

*MINUTES
of MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL
held at 5 Russell Square, High Street, Broadway,
on Thursday, 16th March, at 7.00 pm*

PRESENT: Councillor B. M. Parmenter (Chairman), Councillors D. W. Folkes (Vice-Chairman), G. J. Franks, Ms. D. Hardiman, A. Holmes, G. Love, G. O'Brien, N. Robinson, Mrs. R. Rogers, Mrs. S. Stephenson, Mrs. C.C.B. Wilson

Also in attendance: County and District Councillor Mrs. Eyre, Broadway Trust

- (1) APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: District Councillor B. Thomas, Councillors Dr. Clements, F. L. Penny, Broadway Traders, West Mercia Police,
- (2) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None

(3) POLICE REPORT:

PC Lewis and CSO Schoenrock were unable to attend but had sent the following report -

Since the last meeting the Police had received eighty six calls from members of the public and residents in the Broadway area resulting in the following offences being recorded - two burglaries of dwellings, burglary of commercial building, four assaults, one theft from motor vehicle and one case of interference with a motor vehicle. The remainder of the calls related to concerns for welfare, non-violent domestics, road traffic collisions, suspicious circumstances, mental health issues, and civil disputes. The two dwelling burglaries were still under investigation and were believed to form part of a series occurring in surrounding neighbouring forces.

A PACT meeting was held on 28th February at the Parish Office attended by representatives from Broadway, Badsey and Wickhamford Parish Councils at which a presentation was made by Mr. Mick Simpson, of West Mercia Police, the Project Manager of 'We Don't Buy Crime'. The project enables a town or village to give each residential property the opportunity to mark their possessions free of charge with Smartwater which is a water based solution with a unique forensic code, invisible to the naked eye, and which can be analysed down to a billionth part. Street signage was erected to let would-be criminals know that if they committed crime within the town/village they were likely to (a) get caught and (b) not be able to profit from their crime, as the stolen items were marked with Smartwater. Towns/villages which adopted this scheme had seen a reduction in burglaries by over 80%, and the Town/Parish Council in partnership with the Police had made a real difference in making the town/village safer, and even enhanced community spirit. The total number of properties in Broadway was approximately one thousand, five hundred, and the cost per household would be £8.90. The total cost could be reduced as the take-up was approximately sixty to seventy per cent, and rented accommodation may be paid for or subsidised by the housing association

concerned. The total cost could, therefore, be about £7,500 to £8,000. Councillors were in agreement that this project should be further investigated.

(4) MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 19:01:17

Proposed by Councillor Folkes, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Stephenson, the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 19th January 2017 were unanimously approved by those present, and were duly signed and dated as a true record.

MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 24:01:17 (additional meeting re Flood Alleviation Scheme)

Proposed by Councillor Mrs. Wilson, seconded by Councillor Franks, the minutes of this additional meeting held on 24th January 2017 were unanimously approved by those present and were duly signed and dated as a true record.

(5) COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORTS:

Reports from Councillors Thomas and Mrs. Eyre had been circulated to all councillors copies of which were available on the website and in the parish office. Councillor Mrs. Eyre highlighted the following matters:

The Boundary Commission for England had recently carried out a consultation on initial proposals for new Parliamentary constituency boundaries, and the next stage would be to consider all representations and then consider whether any revisions were needed.

Local issues included Severn Trent plans regarding sewer flooding, Badsey Brook Flood Alleviation Scheme including the major part played by Mr Anthony Perry of the Environment Agency in achieving this project for Broadway and the surrounding areas, issues relating to Ledons Park, and local highways matters/concerns.

Councillor Mrs. Eyre added that since the report had been circulated a consultation had begun on the future of Acute Services in Worcestershire, and explained the concerns regarding services being centralised at Worcester Hospital and the lack of transport links for local residents attending and/or visiting relatives etc. Paper copies of the consultation were available at the parish office.

There were no further questions/comments from councillors in relation to Councillor Eyre's report.

Councillor Mrs. Eyre then gave a brief summary of the proposed response to the Local Transport Plan (LTP4) which is a document which provides the hooks for the setting of policies, and the creation of a network management plan, and would allow the County Council and partners to work together to find solutions for certain priorities and to bid for funding. Transport projects/proposals were very expensive and strong business cases must be presented. Where a proposal or an aspect of transport needs is not mentioned within this plan it is highly unlikely that such a project would be considered. Regarding items for Broadway it was proposed to amend the wording in relation to the Visitor Access Improvement from "better managed on-street parking in this historic protected village centre" to "provide more visitor parking in proximity to the historic village and facilitate accessibility to this historic centre". The proposed upgrade of the A46 to an expressway was welcomed but there were local concerns regarding safety issues at the Hinton crossroads and at the entrance to Aston Somerville which need to be taken into account. The Parish Council was agreeable to support the response of Councillor Mrs. Eyre to the consultation and the Clerk was instructed to write to the County Council.

