# MINUTES of MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL held at 5 Russell Square, High Street, Broadway, on Thursday, 30th June 2016, at 7.00 pm

PRESENT:

Councillor B. M. Parmenter (Chairman), Councillors D. W. Folkes (Vice-Chairman), Dr. R. Clements, , G. J. Franks, Miss D. Hardiman, G. Love, G. O.Brien, F.L. Penny, N. Robinson, Mrs. R. Rogers, Mrs. S. Stephenson
In attendance: County Councillor Mrs. Eyre, Mr. R. Goldsmith (Broadway Trust)

On behalf of all the members of the Parish Council the Chairman congratulated Councillor Mrs. Liz Eyre on receiving the British Empire Medal in the recent Queen's Birthday Honours List, and also being elected Vice-Chairman of Wychavon District Council.

- APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Apologies were received and accepted from District Councillor B. Thomas, Councillors, Mrs. C. Wilson, A. A. Holmes, and West Mercia Police.
- (2) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None

# (3) PRESENTATION OF GRANT CHEQUE:

At the last Parish Council meeting it was agreed to approve grants of (a) £500 to both Broadway Youth Activities and Broadway Pilots to help with the cost of each of their activity projects taking place during this year, (b) £1,000 to Broadway First School towards the cost of purchasing new laptops and improving internet access, and (c) £500 to Broadway History Society towards a projector screen/stand for its meetings/presentations. The Chairman invited the representatives present from all the organisations to come forward to accept the cheques, all of whom thanked the Parish Council for its support. It was also agreed to award a grant of £2,000 to the Lifford Hall for its proposed cinema project, and the Clerk confirmed that a cheque had been issued in respect of this grant.

## (4) POLICE REPORT:

PC Lewis and CSO Schoenrock were unable to attend due to a late change in work commitments, but the following report had been submitted -

Since the 29th April West Mercia had received ninety-six calls from residents of Broadway resulting in thirty-six offences being recorded—one burglary other buildings, five by theft, twenty by criminal damage which includes the cars/properties which were spray-painted (see PACT report), four assaults, five theft from or tampering with motor vehicles, and one arson (rubbish bin set alight by children).

An update regarding offences of fraud in adjoining parishes whereby victims were cold-called by offenders purporting to be either police or bank officials had resulted in four arrests and the seizure of electronic equipment.

Councillors, although disappointed that the Police were unable to attend, added that it very much appreciated and thanked the local Police officers for their regular presence in the village, including the police vehicle which is often parked in the High Street. Councillor Mrs. Eyre reported that the strategy of parking the police vehicle in the High Street is an initiative from the local policing team, which is proving so helpful and successful that the new Police and Crime Commissioner, John Campion, is visiting Broadway to meet Councillor Mrs. Eyre and the local Police Officers to see if this idea could be rolled out to other villages/areas.

There were no questions from councillors to be forwarded to the Police.

#### (5) MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 12:05:16:

Proposed by Councillor Miss Hardiman, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Stephenson, the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 12th May 2016 were unanimously approved by those present, and were duly signed and dated as a true record.

# (6) COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORTS:

Councillors Mrs. Eyre's and Thomas' reports have been circulated to all councillors and copies of which are available on the website and in the Parish Office.

Councillor Mrs. Eyre's report highlighted the following matters:

(a) Devolution (b) Highway Sign Clearance Programme including grass cutting and (c) the Local Transport Plan 2011 – 2026 which was refreshed at a recent meeting when County Councillors were asked to bid for local schemes. Councillor Mrs. Eyrc requested the following to be considered for Broadway (a) replacement of the gravels in the High Street; (b) additional car parking to address the reduction of car parking when the Lygon Arms upgrades its own car park; (c) a crossing in Leamington Road; (d) upgrading of signage, maps and speeds; (e) a cycleway from Broadway to Evesham; (f) tidying up the Highway's depot on the A44 along the Evesham Road and (g) supporting a cultural shift so that employees on low wages can park in a more sustainable way within the village. It was not thought that all of these would be successful, but if just one or two were, it would be of great benefit to the future of the village.

