

MINUTES
of PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
held at 5 Russell Square, High Street, Broadway,
on Thursday, 20th March 2014, at 7.00 pm

PRESENT: Councillor D. W. Folkes (Chairman), Councillors Dr. R. Clements, A.A.L. Holmes, Mrs. A. Locker, B.M. Parmenter, N. Robinson, Mrs. R. Rogers, Mrs. S. Stephenson, Mrs. J. Stock, J. Williams, Mrs. C. Wilson
 Also in attendance: PC Pegler/West Mercia Police, Broadway Trust, Evesham Journal, three members of public

The Chairman formally welcomed to the meeting the two new parish councillors, Barrie Parmenter and Antony Holmes.

- (1) **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** Apologies were received and accepted from Councillors Miss D. Hardiman and F. L. Penny
- (2) **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** None
- (3) **POLICE REPORT:**
 PC Pegler reported there had been eleven crimes recorded in and around the village since the last meeting which included two house burglaries (one in Lifford Gardens and one in Leamington Road), one criminal damage, three vehicles broken into (two on the Sands Estate), one alcohol related assault, and also six traffic accidents four of which occurred on Fish Hill. PC Pegler stated that more funding and resources had been made available in order to deter criminal activity resulting in extra patrols in and around Evesham, Pershore and Broadway. Councillor Williams raised concerns regarding motorcycles speeding/racing up and down Fish Hill, many of which were not fitted with silencers, to which PC Pegler replied that a bid was being made by him to the Headquarters Road Enforcement Scheme in an effort to obtain extra patrols – not only to carry out speed checks but also to check vehicles for tax, insurance and technical items such as silencers. Councillor Mrs. Rogers asked if Cheltenham Road could also be included in these patrols as speeding was also an issue along this road.
- (4) **MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 16:01:14**
 Proposed by Councillor Mrs. Wilson, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Rogers, the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 16th January 2014 were unanimously approved, and were duly signed and dated as a true record.
- (5) **COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORTS:**
 A copy of County Councillor Mrs. Eyre's report was circulated to all councillors. Copies were available for the public in the Parish Office and a full report was attached to the minutes on the website. Councillor Mrs. Eyre gave a brief summary highlighting the following matters :-

Financial issues - there will be a 1.94% council tax increase, adding approximately £20 to a Band D household.

Local highways and flooding issues – an extra £1.5M had been made available for flood defences in Worcestershire in addition to the £12.5M invested in defences and other alleviation measures since the flooding in 2007 including several projects which had taken place in Broadway. The Badsey Brook scheme was moving forward to planning and more work had taken place in respect of the culvert at the top of the High Street.

Other issues included car park/toilet attendant; installation of yellow lines in Station Road with further information made available for monthly/annual car parking schemes; signage project was progressing well. Councillor Mrs. Eyre was consulting with the traders in an attempt to find more areas for parking and for licences for tables and chairs on the highway, and confirmed that discussions had been held with BT regarding the location of additional cabinets for super-fast broadband within the village which would be installed between July and September. An information pack regarding broadband was included in the full report.

(6) CLERK'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE:

The GWR Broadway Area Group had sent an invitation to all members of the Parish Council to their annual gala opening evening to be held on 23rd May.

The portable appliance testing in the parish office was undertaken with no issues raised, and the appropriate certificate is displayed in the parish office.

The District Council had advised dates of street collections to be carried out during the year and a copy was forwarded to all councillors with copies displayed on the village notice board and in the parish office. Any updates to this list would be advised as and when available.

The world's oldest leisure caravan, 'The Wanderer', designed in 1885, had moved to its new permanent home at Broadway Caravan Club site, and to celebrate this successful move the president of the Caravan Club invited the Chairman and Clerk to a buffet lunch to be held at Broadway Caravan Club on the 24th March.

All councillors had been invited to the next Parish Conference to be held at the Council Chambers, County Hall, Worcester, on the 30th April, commencing at 6.30 pm. Anyone interested should contact the Clerk.

The County Council had advised that an order was being made to the effect that there will be prohibited waiting at any time on the south west side of Station Road from its junction with Cheltenham Road to the Railway Bridge, and restricted waiting from 8.00am to 6.00pm on the north east side of the same road. Any objections or representations must be sent to the County Council by 17th April.