(6) CLERK'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE:

The County Council had forwarded details of the 2017/2018 Lengthsman Scheme and confirmed that the budget for the period 1st April 2017 to 31st March 2018 would be £2,212.00. The new contract had been duly signed and returned to the County Council, and a copy had also been sent to the Parish Lengthsman, Maurice Parkinson.

The new grit bin was now installed at the entrance to Lifford Gardens.

The latest issue of the Friends of Broadway Station Newsletter had been received with copies circulated to all councillors. Further copies were available in the Parish Office.

Members of the Parish Council were invited to attend an open evening at Broadway Bowling Club on Wednesday, 17 May, between 6.30 pm and 8.00 pm. Cheese and wine would be provided, together with an opportunity to participate in lawn green bowling for those who wished to do so.

The Nomads Community Bus, a seventeen seater Ford Transit with tail lift and the facility to secure wheelchair users in transit, was now in operation. The local groups who worked to secure the bus would prove out the operating systems and hoped to invite other groups to join in. The service was for local people in order to access activities to improve their wellbeing, and each member group had arranged its own unpaid drivers. The groups had raised enough funds to operate for one year and funding would then be needed to continue beyond March 2018. Anyone who would like further information, or would like to assist with funding, should contact Mr. Mark Pickering on 07949 296738 or email: markp.broadwayurc@outlook.com

The latest issue of the Badsey Brook Flood Risk Management Scheme had been circulated to all councillors, and further copies were available in the Parish Office.

At the previous Parish Council meeting the Clerk was asked to investigate the costs etc. of providing white gates at the entrances to the village. The Clerk met with Mr. Gerry Brienza, County Council Senior Highways Liaison Engineer, to discuss the matter further who confirmed that timber gates were not acceptable, and gave examples of two approved village gate suppliers - Vinyl Fencing Limited who produce lightweight hollow plastic white gates at a cost of £160 per set of gates, and JACS UK Limited who produce a much more substantial recycled plastic gate, made to look like wood, at a cost of £650 per set of gates. Installation costs would also need to be factored in. Councillor Mrs. Eyre had agreed to share her Locally Determined Fund monies between all seven of her parish councils who had chosen to install white village gates, which equated to £678.57 per parish. After discussion, the quotation from Vinyl Fencing Limited was deemed to be more appropriate as these gates would be easier to clean. It was proposed by Councillor Mrs. Wilson, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Rogers, and unanimously agreed to accept this quotation subject to visual approval by the planning committee. If the planning committee was agreeable the Clerk would arrange a meeting with the County Council to confirm locations and number of gates required.

The County Council had received an application to add a public footpath to the Definitive Map and Statement from Springfield Lane to Station Road, and had decided that a Modification Order should not be made. After discussion it was agreed to discuss this matter more fully at the next planning meeting.

Following the presentation by Mr. Michael Gordon-Smith regarding the Motor Neurone Association, and the decision of the Parish Council to adopt its charter, a certificate had been issued and displayed in the Parish Council office.

The quarterly playground inspection had been carried out with no major risks identified. A copy of the report has been forwarded to Mr. John Hankinson to undertake any necessary work required therein. A copy of the report was available for reading in the Parish Council office.

As previously agreed the Parish Council was to support the Safety Guide Scheme, and copies of the Child Safety Awareness Guide had been forwarded to both village schools, highlighting road safety, bullying and staying safe online.

Rooftop Housing Group, the developer of the land off Kingsdale Court, had suggested the name 'Kingsdale Gardens' as the street name for the new road on the development. The Parish Council raised no objections to the suggested name but queried whether the residents of Kingsdale Court had been consulted. The Clerk was instructed to raise this matter with Rooftop.

The Post Office had notified the Parish Council of the proposed move from its present location in ShopWright to its new location in Budgens. The move would provide the majority of post office services from two tills, and longer hours (7.00am to 9.00pm Monday to Saturday and 8.00am to 9.00pm Sunday). There was a six week consultation period which would end on 29th March. Concerns were raised regarding the location within the store, particularly with regard to the size of the area provided and security and privacy issues. The Clerk would discuss these concerns with the local manager of Budgens and report back accordingly.