Councillor Robinson raised concerns regarding the viability of the local branch of Lloyds Bank which is now the only bank in the village following the closure of the branch of HSBC, and highlighted that the branch no longer had a business manager and that the opening hours and staff numbers had been cut over the last couple of years. After discussion it was agreed that a letter should be sent to Lloyds Bank in support of the local branch, asking about future plans etc. and how the community could help to maintain this vital facility in the High Street. It was also suggested that the Business Association write a similar letter, which could then be followed up with support from Councillor Mrs. Eyre and to arrange a meeting with officials from the bank to discuss any future development/support.

Councillor Franks felt that similar support should be given to the Post Office facilities within ShopWright, and it was agreed that the Chairman would speak to the owner of ShopWright to ascertain any future plans/concerns regarding the Post Office.

There were no more questions from councillors regarding either report.

# (7) CLERK'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE:

Regarding the Parish Council Accounts for the year ending 31st March 2016, the 2016 Annual Return was submitted to the external auditors, Grant Thornton, as requested, by 17th June, and acknowledgment of receipt had been received. The statutory notice of the Date of Commencement of the Period for the Exercise of Public Rights, the Declaration of Status of Published Accounts, Copies of Section 1 – Annual Governance Statement 2015/2016 and Section 2 – Accounting Statements 2015/2016, had been displayed on the Parish noticeboard and on the Worcestershire County Council 'My Parish' website under Broadway Parish Council in the Annual Reports section.

As previously agreed, the Clerk had placed an order for the purchase of the HM Queen Elizabeth II 90th Birthday Commemorative Medal for all the children at Broadway First School and St Mary's Catholic Primary School which had since been received.

on Thursday, 7th July, at the Lifford Hall at 1.00 pm.

Cotswold District Council had notified the Council that the Cotswold District Local Plan 2011-2031 – Submission Draft would be available for a statutory period of public consultation from 27th June until 8th August 2016. The Submission Draft Local Plan was available to view on the District Council's website, at all libraries in the District, and at the District Offices in Circnecster and Moreton-in-Marsh. Any representations required to be submitted by the deadline of Monday 8th August 2016.

The National Joint Council for Local Government Services had reached agreement on the new Clcrk's pay scales for both 2016/17 to be implemented and backdated to 1st April 2016, and 2017/18 from 1st April 2017. All councillors agreed for the new pay scale to be implemented as above.

Worcestershire Regulatory Services had issued a street collection permit for the RNLI to carry out a street collection in Broadway on 9th July 2016, to which there were no objections.

A request had been received from the family of Mr Simon Andrews, who died in 2014, to position a wooden bench on the village green facing the Swan Inn in memory of their son who loved and spent most of his free time in Broadway. No objections were raised from the Parish Council, but the Clerk needed to arrange a meeting with the Chairman of Broadway Trust to confirm its agreement and the preferred location.

The testing of the portable appliances in the parish office was due and quotations had been obtained at a total cost of approximately £100.00, which was unanimously agreed. The Clerk would arrange for the necessary work to be undertaken.

The Parish Council had previously been consulted regarding the proposed diversion of footpath BY-524 (Giddings Barn, Smallbrook Cottage and Smallbrook Farm) to which there were no objections. A slight amendment to the proposal had now been submitted which would improve privacy to the residents, create a safer and more attractive footpath, and reduce the cost of maintenance of a footbridge. A copy had been forwarded to all councillors, and it was unanimously agreed that no objections should be raised.

A revised list of councillors' details had been circulated to all councillors.

The latest issue of 'Parish Matters' had also been circulated to all councillors, and a copy was available in the parish office.

The Chairman and Clerk attended the GWR Open Evening on Friday 27th May at Broadway Station, when discussions were held with the Chairman of GWR, Mr. Alan Bielby, regarding future plans in connection with the bridge repairs and car park. Following comments made at the last Parish Council meeting it was agreed that representative(s) from GWR be invited to make a presentation to the Parish Council so that both parties could understand and discuss each other concerns / proposals which the Clerk would arrange.

The Clerk reminded all councillors of the service at the War Memorial on the 1<sup>st</sup> July commencing at 11.00 am to commemorate the Battle of the Somme.