The County Council had forwarded details of the lengthsman scheme for 2014 / 2015. Despite tight financial constraints the budget had been maintained at the same

level as last year and, as such, the budget will be £2,212.43. The new contract was duly completed and returned and a copy forwarded to the lengthsmen, Mr. Maurice Parkinson.

Severn Trent Water was developing a project to provide flood alleviation to the village along Leamington Road, and it was anticipated that construction work would commence later this year. Severn Trent had given notice that it will be carrying out site investigation work on Thursday, 27th March, for a period expected to be no longer than one day. Survey work would be taking place along the highway, and a stop/go system passing the works would be in operation. All households in Leamington Road had similarly been notified.

The supply of dog foul bags was now low. It was unanimously agreed that a further supply should be purchased and the Clerk was instructed to put this matter in hand.

The Community Award board had now been updated and would be re-hung in the Lifford Hall. The Parish Council wished to thank Sarah Beasley who undertook the work of adding the name of 2013 winner Roger Bailey to the list.

The District Council had sent a list from Allen Caravans of preferred road names for their site at Broadway Park, Childswickham Road. The suggested names were Ford Road, Grafton End, Norton Close, Littleton Road, Kemerton Close, Honeybourne Close, Erdington Close, and Idilcote Close. After discussion, it was suggested that the names should have more of a connection with Broadway, and that Childswickham Parish Council should also be consulted for their views. The Clerk was instructed to pass these comments on to the District Council.

The Clerk was contacted by Came & Co. Parish Council Insurance, who had previously made a presentation at a Clerk's meeting, regarding the production of a quotation for the insurance of the parish council. During a conversation regarding this matter the insured value of the War Memorial was queried. The Clerk obtained quotations from local stonemasons which confirmed that the Memorial was, in fact, under-insured, and it was unanimously agreed that the Clerk should contact the current insurers to advise them of the revised insurance value.

Worcestershire CALC had advertised two training sessions in April and May – one covering people, place, powers and planning, and one covering meetings, management and money. The cost of each session was £25.00 per person. Anyone interested, particularly new or less experienced councillors, should contact the Clerk?

Rooftop Housing Group had sent details of its Estate Walkabout programme for 2014 and would be in Broadway on the 25th April. Also included was information of Rooftop's Community Fund which grants donations to local projects intended to improve the quality of life for residents and the wider community. Anyone interested should contact the Clerk or see the notice displayed in the parish office.

(7) REPORTS / VARIOUS GROUPS AND COMMITTEES:

Visitor Management Group:

A meeting was held on Wednesday, 5th March, at the Parish office when the following matters were discussed –

Mr. Ed. Dursley from the County Council gave an update on the signage project – signs damaged in the recent storms will be reset; the brown sign in the Cheltenham Road will be moved further back down the road; the replacement sign at the Cheltenham Road/Station Road junction has been ordered and will be installed shortly; decluttering and redesign of signs will be ongoing; the new village entry signs will be installed shortly and will include one additional sign along Childswickham Road; and new fingerposts have been ordered and improvements will be made to existing fingerposts. **Chris. Brooks**, chairman of the group, formally thanked **Mr. Dursley** for all his help with this project.

Mr. Phil. Merrick, District Council Head of Community Services, attended the meeting to discuss the cuts which have resulted in a reduction of funding available for the provision of public toilets. As a result, with effect from the start of October 2014, the standard level of service for each toilet in Broadway (and across the District) will be cleaned four times a day in peak season and three times off-peak. This will be provided by a mobile service operated by 'Mitie', the toilet cleaning contractors, and if it was felt that this level of service was inadequate the cost needed to make up the difference between the basic level and a full time manned presence at the Church Close toilets would be approximately £15,500. Councillor **Parmenter** stated that the District Council had deferred a decision until October to allow for discussions to take place to find alternative solutions. It was attempting, and would prefer, to find a way to keep the attendant as it was felt he was a valuable asset and ambassador for the village. Councillor **Parmenter** suggested that Broadway could increase the price of parking at the week-ends in order to provide the funding, or possibly find a sponsor among local traders which could be another solution. Further discussions were required with the District Council to resolve this matter.

The next meeting would be held on Wednesday, 4th June at the Parish office.