(7) REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND GROUPS:

Visitor Management Group:

A meeting was held on Monday, 6th March, at the Parish Council office. The Chairman, Mr. Chris. Brooks, welcomed Mr. Michael Allchin, a Chipping Campden Town Councillor and member of the Chipping Campden Business Forum, who hoped to develop links with Broadway through such groups as the Visitor Management. Events for 2017 were discussed, and confirmed at the moment were the Horticultural Show, the Food Festival, and Late Night Shopping event.

A funding application had been received from the Gordon Russell Design Museum to incorporate a name change on the outside of the building, and it was agreed that this could be funded subject to the appropriate planning approval.

It was agreed to undertake another public realm signage audit to include maps and information, and representatives from the District and Parish Councils, together with other interested parties, would be invited to attend. A-boards and shop signage would not be included in these discussions, but Councillor Love would write a paper to support the Business Association in this matter with particular emphasis on new businesses.

The next meeting would take place on Monday, 5th June, at the Parish Office, commencing at 10.00 am.

Business Association:

Councillor Mrs. Rogers attended a meeting of Broadway Business Association on 6th March and gave a brief report. The AGM will be held on Tuesday 25th April (date to be confirmed) and the Business Association committee had requested a meeting with the Parish Council and Broadway Trust to discuss/resolve any misunderstandings regarding the hiring of the village greens.

Neighbourhood Plan Group:

A meeting was held on Monday, 6th February, at the Parish Office, at which the chairman, Councillor Franks, gave a brief summary of a meeting held at the District Council offices with Mr. Andy Ford, when information was given on the availability of funding and the need for professional help from both the District Council and independent experts and bodies. A list of suggested contacts was made available to the Group. It was suggested that a draft copy of the proposed plan be prepared by the end of 2017 which, taking into account all the statutory consultation work, would mean that an approved plan could be agreed by 2019.

Two subsequent meetings were organised to meet Mr. Neil Pearce of Avon Planning, Mr. Simon Purfield of Stratford District Council, and Mrs. Margaret Wilkinson of Planning for Real, to ascertain how each one could help with the plan, and it was agreed that each party should submit proposals and costs.

The estimated maximum overall cost of producing the Neighbourhood Plan would be £30,000 with grants available to cover half this cost. Proposed by Councillor Robinson, seconded by Councillor Miss Hardiman, it was unanimously agreed to fund the balance.

The next meeting had been arranged for Monday, 20th March, at 10.00 am, in the Parish Office.

(8) PLANNING:**Parish Council comments:****MEETING: 06:02:17**

Application W/16/03051/LB

COUNCILLOR EYRE, Tudor House, 65 High Street
New sign across front of building in two parts (4.75 + 3.55m wide)
replacement of existing sign to right of entrance and replacing two
existing hanging signs

The Parish Council fully supports the development of the museum and the proposed changes to ensure it is more about Broadway, but wish to make the following comments – it is felt that the lettering is too large on the new proposed signage across the front of the building and that the style of lettering should be more in keeping with the character and historical importance of the building. In accordance with the new shop front guidelines there should be only one hanging sign.

MEETING: 13:02:17

Application W/17/00059/HP

MR. & MRS. N & J WHITE, 8 Colletts Gardens
Proposed single storey extension

The Parish Council raised no objections to this application

Application W/16/03010/LB

MR. GLEAVE, Sargent House, Lower Green
Change of Use of stone barn to form holiday let

The Parish Council raised no objections to this application but would like a condition applied that the existing stone be re-used as much as possible