#### (8) REPORTS FROM VARIOUS GROUPS AND COMMITTEES:

#### Visitor Management Group:

A meeting was held on Monday 7th March at the Parish Office when the following issues were raised -

Applications for funding from the group's marketing and entertainment fund were received from the Business Association regarding the Village Party for the Queen's Birthday Celebrations, and from the Ashmolean Museum. After discussion it was agreed to support the Village Party but more information was to be requested for the Ashmolean application so that it could then be re-considered.

The proposed closure of the Station Road Bridge by GWR was discussed, and it was confirmed that there was annoyance amongst many groups in the village that the required work could not be undertaken at night or under traffic control. The Parish Council confirmed that further discussions with GWR regarding its future plans were to be arranged.

Issues/concerns regarding signage and 'A' boards were raised, and it was agreed that this would be an ideal item for inclusion in Broadway's Neighbourhood Plan.

Mr. Jim Burgin from the District Council reported that a number of concerns had been received regarding the work being undertaken on the roof at the Lygon Arms, and confirmed that it was being re-built on a like for like basis. Mr Burgin also reported that HLF bids had been re-submitted for the gravel pit within a wider project and would update the group accordingly.

The date of the next meeting would be Monday 5th September at the Parish Office commencing at 10.00 am.

#### P.A.C.T.:

A meeting was held on Tuesday  $28^{\rm th}$  June at the Parish Office when the following issues relating to Broadway were raised –

There appeared to have been no further progress regarding the proposed 40 mph zone on the Cheltenham Road entrance to the village, and it was suggested that the Safer Roads Partnership be contacted (info@srpwestmercia.org.uk) to ask if a speed assessment could be undertaken on this stretch of road, and to also involve Mr John Campion, the new Police and Crime Commissioner.

From the twenty surveys undertaken in the village and crimes reported the following were highlighted – (a) a padlock had been removed from a gate at the Fish Hill Quarry as a result of which a number of stone blocks were placed in the entrance area to prevent illegal trespass; (b) concerns had been raised regarding anti-social behaviour at

Shear House, and CSO Schoenrock confirmed a meeting would be held with Rooftop Housing Group to discuss these matters together with any necessary action required/recommended; (c) nineteen vehicles/properties had recently been damaged with spray paint in the area between Cotswold Building Supplies and Sandscroft Avenue. CSO Schoenrock confirmed that all victims had been visited and some evidence had been recovered with investigations ongoing, and (d) there had been a theft from a vehicle in Colletts Fields for which two local persons had been arrested.

The Clerk asked if any of these matters were drug related. CSO Schoenrock reported that there were minor drug issues within certain areas of the village, and that known or suspected persons were being closely monitored by the local police.

The date of the next meeting would be Tuesday 11th October at the Parish Office commencing at 7.00 pm.

#### Broadway Bike Event:

This year's event was held on the evening of Thursday 16th June when the High Street was closed from 6.00 to 8.00 pm. The Chairman opened the event with a short speech. Over 300 residents and visitors were in attendance which was fewer than last year, possibly because of the weather forecast. The rain did hold off for the first part of the evening, but arrived as predicted for the second half. Twenty-four teams of 3 members each took part in the relay races (a 50% increase on last year) which was eventually (despite the rain) won by 'Class of 86' with second place going to 'Bikey McBikeface'. Bike Ability ran a skill test and Cotswold Cycling Holidays allowed people to ride electric bikes to Snowshill and back, and Vale Cycles had a stand which featured electric bikes. The Parish Council would like to thank everyone who helped to organise the event – Messrs Mark Riley and Quentin Thomas, Mr Chris. Brooks from Wychavon District Council, and all his volunteers who helped set up the event and manned the barriers for the road closure.

# Other Matters Updates:

Car Parking

There had been concerns regarding parking in Lifford Gardens. Councillor Mrs Eyre has confirmed that, having been assessed, the yellow lines would be extended and the work has been placed on the list to be undertaken, but no timescale could be confirmed. The situation in Morris Road had been monitored but it was found that the vehicles were not illegally parked and no driveways were blocked, so until further evidence could be obtained this matter would not be taken forward.