Finance Working Group:

A short meeting was held on Monday, 17th March, when the following matters were discussed: -

Grant funding/donations – in previous years support has been given to Broadway Youth Activities and Broadway Pilots Youth Group who have again requested similar support for the coming year. After discussion, it was agreed to recommend a grant of £250 to each of the Groups. Proposed by Councillor **Mrs. Stock**, seconded by Councillor **Mrs. Stephenson**, this recommendation was unanimously approved.

As councillors may be aware, **Mr. Andy Walters**, a member of the Bowling Club, became Nationals Singles Champion last year, and has now been invited to compete in the World Bowls Champion of Champions in November taking place in Christchurch, New Zealand, which is an amazing opportunity and honour for him. Bowls England (the governing body) has kindly donated £1,500 towards the cost of this trip, and the Bowling Club is also actively fundraising in support but more funding is still required. After

discussion, it was felt that such an achievement by a local resident should be worthily acknowledged, and it was agreed to recommend a donation of £250. Proposed by Councillor Mrs. Wilson, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Stephenson, this recommendation was unanimously agreed.

Broadway has competed in the Parish Games for a number of years, and has achieved various successes over that period. The Parish Games Organising Committee is looking for sponsors to help with the cost of running events, and after discussion it was agreed to recommend that the Parish Council sponsor one of the events at a cost of £50.00. Proposed by Councillor Mrs. Stock, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Stephenson, this recommendation was unanimously agreed.

The mowing contract is due for renewal for the period 2014 / 2016 and was put out to tender as previously agreed. Over a dozen companies showed interest resulting in seven tenders being submitted. After examination of all tenders, it was agreed to recommend that the current contractors, GBD (Evesham) Limited, be retained. Proposed by Councillor Mrs. Wilson, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Stephenson, this recommendation was unanimously agreed.

Activity Park:

As previously agreed the Play Inspection Company is now undertaking the quarterly inspections, the first of which took place on the 3rd February and a copy of the report is available at the parish office. No major risks were found, and the minor works required have been passed to our maintenance team for attention.

The new daisy table and chairs, kindly donated by G4S, have now arrived and will shortly be installed.

(8) PLANNING:

MEETING: 13:01:14

Application W/13/02463/PN

MR. B. WRIGHT, Wrights of Campden, Fish Hill Quarry, Fish Hill
Change of use of existing building to import stone for manufacture. Proposal also seeks to extend front of building by 7m.

The Parish Council raised no objections to this application

Application W/13/02486/PP

MR. M. MORRIS, Ranstone, Springfield Lane
Proposed store for vintage tractor collection and external store

The Parish Council raised no objections to this application

MEETING: 27:01:14

Application W/13/02575/PP

MR. KERSHAW, Orchard House, 22 Mills Close
Single storey rear extension

The Parish Council raised no objections to this application

Application W/13/02075/PP

MR. C. O'SULLIVAN, Giddings Barn, Leamington Road
3-bay oak framed garage with log store plus diversion of public footpath

The Parish council raised no objections to this application

MEETING: 10:02:14

Applications W/13/02526/CU
and W/13/02527/LB

MR. K. NORMAN, 22 High Street
Relocation of part of residential flat from ground floor to upper floors to enable extension of pharmacy plans. change of use of ground floor residential areas to retail and installation of additional external air conditioning condensers on rear flank elevation

The Parish Council raised no objections to this application

Application W/14/00050/LB MR. T. TAE, Abbots Grange, Church Street
Application to AMEND Listed Building Consent approval W/13/01236/LB to
change wall between sun room wall and gatepost from straight to curved
The Parish Council raised no objections to this application

MEETING: 17:02:14

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. Replacement of conservatory to
rear of property with new sun room.
The Parish Council raised no objections to this application

Application W/14/00055/LB MISS H. COLES, 51 High Street
To repaint two existing external signs with the wording "The Cotswold
Chocolate Company", paint signs with gloss black paint and fit 3mm
aluminium composite boards with matt finish into existing frames
(retrospective)
The Parish Council raised no objections to this application

W/14/00210/PP MISS N. POWELL, 9 Cheltenham Road
Single storey extension to side and rear of property and replacement porch to
front elevation
The Parish Council raised no objections to this application

District Council approvals:

W/13/02415/AA and W/13/02427/LB MR. M. JOURDAIN, Lygon Arms, 28 High Street
Fascia sign
W/13/02486/PP MR. M. MORRIS, Ranstone, Springfield Lane
Proposed store for vintage tractor collection
W/13/02575/PP MR. KERSHAW, Orchard House, 22 Mills Close
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front elevation

District Council Refusals:

W/13/01671/PN MR. D. BENT, Redrow Homes Midlands, land between Springfield Lane and
Averill Close
Erection of seventy dwellings incorporating vehicular access from Averill
Close, earthworks to facilitate surface water and foul water drainage,
landscaping, car parking and other ancillary and enabling works
W/13/02463/PN MR. B. WRIGHT, Wrights of Campden, Fish Hill Quarry, Fish Hill
Change of use of existing building to import stone for manufacture. Proposal
also seeks to extend the front of the building by 7m.

(9) SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS/RECEIPTS from 08:01:14 to 04:03:14

<i>Payments:</i>	verified by the Clerk together with two nominated signatories	<i>net of VAT</i>
Worcestershire County Council / pension contribution		463.11
Unicom / telephone-internet		52.66
Broadway Cricket Club / grant		1,500.00
Broadway Bowling Club / grant		1,500.00
Giffords Recycling Limited / activity park maintenance		313.00
Grassroots Garden Services / activity park maintenance		48.00
Society of Local Councils / annual subscription		165.00
DLF Trifolium / activity park maintenance		64.80
Cotswold Security / security contract		89.00
Maurice Parkinson, Lengthsman / general maintenance		20.00
Maurice Parkinson, Lengthsman / activity park maintenance		150.00
Maurice Parkinson / lengthsman scheme		290.00
K. Beasley / Clerk's salary / January		1,211.01
G. A. Tomkins / Asst. Clerk's salary - January		513.70
Broadway Arts Festival / grant		3,500.00
Worcestershire County Council / pension contribution		429.15
Unicom / telephone-internet		57.04
Scribe 2000 Limited / computer licence		245.00
Grassroots Garden Services / activity park maintenance		48.00
Edenvale Young Associates / flood risk review		1,800.00
The Play Inspection Company / quarterly activity park operational inspection		100.00
Maurice Parkinson / lengthsman scheme		132.00
Worcestershire County Council / village signage		2,150.00
Severn Trent Water / office water		62.50
Worcestershire County Council / salt for grit bins		90.00
E-on - office electricity		299.07
Teal Turf / activity park maintenance		288.71
E-on - village green electricity		105.26
K. Beasley / Clerk's salary / February		1,211.01
G. A. Tomkins / Asst. Clerk's salary - February		440.10
Colwyn Thomas / activity park maintenance		87.50
Wychavon District Council / office service charge		201.33
Birmingham PAT Testing / PAT testing		65.20
<i>Receipts:</i>		
Lloyds Bank / gross interest		5.58
Signpost / contribution to office alarm system		67.87
G4S Integrated Service / donation re activity park		900.00
Lloyds Bank / gross interest		6.50
Worcestershire County Council / lengthsman scheme		290.00

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

Councillor Mrs. Stephenson commented that several diversion signs had recently been erected in the village, but felt that motorists required more information from these signs as to the exact location for example. The Clerk was instructed to contact Highways to discuss this matter further.

Councillor Mrs. Rogers reported that the water which accumulates in the field next to Burhill Farm, West End, was now finding its way onto the road causing damage to the surface. The Clerk would report this matter to Highways.

Councillors Mrs. Wilson and Robinson both raised concerns regarding the cobbled area on the footpath between the Swan Hotel and the car park as it was felt that the uneven surface may cause pedestrians to trip and should be smoothed over. After a vote it was agreed to write to County Councillor Mrs. Eyre requesting that the minor highways repair fund be used to carry out this work.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 7.50 pm and opened the PUBLIC INFORMATION SESSION:

Regarding the article concerning the allocation of funds for the New Homes Bonus, Mrs. Debbie Williamson asked how alternative suggestions made by residents were being dealt with. The Clerk replied that the question in the article asked that if the first allocation of £68,000 could be used for the flood alleviation scheme, and if residents did not agree with this, what else should it be used for. If the majority was in favour of using the funding for the flood alleviation scheme, the suggestions for alternative use could be considered for the next tranche of funding available.