- Application W/17/00180/CU **MR. O. GLEAVE**, Sargent House, Lower Green
Conversion of existing single storey barn to holiday let – as approved W/15/03236/CU but without compliance with Conditions Nos. 5 and 9 (to amend approved plans and requirements relating to stone walls)
- The Parish council raised no objections to this application
- Application W/17/00072/LB **MR. T. IOMMI**, Pear Tree House, 111 High Street
Installation of internal stabilising members to west gable first floor to roof. Works entail remedial ties to stabilise the debonded sections of the gable wall and restrain post as sketch details.
- The Parish council raised no objections to this application
- MEETING: 06:03:17**
- Application W/17/00147/HP **MR. I. RUSSEL**, 12 Flecco Road
New single storey kitchen wing and minor alterations, plus triangular flat roof junction
- The Parish council raised no objections to this application
- Application W/17/00179/HP **MR. & MRS. M. TRIPP**, Little Orchard, Springfield Lane
Alter driveway entrance and build dry stone wall
- The Parish council raised no objections to this application
- Application W/17/00232/LB **MR. & MRS. SUMMERFIELD**, HSBC Bank, 53 High Street
Change of use from bank to shop (A1).
Stud partition to ground floor to direct access to existing flat above. Removal of external stair access to flat above ground floor. New door to courtyard. New extension and link to proposed orangery at first floor on top of ground floor. Removal of cash machine and internal partitions to bank.
- The Parish council raised no objections to this application
- Application W/17/00003/PP **MR. & MRS. M. BAKER**, Masty House, Evesham Road
Proposed link extension, alterations and detached garage
- The Parish council raised no objections to this application
- Application W/17/00337/LB **LONDON & REGIONAL PROPERTIES LTD**, Lygon Arms, 28 High Street
Bathroom extract fans to rooms 15,17,20,33 & 35
- The Parish council raised no objections to this application
- Wychavon Approvals:**
- Application W/16/02959/LB **Lygon Arms, 28 High Street**
Internal works to form bathrooms to Rooms 43 and 11 at the Lygon Arms Hotel
- Application W/16/02813/LB **Mr. Patel**, Swallow Cottage n/o Halfway House, 89 High Street
Single storey side extension.
- Applications W/16/02796/PP and W/16/02797/LB **Mr. R. Dudley**, Luggers Hall, Springfield Lane
Repairs to roof lantern. Provide 5000L diesel storage tank. Replace velux roof light with dormer window
- Application W/16/02743/LB **Mr. & Mrs. G. Court**, Malt House, 131a High Street
Replacement rear door
- Application W/16/02795/PN **Style & Codrington Families**, land adj. Springfield Cottage, Springfield Lane
Erection of five dwellings with landscaping, vehicular access and associated works as approved under permission W/16/02100/PN but without compliance with Condition 1 (to amend list of approved drawings and design of house on plots 4 and 5)

Application W/16/02631/PN Mr. & Mrs. Rawcliffe, Cotsall House, 11 Leamington Road
Erection of two-storey detached dwelling, including vehicular access
from Leamington Road and all other associated site works

Wychavon Refusal:

Application W/16/02746/LB Mr. Beale, Trinity House Paintings, Unit 1 Russell Square, High Street
Retrospective consent for advertising sign, lighting and CCTV camera domes

(9) SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS/RECEIPTS: from 01:01:17 to 28:02:17

<i>Payments:</i>	verified by the Clerk together with two nominated signatories	<i>net of VAT</i>
Wychavon District Council / Refuse Collection Bin		168.50
Worcestershire County Council / Pension Contribution		474.28
Unicom / Monthly Telephone and Internet		54.61
Association Local Council Clerks / Annual Subscription		10.00
Society of Local Council Clerks / Annual Subscription		167.00
Grassroots Garden Services / Activity Park Maintenance		36.00
EBC Group Ltd / Photocopier Charges		26.13
Tudor House Broadway / Grant		2000.00
Broadway History Society / Community Award Grant		100.00
Smart Cut Ltd / Mowing Contract		344.00
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ProCom Services / Computer Security		246.65
K. Beasley / Clerk's Salary – January		1,253.29
G. A. Tomkins / Assistant Clerk's Salary – January		419.37
Worcestershire County Council / Pension Contribution		474.28
Unicom / Monthly Telephone and Internet		68.14
Maunice Parkinson / Lengthsman Scheme		165.00
Cotswold Security Ltd / Office Security		89.00
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C Thomas / Activity Park Maintenance		262.50
Wychavon Sport / Parish Games Sponsorship		50.00
Scribe 2000 Ltd / Computer Licence		347.00
Grassroots Garden Services / Activity Park Maintenance		48.00
R J Agricultural Services / Millennium Garden Maintenance		100.00
K. Beasley / Clerk's Salary – February		1,253.09
G. A. Tomkins / Assistant Clerk's Salary February		419.37
E-on / Office Electricity		307.99
E-on / Village Green Electricity		239.09
Severn Trent Water / Office Water Charges		91.87
<i>Receipts:</i>		
Lloyds Bank / gross interest		4.22
Worcestershire County Council / Grant re Flood Alleviation Scheme		5000.00
Lloyds Bank / gross interest		3.88
Worcestershire County Council / Grant re Dog Waste Bins		732.50
Worcestershire County Council / Lengthsman scheme		165.00

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

Councillor Mrs. Stephenson again asked for any update on the mud/stones on Childswickham Road particularly near to the bottom of Pennylands Bank. The Clerk reported that the matter had been referred to both the County and District Councils but was still awaiting action. Councillor Mrs. Eyre stated that the landowner concerned was legally obliged to ensure that the road surface was cleaned and this should be enforced. The Clerk would pursue this matter further and report back accordingly.

Councillor Mrs. Rogers was disappointed that only two businesses, Cotswold Trading and the Lygon Arms, had participated in the Cotswold Hare Trail, and hoped that next year more businesses, including the Parish Council, would take part as it is a beneficial way to attract visitors.