• CCTV

Nigel Jancey, the District Property and Insurance Officer had been asked to suggest possible improvements to the existing CCTV cameras in the village due to insufficient lighting, and had replied that there were a number of solutions (a) improvement of the ambient lighting; (b) additional supplementary light to the column; (c) changing of the camera to one with integrated lighting built in; and (d) changing of the camera to a more sensitive camera. The only viable options were (b) and (c) which would cost approx. £4000 and £5000 respectively per camera. It was also pointed out that Broadway was a relatively low crime area and

there was no guarantee that the proposals would lead to any significant increase in the number of cases being recorded by the Council's CCTV system in Broadway. After discussion it was agreed that further details on what difference the proposed amendments would actually make should be obtained before any decision could be made. The Clerk would contact Mr Jancey and report back accordingly.

## Flood Alleviation Scheme Funding

Currently, as previously agreed, approximately £102,000 had already been allocated from the New Homes Bonus Scheme to the Flood Alleviation Scheme, and there was approximately an additional £73,000 now available. After a lengthy discussion it was agreed that any decision should be deferred until more detailed figures could be obtained from the Environment Agency regarding the anticipated final cost of the scheme. The Chairman pointed out that the current amount of New Homes Bonus was the funds allocated from previous building projects and did not include the Leamington Road site, so more funding may be available. Although the funding of £102,000 was secured, the remaining allocated funds and any future funds were subject to any Government policy change. The Clerk was ask to obtain figures of estimated funding from the Learnington Road development.

# Neighbourhood Plan

A meeting was being arranged in July to form a Steering Group. Several people had indicated a willingness to join this group, and representatives from the District Council and organisations within the village would also be invited, together with County Councillor Mrs. Eyre and District Councillor Thomas.

## Section 106 monies

Mr. Jem Teal, the District Community Manager had agreed to attend a meeting (date to be confirmed) to discuss with members of the Parish Council the issues/criteria relating to Section 106 monies.

#### (9)PLANNING:

Councillor Miss Hardiman raised concerns regarding the work being undertaken at Saddlestones in Station Road, in particular the removal of trees and the disturbance to residents at Bredon Court. The Clerk would contact the Planning Department and report back accordingly.

Councillor Love reported that four signage issues in the High Street were being dealt with by the District Enforcement team.

#### MEETING: 09:05:16

W/16/00305/PP

Mr. & Mrs. J Houghton, Battridge Cottage, Church Street

Demolition of existing garage block and erection of annex Amendment: Revised internal layout

The Parish Council raised no objections to this application

W/16/00342/PN

Mr. Renfren Westbank, Station Road New 3 bedroom stone cottage.

The Parish Council objects to this application for the following reasons: It was felt that this was over development of the site.

NPPF 53 states that garden development should be resisted and refer to a recent similar application in the garden of Cotsall House, Learnington Road (W/16/00359/PN) which was refuse

W/16/00935/PN

Mr. Davies

Ridgeway, Station Road Erection of Replacement Garage with Games Room and Storage above and

Erection of Replacement Garage with Games Room and Storage above and Provision of New Access Road from Springfield lane.

The Parish Council raise no objections to the erection of a replacement garage, however it does have concerns regarding the provision of the new access road. It was felt that the road surface should not be tarmac, but a more suitable surface be used which is more in keeping with the rural landscape. There were also concerns that this new access would create let more traffic along Springfield Lane — this application in itself may not cause issue but if approved it will only add to the accumulation of traffic as a result of recent applications.

W/16/00973/LB

Mr & Mrs Tace

Abbotts Grange, 5 Church Street

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Demolition and removal of garage destroyed by fire on November 2015
The Parish Council is very annoyed and angry that this application has not been discussed and considered prior to the provided of reconstruction of said garage in its new location (W/16/00537/PP) and would like an explanation of why this decision was made in that order.

