination webpage (link below) his response to the SWC’s proposed timetable etc following the Stage 1 Phase 2 Hearings at County Hall on 13/14 March

[http://www.swdevelopmentplan.org/?page\\_id=5393](http://www.swdevelopmentplan.org/?page_id=5393) **We have, essentially, a green light from the Inspector to now proceed to Stage 2 subject to the necessary work being provided to the Inspector in a timely manner.**