Councillor O'Brien reported that the post box in Cheltenham Road had still not been repainted and was in a poor state. The Clerk would contact the Post Office to ensure that it was included in their maintenance programme.

Councillor Love queried the timescale regarding issuing of the Minutes. The Clerk would investigate this matter further and report back accordingly. Councillor Love also requested that when a request was received for funding/budgeting a detailed breakdown of costs/projections etc. was forwarded to all councillors in advance of meetings.

Councillor Miss Hardiman raised concerns in connection with building work being undertaken along Station Road, Leamington Road and Kingsdale Court, particularly regarding parking and the unsatisfactory state of the roads and pavements. Councillor Mrs. Eyre replied that these matters should be reported to Highways/Planning and asked to be kept informed.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.10 pm and opened the PUBLIC INFORMATION SESSION:

As there were no questions from the public the Chairman finally closed the meeting at 8.10 pm

*Date /Time Next Meeting: 18th May 2017, at 7.00 pm
(Annual Meeting of the Parish Council)*

Cllr LIZ EYRE Broadway COUNTY and DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT, March 2017

The County Council is about to move into the purdah period. As a result of this activity in terms of Council meetings is focussed on the induction for the new council post elections 4th May

Key activities are

- Response to the LTP4 consultation – **see copy attached – any further points?**
- Improving scrutiny and feeding into a DCLG enquiry re Scrutiny
- Parkway contractor chosen

The Boundary Commission for England

It has recently carried out a consultation on initial proposals for new Parliamentary constituency boundaries. Nearly 20,000 responses were received as part of the consultation.

The next stage of the review will see all those representations published, which will take place on Tuesday, 28 February 2017. People will then have four weeks to comment on them, with the deadline for responses Monday 27 March 2017.

All representations will be published on the commission's website at www.bce2018.org.uk. The commission would like to encourage people to take the time to see what others have said about the initial proposals, and add their views. Following the secondary consultation, the commission will be considering all representations received from both consultations, and will consider whether any revisions are needed. If they decide to revise the proposals, they will consult on the revised boundaries. Any such consultation will happen towards the end of 2017, or in early 2018. For more information on this please contact Elaine Dicks, Deputy Returning Officer and Electoral Services Manager on 01386 565162 or email elaine.dicks@wychavon.gov.uk.

Local issues

Drain cover – Both Matt Maginnis and Mark Morris are away this week. Last I heard they were going to change footway design to encompass the drain with lid that helped if pressure built up to take drain out of the road system as a temporary solution.

Leedons

- **Bonfires on site** are carried out by staff that have a specific permit from the EA to burn brash and wood to do so and should only be burning when the wind is blowing away from Childswickam. Residents are not permitted to have bonfires.
- **Removal of hedge** - They specialist started two/three years ago and are working their way down each winter when the birds are not nesting. This is the third tranche of removal and replacement.
- **Street lights** are standard brightness. Lamps have a fully blackened top to avoid light pollution.

Everything appears to have relevant permissions

Severn Trent

I am seeking regular updates for the parish council on the 2 year capital modelling and planning re sewer flooding.

Badsey Brook Scheme

- Partnership funding agreements are in place. 2 million of Government Grant in Aid funding, is secured enabling the scheme construction to begin. The Environment Agency's English Severn and Wye Regional Flood and Coastal Committee have contributed over £1 million. Worcestershire County Council and Wychavon District Council are contributing £555,000 and the local parishes have raised £312,000. (by the end of the process)
- Detailed archaeological investigations, part funded by Worcestershire County Council, are now nearly completed.
- Specialist contactors are currently on site carrying out tree clearance in preparation for the main flood scheme works.
- Construction will start this summer on this now £4 million flood storage area which will be able to hold up to 135,000 cubic metres of water during times of flood and will only allow a set amount of water to flow downstream at times of intense and high rainfall, reducing flood risk along the Badsey Brook downstream of Broadway.

A long haul but it shows how perseverance has achieved this outcome.

4. White Gates

I understand that you are as most other parish council in my division (7) buying the cheaper white gates which will be easier to clean. Gerry Brienza has had conversations about locations so I have passed to your parish a share of my Locally Determined Fund monies to pay for the installation of the white village gates. This equates to £678.57. Please note if there are any monies remaining after the purchase of the village gates this should be used to supplement the lengthsmen scheme.