W/16/01048/PP

E-on Energy Solutions Ltd

91 Badgers Lane

Silicone render finish external wall insulation to all elevations in cream

The Parish Council raised no objections to this application

MEETING: 23:05:16

W/16/00733/PP

MR. R. DUDLEY

Lavender Cottage, 128 High Street

Proposed replacement of existing garden shed located to rear elevation with

Jean-to extension

lean-to extension

The Planning Committee raise an objections to the principal of the proposed lean-to extension, but have concerns regarding the maintenance of the boundary wall between 128 and 132 High Street and would draw attention to the third paragraph of the Conservation Officer's report as follows – "As set out above the stone boundary wall between128 and 132 is considered curtilage listed. The application provides no information on how the new lean-to extension will relate to the existing wall. The applicant should provide details on how the new structure will connect with/incorporate the existing garden wall along with details of how the wall will be protected during construction and maintained in the future. A condition could be attached to any permission granted requiring the submission of a method statement setting future. A condition could be attached to any permission granted requiring the submission of a method statement setting

W/16/00993/PN

MITCHELL & BUTLERS

The Swan, 2 The Green New external dining huts.

The Planning Committee raised no objections to this proposal but would draw attention to the Design and Access Statement (a) 6.0 I andscaping – appropriate landscaping is undertaken, and (b) 7.0 Appearance of the Development materials are selected to reflect the surrounding structure of the building and that locally sourced materials are used.

MEETING: 07:06:16

Application W/16/01300/PP

MR. D. HAMILTON

38 Mills Close Single storey extension

The Parish Council raised no objections to this application

Application W/16/01145/PN

ROOFTOP HOUSING GROUP

land off Kingsdale Court

Proposed development of sixteen affordable dwellings with associated external works, drainage, hard and soft landscaping and car parking, comprising of four 1B2P flat, eight 2B4P houses and four 3B5P houses.

The Parish Council raised no objections to this application but made the following suggestions - (a) the properties on plots I and 2 are rotated ninety degrees and the parking bays moved so that the frontages and access to the properties/parking is off the private road within the site; (b the boundary screening between this site and the adjoining Kingsdale Court is of a sufficient height and density to ensure privacy is maintained; (c) that during construction work there are wheel washing (actitities in place to ensure no mud etc. is deposited on the road/entrance to Kingsdale Court and the adjoining roads, and (d) that there is no parking/blocking of the private road to Kingsdale Court during and after construction.

Application W/16/01044/CU

FARNCOMBE ESTATE LIMITED,

Retrospective application for change of use from C3 private dwelling to B1 office use or C3 residential

The Parish Council raised no objections to this application but are most aggricord that this is yet another retrospective

MEETING: 20:06:16

Application W/16/01420/PP

E-ON ENERGY

12 Colletts Gardens Installation of external wall insulation to all elevations of property in

neutral colour (white/cream/grey)

The Parish Council raised no objections to this application

Application W/16/01406/PP

E-ON ENERGY

9 Bibsworth Avenue

Installation of external wall insulation to all elevations of property in

neutral colour (white/cream/grey)

The Parish Council raised no objections to this application

Application W/16/01407/PP

E-ON ENERGY

72 Sandscroft Avenue

Installation of external wall insulation to all elevations of property in

neutral colour (white/cream/grey)

The Parish Council raised no objections to this application

Applications W/16/01335/PP & W/16/01336/LB MR. & MRS. IOMMI

Pear Tree House, 111 High Street

Extension and other alterations

The Parish Council raised no objections to this application

Application W/16/01199/PP

MR. & MRS, D. BARNES

Hallam, Evesham Road Proposed first floor extension and new front dormer

The Parish Council raised no objections to this application

Wychavon Approvals:

W/16/00993/PN

MITCHELL & BUTLERS

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W/16/01048/PP

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W/16/00959/PP

E-on Energy 7 Snowshill View

External wall insulation to all elevations

E-on Energy 3 Snowshill View

External wall insulation to all elevations

W/16/00821/PP

MR. A. Goodman 6 Station Cottages, Station Road Replacement garage.