Mr. Langston from Mill Avenue asked is there was a plan 'B' should the flood alleviation scheme not go ahead, and County Councillor Mrs. Eyre stated that it was decided that this was the most appropriate scheme following the consultation process when all other schemes were fully discussed and modelled, etc.

The Chairman finally closed the meeting at 8.00 pm

Date /Time Next Meeting: Thursday, 15th May 2014, at 7.00 pm
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Broadway Parish Council Report County and District - Councillor Liz Eyre March 2014

Tight financial constraints

We have put in place a strong Medium Term Financial Plan which invests in services including the mitigation of highway flooding. We have added 1.5m to the budget for this purpose. The 1.94 per cent council tax rise, adding an extra £19.88 on a band D household, has been used to support children's social care.

Proposed cuts focus on back office: management roles, more use of volunteers/outside bodies, better use of property etc.

Doing things differently: commissioning

Reducing overlap by aligning services

Some proposals are still being bottomed out e.g. cuts to bus services. Of course the challenges of the County's budget have to be set against the demands of central government and the current and future demands of our demography and the local social issues.

LOCAL HIGHWAY AND FLOODING ISSUES

Flooding

Extra £1.5m for flood defences despite the budget pressures. More money is being found to help protect Worcestershire from floods - with £1.5 million up for grabs for new schemes. The county council, which has invested £12.5 million in defences and other alleviation measures since the catastrophic flooding of 2007, but despite massive budget pressures, flooding protection must remain of importance. The £12.5 million had been spent on around 700 different projects, quite a number in Broadway:

North of the bypass roundabout
Wells Garden Leamington Road
Sandcroft Avenue
Leamington Road Shear House car park to opposite the catholic school
Half the High Street rest to be done
Snowhill Road

but there is more to do, to reduce flooding.

The major Badsey Brook scheme is moving forward to planning and there is a consultation around the use of some New Homes Bonus to support the 30k raised by residents.

The number of changes have taken place in respect of the culvert at the top of the High Street; removing logs and pipes, making an entrance that is easier for the length and to keep clean, opening up a new manhole - further work to be done.

Highways

The Oct 13 request to the Parish Cllrs - to rank small pieces of highway work needed - is still awaiting a response. I have a request for footway repairs in Wickhamford but nothing else.

Carriage way and footway repairs - delegated budget 2013/14 and 14/15

I have around £1890 to spend this year and next. Could the parish council please identify and prioritise its small areas needing work in the light of the information below?

- footway reconstruction to 100m 'depth' - 50 sq. m costs around £1700

- footway reconstruction to 250m depth - 50sq m costs around £1890
- carriageway reconstruction to 100m depth - 95sq m costs around £1700
- Carriageway reconstruction to 650m depth - 65 sq. m costs around £1700.

Issues

Loss of car park/ toilet attendant- clerk to update

Station road yellow lines - coming -more to do around informing people about car parking deals - monthly/ annual

Colletts Field question re new little bit of foot way

Signage making smarter and appropriate

Looking for more car parking

Arrangements for use of highway for tables/ chairs - licences being processed

Fire station - looks as if ok for the moment

I have also asked officers for the planned works schedule for my Division.

A major new bid to improve Worcestershire's "terrible" **railway links** is kicking off - with the county council preparing a fresh attempt to get the Cotswold Line dual-tracked from Worcester to Oxford. We want afresh dialogue with the Department for Transport, operators and Network Rail over dualling the route to tap into services bypassing the county

Parkway plans

The County Council is to lead on a planning application for the [Worcester] parkway station [at Norton] in 15/16. The Parkway is recognised as being a strategic need. It will be a key matter for the CC and Local Enterprise Partnership in its plans

Superfast Broadband for my Division – please see the hand-out sent earlier by the clerk

Premises will get some coverage in the following areas during Phase 1: Sedgeberrow; Charlton; Fladbury; Hinton on the Green and Wickhamford.

My Division can, it appears, expect large swathes to be covered by additional superfast fibre infrastructure during Phase One of the Eight Phase Programme running up to 2016. It appears that only Aston Somerville may not benefit from fibre at this stage. 13 additional cabinets will be enabled with fibre in Broadway and Cropthorne during phase 1 of the programme (which will be available for local residents and businesses to connect during July – September 2014.) Customers can order the fibre from 3 months before this is deployed.