Other issues on going

- GWR and Bridge damage – again the bridge has been hit. The County Council have given advice on what might work. It works at Burcot near Bromsgrove. It costs in total around 17k. but is cheaper than a more sophisticated system which costs 40 k plus vat
- Seat needed near where R4 bus stops: corner off Sandcroft/ Sheldon Avenue
- Parking for the chemist requested
- Pennylands bank – drainage problems – seems to be a spring. Not always present.
- Leamington Road ditch clearance – request made to WCC follow up needed
- Cheltenham Road – speeding – Markings done, surface lows and give ways, retraced 30mph Signs ordered 6/9, roundel, gateways, give way signs 29/9
- Lifford Gardens yellow lines ordered – in first quarter but objection delaying process
- Gravels – 1450 sq. feet have been measured. To make affordable not pavement slabs, kerbing stone, car bays – not Lygon area. Either plane to 30ml if ok to do so or new

surface – brown material as before but better quality. Replace bollards for better ones.
Cost 100-150 k hoping to get in LPT4 so lots of responses to consultation saying public realm needs upgrading. Only one person so far.

- **Developer damage**
 - Footway Leamington Road opposite spitfire devpt
 - Trees and hedges being investigated

Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (As Amended)

(Footpath BY-545, Broadway)(Temporary Closure Order) 2017

The Council intend, not less than seven days from the date of this Notice, to make an Order the effect of which is to close Footpath BY-545, Broadway for its entire length in order to facilitate flood alleviation works.

Exemptions: to permit access to any land or premises having a frontage to the highway affected where there is no other form of access; and to allow the necessary works to be undertaken.

Alternative route: B4632 Cheltenham Road, U45402 West End Lane, Footpath BY-574, Broadway and vice versa.

The proposed Order will continue in force for a period not exceeding **6 months** or until the works which it is proposed to be carried out have been completed, whichever is the earlier. However, it is anticipated that the Order will only be operative for **6 months** commencing on **27 March 2017**.

Speeding again Station Road

Latest economic summary

The February 2017 edition of the Worcestershire Monthly County Economic Summary has been published. The claimant count for those aged 18-64 has decreased in Wychavon by 10 since last month and currently stands at 635. This is a decrease of 40 from 12 months ago. The claimant count rate is 0.9% of the 16-64 population. This is the lowest across Worcestershire (Worcestershire 1.2%, West Midlands 2.3% and England 1.8%). The number of 18-24 year old claimants is 135 – a rate of 1.7% of this particular group of the population (Worcestershire 2.2%, West Midlands 3.2% and England 2.5%). This figure is down 5 from January's report and identical to the figure recorded 12 months ago

Heat mapping study

The heat mapping study Wychavon has been leading on has gained extensive coverage on BBC local radio, with a report from Farming Today (featuring a brief interview with Chris Brooks) having being filtered out to other stations. The element that seems to grab attention isn't the heat mapping but the potential for geothermal heat in South Worcestershire.

Follow this link to get to the Farming Today report –
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b08dmk49> . The clip comes in around the 3 minutes 10 seconds mark. There is also a BBC video here:
<https://www.facebook.com/bbcherefordandworcester/videos/vb.111193162286434/1404097369662667/?type=2&theater>. This features Chris Haynes, retired engineer, member of TEV and the project steering group and Chris Brooks.

Planning application No: 17/00231/FUL HSBC

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Final response to the LTP4 Consultation deadline 17th March 2017
County Councillor Liz Eyre BEM

This response is on behalf of my Broadway Division: 7500 residents in an area covering 9 South Worcestershire villages: Aston Somerville, Broadway, Charlton, Childswickham, Crophorne, Hinton, Fladbury, Sedgeberrow, and Wickhamford.

It takes into account the responses to me of individual residents in the area and the parish councils.

Part 1 is recommendations on changes amendments to the LTP4 strategy directed to officers leading on the transport strategy.

Part 2 is comments on how I as your County Councillor will work with others to seek to address points which do not fit the strategic approach of LTP4

Understanding what LTP is for

LTP4 seems to be a document that provides the hooks for the setting of policies, the creation of a network management plan and to allow the County Council and Partners to work together to find solutions for certain priorities and bid for funds. Transport projects and proposals are very expensive and strong business cases have to be presented.

Where the local transport plan 2017-30, does not mention a proposal or an aspect of transport need I feel it is very unlikely that that aspect would be addressed. However, the other side of the coin is that a proposal or point being in the Plan does not necessarily mean that proposal or aspect mentioned would go forward and be funded.

I have worked with my parish councils and individuals to present a strategic response to your consultation.

PART 1

The response to the LTP4 consultation from Broadway Division's 9 parishes (including the views of engaged individuals) in respect of the South Worcestershire package of schemes.