W/16/00973/LB Mr & Mrs Taee

Abbotts Grange, 5 Church Street

Demolition and removal of garage destroyed by fire on November

2015

W/16/00537/PP

Mr. & Mrs. R Taee, Abbotts Grange, 5 Church Street Reconstruction of detached garage destroyed by fire in November

2015 in new location on site MR. R. DUDLEY

W/16/00733/PP & W/16/00734/LB Lavender Cottage, 128 High Street

Proposed replacement of existing garden shed located to rear elevation with lean-to extension

F-on Energy Solutions Ltd

92 Badgers Lane
Silicone render finish external wall insulation to all elevations in

neutral colour

Mr. A. Rawcliffe, Cotsall House, 11 Learnington Road Alterations and extensions to property W/16/00721/PN

Style and Codrington Families, Land adjacent to Springfield Cottage, Springfield Lane Erection of five dwellings with landscaping, vehicular access and all associated works as approved under permission W/13/01921/PN but without complying with Condition 2 (to amend the list of approved

plans) Mr & Mrs Christie W/16/00807/LB

71 High Street

Replacement of garden room including softwood windows and doors granted under approval 02/1228/1229

MR. P. SIMPKIN

W/16/00590/PP

28 Lifford Gardens
Proposed single storey extensions to rear of dwelling extending
conservatory area, forming utility room and larder to side elevation

W/16/00305/PP

mr. & Mrs. J. Houghton

Battridge Cottage, Church Street

Demolition of existing garage block and erection of annexe

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Wychavon Refusals:

W/16/00877/PP

W/16/01004/PP

W/16/00357/PP

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W/16/00773/PN & Mr. M. Aspinall, 36 High Street W/16/00774/LB

Alteration to Shopfront W/16/00359/PN

Mr. A. Raweliffe, Cotsall House, 11 Learnington Road Proposed new dwelling in garden at side of property

Withdrawal:

W/15/02146/PN MRS. M. THOMAS

Brook House Guest House, Station Road

Withdrawn 03/06/16

# (10) SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS AND RECEIPTS from 01:05:16 - 31:05:16

Payments:	verified by the Clerk together with two nominated signatories	net of VAT	
Worcestershire County Council / pension contribution		469.59	
Unicom / telephone-internet		56.78	
Cotswold Building Supplies / activity park maintenance		131.29	
Cotswold Security Ltd. / office security		89.00	
I. E. Fraser – internal auditor's fee		250.00	
GBD (Evesham) Limited / mowing contract		669.64	
Kompan Ltd. / activity park maintenance		4,825.40	
Broadway Parochial Church Council / grant		2,000.00	
Grassroots Garden Services / activity park maintenance		330.00	
Broadway Community Library / grant		2,500.00	
Came and Company / insurance		5,288.12	
Maurice Parkinson / Iengthsman scheme		105.00	
Maurice Parkinson / lengthsman / general maintenance		95.00	
Orchard View Nurseries / planters		79.20	
R J Agricultural Services / millennium garden		100.00	
Vale Press Limited / stationery		14,95	
Wychavon District Council / dog foul bins		155.09	
E.ON / office electricity		221.27	
K. Beasley / clerk's salary - May		1,242.37	
G. A. Tomkin	s / assistant clerk's salary - May	287.87	
Receipts:			
Lloyds Bank / gross interest		3.47	
HM Revenue & Customs / VAT repayment		6,649.50	

## (11) COUNCILLORS' REPORTS AND ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA:

Councillor Mrs. Stephenson reminded the Clerk that the weeds along Childswickham Road were still to be sprayed, to which the Clerk replied that the lengthsman was aware of the situation and would ensure that the work was prioritised.

Councillor O'Brien raised a number of issues/concerns regarding: (a) could the Post Office be asked why the collection times had been changed to one collection at 9.00 am: (b) the state of the side of the road and ditch clearance along West End: and (c) cleaning of the High Street pavements. The Clerk reported that these matters would be investigated and would report back as necessary.

Councillor Franks reported there was still a porta loo situated in the field next to Whych Cottage in Back Lane. The Clerk would investigate this matter and report back accordingly.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.40pm and opened the PUBLIC INFORMATION SESSION:

Mrs. Debbie Williamson supported the Parish Council in its efforts to reduce the speed limit on the approach to the village along Cheltenham Road, but also asked if a similar limit could be applied to West End Lane which is very popular and frequently used by walkers and horse riders, but has no speed restriction. The Clerk would include this in the discussions regarding Cheltenham Road and would again report back accordingly.