The web-site link below will take you to the interactive maps and post code checker(s).
<http://www.superfastworcestershire.com/when-and-where>

Premise level detail is not being provided at this stage as surveying work may determine that some premises will need to be a little later in the programme and some a little sooner. The County Hall team are happy to take individual enquiries from local residents and businesses and give them a feel for the what, when and how and can also include their names and contact details on the customer database so that people can stay informed. They might if requested come and meet your constituents at a

future meeting or arrange for BT to come along to give more detail now as the programme progresses.

Planning - clerk to update if questions

Other areas

Children and Families

The Early Help Programme make sure:

- Help is there when parents, children and young people need it nipping problems in the bud
- Try to find a way forward that is right for everyone – there is a choice of help and it will be easy to access
- Put Families are at the centre of everything we do – they will only have to tell us their story once.

Worcestershire's advice line for families and professionals has received more than 3,500 calls in less than a year.

Recent improvements will ensure families can access the support they need quickly and easily.

Social Care

Residents concerned about the safety of a child or young person are being urged to contact a special centre set up by the county council on **0845 607 2000**. The authority's children's access centre is the first port of call for anyone concerned about a youngster, unless there are fears for their immediate safety in which case ring the police on 999

Education: Our Schools are getting an extra £5 million is being handed to Worcestershire's schools as the Government came good on its fairer funding promise It's a good step towards a fairer funding process for schools. There is no doubt that Rural Schools were losing out under the current education funding formula.

Foster homes shortage. Foster carers in Worcestershire play a vital role in protecting, nurturing and developing our looked after children and we'd encourage everyone to consider whether they might have something to offer.

Llanrug - The future of a troubled outdoor education centre has been secured after owners Worcestershire County Council appointed a new provider for the service. The County Council had entered talks with a potential new provider for Llanrug Outdoor Education Centre after it was in danger of closing down when the authority's cabinet asked private companies to bid to take over the site. The centre has helped young people in Worcestershire for more than 30 years and offers them a unique learning experience away from home with activities including climbing, hill walking, canoeing, kayaking and more...

Older and vulnerable

5,000 responses were received re the **'Future Lives' proposals** which stand to impact on the 10,000 people that the council's performance data indicated received support. A **£3m pot was set aside** to help support vulnerable people across Worcestershire help with a 'transitional fund' for organisations.

New Chief Executive:

Our Assistant Chief Executive has been recruited to the post of Chief Executive. She will bring a wealth of knowledge from her previous extensive experience in the commercial sector, her national role in the NHS and the four years at Council. She has been pivotal in ensuring we rise to the challenge of change in a way which is driven by the views of residents, communities, businesses and partners delivering savings, protecting the most vulnerable and supporting investment for the future.

Buildings sell-off is given go-ahead A mass sell-off of buildings in Worcestershire has been given the green light in the hope it can generate £118 million for front line services

Superfast Worcestershire – Delivering Faster Broadband Councillor Briefing – February 2014 (Councillor Liz Eyre – Broadway division)

Overview

This briefing is designed to provide an update on the progress and achievements of the County's Broadband programme 'Superfast Worcestershire' in your division since Worcestershire County Council signed a £20 million deal with BT in August 2013 to provide Superfast Broadband to over 90% of residential and 90% of business premises as well as a minimum speed of 2Mbps for 100% of the county.

Please do not hesitate to contact our cabinet members who are leading on this programme for more information: Cllr Simon Geraghty and Cllr John Campion. The County's Broadband programme team is also available by emailing superfast@worcestershire.gov.uk or calling 01905 765389.