1. SWST5 The proposed Evesham A46 Corridor Major Upgrade – Highways England

Response: The A46 upgrade, Coventry to the A5, might be an upgrade or an entirely new route. Problems around the M5, M6, M42, indicate unless something is done there will be gridlock in that area, so the A46 project is quite likely to go ahead. The work could be commissioned in phases? Evesham to Tewkesbury is the end of the line so local changes might be a long time coming. And figures of £70 m that have been mentioned confirm that any bid, even with LEP and County Council support, would take time to materialise. Criteria and option proposals will require a great deal of community consultation.

Overall a major upgrade of the A46 would be welcome providing local concerns were taken into account. An upgrade in either form could impact positively safety and improve reliable journey times. We would like our specific concerns to be taken in to account:

a. The impact on any interim measures related to safety would most likely be put on hold whilst a large Capital bid is being progressed and work carried out. This comment is made in the context of comments from Highways England. "Unfortunately, it is not possible to address all the requirements of the network in the short term. "

We wish clear assurances that current safety issues discussed in Part 2 of this document be addressed irrespective of the A46 scoping, consultation and build period.

b. Any option closer to Bredon Hill, which is within the Cotswolds AONB, or within the setting of the Cotswold AONB would require even greater environmental impact work which could delay delivery.

We would wish options to come forward which did not impact the AONB or its setting.

c. As the local County Councillor for 3 of the immediately affected parishes Sedgeberrow, Aston Somerville and Hinton, and 4 potentially affected parishes Childswickham and Cropthorne and Fladbury and Charlton this project is of importance to the County Councillor.

We would wish, given the number parishes in the Broadway Division that potentially could be impacted by an A46 upgrade, that the County Councillor for the Broadway Division be a member of any working group being set up this summer or autumn 2017 to identify options.

d. There is concern that the upgrading of local rural route or the direction of increased traffic onto inappropriate rural routes could have unintended consequences and the creation of additional rat runs through local villages.

We would wish the inappropriate standards of neighbouring local routes, the rural nature of business in the vicinity particularly farming and equine and the need for local connectivity to be taken in to account.

e. One parish chairman asked if duelling would be sufficient as given challenges on the M5 & M42 a certain amount of traffic using that route would switch to an improved A46. Given current traffic on the A46 now, a dual carriageway could quickly become blocked.

We appreciate data collection and modelling will future proof.

2. The A44

Parishes are aware of how busy this road is particularly Fladbury residents.

- **A further look at safety and traffic management is now needed on this road.**
- **Does the LTP4 pay enough attention to the connectivity from the A44 to the new Parkway railway station?**

3. Local Road infrastructure and usage affecting the quality of life in the 9 villages

Issue 1. additional housing in Evesham and Pershore has been built with in sufficient adjustments to the infrastructure. The building has put pressure on local roads.

Issue 2. There are many rat runs around the area of

- B4084 to A44 via Cropthorne and Fladbury
- A46 to B4084 via Haselor Lane

- Certain lanes/areas in Charlton

Issue 3. Lorries and particularly large farm vehicles often use routes that were not designed for such large vehicles causing congestion, verge and road edge damage. Speeds are often excessive for road conditions. Roads impacted are:

- B4084 to A44 and vice versa through Cropthorne and Fladbury passing two first schools,
- B4078 from Winchcombe to the A46, via Sedgeberrow passing a children's playground,
- A46 to B4632 passing through Mount Pleasant and Childswickham,
- Manor Road Wickhamford.

Issue 4. Excessive speeding sometimes outside the 85 percentile is common on the following road with noted accidents not always reported to the police.

- B4084 to A44 and vice versa through Cropthorne and Fladbury passing two first schools,
- B4078 from Winchcombe to the A46 especially entering the village from Winchcombe,
- A46 to B4632 especially near the village boundary entering Childswickham ,
- Manor Road Wickhamford.
- Cheltenham Road and Station Road Broadway

The parishes ask that the County investigate and put in engineering solutions and policy changes to discourage rat runs, excessive speeds thus protecting verges, road edges and reducing vehicle damage¹ claims and the impact of speeds. The parishes do not feel speed traps are working in these areas and advisory signs are having the predicted impact.

LTP4 should fund a range of measures to bring resolve local South Worcestershire rural network issues above:

- **Physical engineering solutions to reduce traffic speeding,**
- **20mph legal implementation costs and physical signage near schools,**
- **A review of village speed limits and the position of signage based on local issues and knowledge rather than a one size fits all approach,**

4. An Active Travel network investment strategy for Evesham and the vale villages

LTP4 is not sufficiently ambitious in respect of alternative modes of transport.

Walking – key footway upgrades should be carried out where footways link to prescription walks, safer routes to school, school travel plans and access to services.