There were no further questions from the public and the Chairman finally closed the meeting at  $8.45 \mathrm{pm}$ .

Date/Time Next Meeting: 18th August at 7.00 pm

Broadway / Childswickham / Wickhamford / COUNTY and DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT, Aston Somerville / Charlton / Cropthorne / Fladbury / Hinton / Sedgeberrow COUNTY COUNCIL REPORT 1st July to 31st August 2016

#### Devolution

A 'challenge' session with Lord Heseltine was held on the 20th April 2016 to discuss Worcestershire's case for devolution. A team representing Worcestershire attended. (Leader of WCC, Leader of Wyre Forest, Deputy Chief Constable, Chair of the LEP, Chief Officer – CCG). Lord Heseltine was genuinely impressed that Worcestershire is working so well and in a joined up way. He was also impressed with the extent of economic growth and public sector reform.

Two things are clear now

- Government is currently working on larger geographic footprints than single counties.
- They still have a clear intent for directly elected mayors.
- They have bigger fish to fry at the moment.

#### Highways Sign Clearance Programme

WCC have now completed the first major cut of the rural roads network, including visibility splays and hot spots. Ringway are now moving onto the clearance of highways and safety signs on the Highway. The focus in the first instance will be on the A and B roads across Worcestershire. They have four tractors out and about doing these works and will complete this task as soon as practicable over the next few weeks.

In addition, and not least in light of the particularly strong vegetation growth this year, Ringway have two further gangs on standby for other safety signing clearance issues. If you are aware of any other safety signing including on C and Unclassified roads, where visibility is obstructed by vegetation, please let us know and Ringway will get this cleared as soon as practicable.

Please contact the Highways Control Centre by telephoning 01905 843070 or using our online facility if you wish to report any sign clearance issues.

## 23/6 Local Transport Plan Adopted 2011 - Workshop LTP 4 2011-2026 refresh

I attended a working group and have asked for:

#### **Broadway**

- An LTP bid to cover the replacement of the gravels. I estimated 2million would cover
  it. Officers will consider. I asked for community engagement I f it is a possibility
  including revisiting the on street parking in the high street.
- Additional car parking to address the reduction of car parking when the Lygon upgrades its own car park. I believe we have a potential brownfield site to be discussed with local landowners.
- A crossing on the Leamington Road to address the older and younger elements needs in this area,
- 4. Upgrading of the public realm: signage, village maps, speeds
- 5. A cycleway from Broadway to Evesham utilising part footway land

- 6. A tidying up of the depot on the A44 just outside the village
- Support to make a cultural shift so employees on low wages can park in a more sustainable way within the village.

#### Sedgeberrow/Aston Somerville/Hinton

- 8. Work with Highways England re the following
  - a. A roundabout at Hinton Cross
  - b. A safer route off the A46 when turning into Aston Somerville,
  - c. Safer exits and entrances A64 re sedgeberrow
  - d. A replacement of the lorry maps 2002/2009 allowing for cross boundary HGVs to guide businesses away from rural routes.
- 9. 7.5 restrictions through
  - a. Sedgeberrow
  - b. Childswickham/Broadway Road
- 10. Upgrading of the road Hinton to Pershore

#### 11. Fladbury

Flexibility around use of S106 monies for infrastructure 20mph through the village Facilitation of a crossing with minimal lighting Porters path a more flexible approach to a bridleway

#### Buses

A move away from County driven approaches which do not deliver outcomes to a more practical innovative local approach arrived at though community innovation and understanding

I expect to get a small proportion. I will keep you posted re any proposal which will go into the plan

# 23/6 Scrutiny of the County's equality and diversity arrangements

#### I have asked for the following

# Quick wins

- 1. assurances that our equality and diversity approach is embedded into our QA mechanisms, reported on through our complaints processes and that our briefing is included in member training in 2017
- 2. that the County's briefing is shared with District officers and members and that the County works to develop a Countywide Public Centre Equality duties approach.
- that WCC publishes the outcomes of its Equalities and Diversity work and considers how the Council can hold the Cabinet Member with responsibility to account for our Statutory Duties.