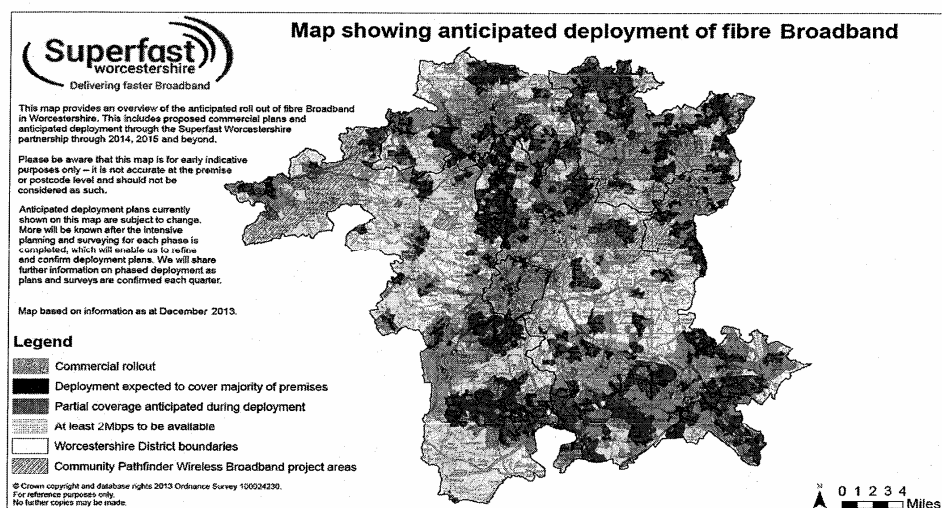
Worcestershire County Council's £20 million deal that was signed on August 5 2013 with BT will bring superfast broadband to nearly 55,000 rural homes and businesses. Superfast Worcestershire builds on BT's commercial fibre rollout which will reach more than 176,000 premises across the county by the end of Spring 2014 and other communication providers.

Worcestershire County Council have confidence that high-speed fibre broadband will be rolled out to more than 90 per cent of Worcestershire premises and that specifically 90% of business premises will be connected to fibre infrastructure. In addition 100% of the premises in the programme will have access to a minimum of 2Mbps within the next three years, as a result of the partnership.

Worcestershire County Council has contributed up to £8.5 million, with an additional £3.35 million coming from the Government's Broadband Delivery UK (BDUK) funds. BT is also contributing £8.9 million towards the overall cost of the Superfast Worcestershire deployment.

Details of 'Superfast Worcestershire'

Anticipated deployment of fibre Broadband across Worcestershire.



What does it mean for your electoral division?

An early indicative map was shared with the public in September 2013 (above), and a revised map (inset) was released on 27 January 2014 to illustrate the anticipated deployment, recognising it is possible this may change through deployment as results of the detailed surveys become known.



- Broadway – 8 cabinets in Phase 1
- Crophthorne – 5 cabinets in Phase 1
- Childswickham – Phase to be confirmed
- Aston Somerville – Not currently in-scope for fibre coverage.
- Sedgeberrow – At least some premises in Phase 1 and further premises in a later Phase
- Charlton – At least some premises in Phase 1
- Fladbury – At least some premises in Phase 1
- Hinton on the Green – At least some premises in Phase 1
- Wickhamford CP – At least some premises in Phase 1

As demonstrated on the above inset, it appears that majority of your electoral division can expect at least a partial coverage (dark pink colour above), with a number of areas benefiting from a majority of premises being fibre enabled (purple). Based on the above it appears that currently only Aston Somerville may not benefit from fibre technology, however we are continually exploring options to further increase the anticipated coverage.

There will be a number of phases to the deployment over a period of 2/3 years. The initial phase has recently been announced and further phases are currently being discussed. Phase one infrastructure is expected to be built and ready for customers to be connected through the spring and summer of 2014 (April 14 until September 14). Phase two is expected to commence in October 2014. Subsequent phases will follow in 2015 and 2016. We anticipate that Phase one and phase two will pass over 20,000 premises across Worcestershire

Going further in Worcestershire

Worcestershire County Council's innovative £700,000 Community Pathfinder Project alongside commercial partner Airband has already connected over 440 rural homes and businesses with orders continuing to be placed since the first connections 'going live' in March 2013. The project has enabled faster connections in the following rural Worcestershire communities:

- Little Witley Parish.
- The North-West Malvern Parish Consortium comprising the parishes of: **Bockleton, Kyre, Hanley, Rochford, Eastham, Lindridge, Mable and Bayton.**
- Redditch comprising the parishes of: **Tibberton, Crowle, part of Hanbury, Stock and Bradley and Feckenham** due to the work of local residents who make up 'the Redditch Travel Arc Consortium'.

Within the Programme Office current investigations are taking place into the availability of further funding opportunities such as the Defra Rural Communities Broadband Fund and BDUK's Superfast Extension Programme. Discussions with neighbouring authorities have already taken place to discuss Cross Border deployment.

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