4. the County Council ensures its 3 duties are aligned with the Corporate Plan: equality of opportunity, eliminating unlawful discrimination, fostering good relationships.

#### Medium Term

- 5. scrutiny examine if a gender pay gap exists within the council, if so what it is and how it can be reduced.
- 6. scrutiny ensures user engagement with hard to reach groups is improved with support of the user groups themselves.
- 7. ask that my work, reporting on commissioning outcomes, identifies in terms of providers the quality of their equality and diversity approach meets our standards

#### Longer Term

- 8. the scrutiny consider how Economic and Social Deprivation issues with regard to equality can be addressed and tackled (consider introducing a local duty to join directorates strategies to look at the accessibly of services and the lack of equality: education, bus services, rural spend, mobile services and broadband services, social isolation.)
- 9, that the adult panel should look at Disability employment including SEN

#### Footway schemes in Priority Order Cost £39- 40 k

- 1. Manor Road, Wickhamford from bin outside village hall south for 84 metres to The Sheiling
- Learnington Rd, Broadway between 44 Learnington Rd round and 8 Sands Close NOTE not round to \* Sands Close
- 3. The Dovecote, Charlton repairs to worst sections

#### Village update

#### Broadway

- Escape Lane signs and lane tidied up unfortunately another accident
- agricultural detritus from tenant along road to Childswickham letter from Parish Council to local tenant. Outcome?
- Seat requested near where R4 bus stops: corner off Sandscroft/ Sheldon Avenue
- Parking near chemist requested
- Pennylands bank drainage problem
- Learnington Road despite changes holding tank manhole maintenance still problems 14/2.
- Learnington Road ditch clearance requests to WCC Bigger problem due to start of the development – speaking to Spitfire.
- Cheltenham Road speeding, Move 30mph beyond pry lane, 50 down to 40 request not accepted yet,
- Lifford Gardens extending the markings further into Lifford Gardens but mindful this may push
  parking further into the cul-de-sac on TRO list .No 63 pressing for faster approach

#### Planning Ref

W/16/00305/PP - Battridge Cottage, Church Street, Broadway, WR12 7AERe. Land West Leamington road - flood risk and water table issue

Visitor Management Group application for funding of Griggs exhibition application being submitted.

# District Councillor Bradley Thomas' Report

#### Broadway report June 2016

# Wychavon strategy now finalised

The new strategy for Wychavon has now been finalised and will run to March 2020. The priorities are as follows

People: healthy, happy, active and supported.

Place: green, clean and safe with quality, affordable homes.

Prosperity: vibrant communities with quality jobs and skills.

The strategy contains 18 promises for 2016/17 and beyond. Promises under the People priority include investing up to £5 million in sport and leisure facilities and visiting older people in at least 14 rural areas to offer them services and support.

Place promises include offering security advice and equipment to rural business burglary victims, tackling major fly-tipping and taking action in at least 20 hotspots, increasing public access and involvement at four Wychavon owned wildlife sites and supporting the delivery of sites for affordable housing in rural areas.

Under Prosperity there are promises on investment to support the creation of 400 new jobs, helping at least 100 businesses to start-up, working with parish councils and community groups to increase awareness of local needs and support local activities, and councillors meeting residents and businesses in every ward.

For more information about our strategy and to see the full list of promises go to www.wychavon.gov.uk/ourstrategy.

#### **New Homes Borius**

The national consultation on New Homes Bonus (NHB) closed in March. Once the outcome is known Wychavon will develop a new New Homes Bonus Protocol and make decisions about how to use Year Six and any future years New Homes Bonus.

As a reminder of NHB requirements you must properly consult the community about how New Homes Bonus allocations for Broadway should be spent, and provide evidence that this has been done. WDC have recently returned a number of proposals where this has not happened. Any New Homes Bonus consultation should involve the following elements:

- Informing residents how much New Homes Bonus is available for your area.
- b) Inviting ideas and suggestions from residents about how they would like to see it spent not just asking them whether they support a specific project.
- in addition to b), putting forward any suggestions or recommendations that the parish/town council wishes to make (optional).

Broadway currently has £176k available to drawn down.