Cycling - Poor access from the Vale villages to Evesham has been noted.

- a cycleway from Evesham to Pershore, planned as far back as 1993, should now be delivered given the S106 monies that have been delivered from local housing,

¹ The current Haselor Lane upgrade, at some cost to the County, is due to the number of claims made by drivers due to damage caused to their tyres and vehicles by the road edges.

- a cycleway from Broadway to Evesham – utilising part of the footway land – enabling young people to get to the schools in Evesham and safe routes for residents for recreation. Is needed

Community bus services should be encouraged where commercial operators cannot deliver.

Key bus services – a single A& E for the County at Worcester is proposed. There should be connectivity for vale residents to the A & E.

LTP4 should refer to our ambition to promote alternative methods of transport, reduce social isolation and link to healthcare and healthy lifestyles.

5. Vale of Evesham Package

Early in the consultation I requested a number of areas that LTP might address in respect of Broadway. The responses relating to those not considered suitable for the LTP4 are given in Part 2. LTP4's current reference: **B1 Broadway Visitor Access Improvement (Experimental scheme) this scheme would better manage on street parking in the historic protected village centre.** does not address the need

Areas available for on street parking are so small

- The car park near the Swan is owned by the Broadway Trust who would not support on street parking.
- The upper part of the High Street's pale yellow lines are not in place to prevent parking for safety reasons but rather to protect the historic view which is of benefit to the economy of the village.
- The bays are few. If the disabled bays are valuable given the demographics of the village and placed near medical facilities. Other 1 hour bays were added to for quick local shopping, banking and picking up prescriptions facilitating the local economy and local residents.

To focus on on-street parking in LPT4 is a lost opportunity. The real economic issue is visitor car parking.

The alternative wording proposed is

B1 Broadway – Visitor Access Improvement LTP/LEP/WDC/Developer Schemes which provide more visitor parking in proximity to the historic village and facilitate accessibility to the historic centre

This could include a rural park and ride solution for festival days, additional car parking within walking distance, support for community bus schemes, better internal and external signage, and better methods of communicating public transport times, electric vehicle stations, and resident parking schemes that were zonal as in Gloucestershire

Early in the consultation the comment highlighting the need for additional car parking to address the reduction of car parking at Shear house and meet the needs of the visitors was poorly understood. The officer response referred to mums not visitors and indicated the issue would be raised with relevant officers at Worcestershire County Council .There is however a need for road changes near the First School see part 2.

The need for additional parking in Broadway is one centred round the economy and economic development not mums and the schools. Mum's have a 10 minute dispensation at a local car park.

POLICIES

Further policies are needed re

- Resident parking - zonal
- Electric vehicles
- Safer routes to school
- School travel plans

PART 2 NOT LTP4

A46 – safety needs – issues raised and responses to date

Safety on the A46 is very present and live concern. Whilst the A46 upgrade, potentially a larger Coventry to M5 expressway scheme, is on the table short term and much needed safety changes must not be shelved. Large capital projects take a long time to come to fruition. My experience based on the timescales of the A417 upgrade which is still to be delivered, the Hogs Back in Surrey and Stonehenge reinforce this view. The safety issues exist now. They are listed with responses to date. The local communities request responses which address the issues.

Issue 1. When mum's drive from schools in Evesham with their young children and indicate to turn into Aston Somerville occasionally they cannot turn in because large Lorries from a local distribution companies block the road. This is particularly dangerous when thundering behind them is another large lorry in their lane. A change to create a slip lane from the A46 into the road to Aston Somerville would alleviate this risk.

HE response: Widening in this location would require the existing drainage ditch to be culverted at significant cost which would be hard to justify through their governance processes.

Aston Somerville residents would wish to meet on site with HE to propose less costly options.

Issue 2. Crossing Hinton to Childswickham or Childswickham to Hinton is a very difficult route due to speeds and the bend in the Evesham direction. Several short term solutions have been suggested.

- a delayed traffic light system with priority to A 46
- a roundabout (lighting might not be an issue given HE's the work on new criteria related to lighting in view of potential energy saving and positive dark skies outcomes.) How a roundabout would impact waiting times, journey times has yet to be considered.

HE response: We are investigating the benefits of providing a pedestrian refuge at this location. I am surprised. Safety would be a real issue given the speeds of traffic at this point.

I would wish clarification as to whether the investigations do related to this crossing or a crossing nearer the football club?

Parishes especially Hinton and Aston Somerville and Childswickham expect to be fully consulted any proposals.

Issue 3 Left turn from Hinton onto the A46 is often blocked by right turning cars that cannot leave the junction. There is land which may facilitate a better left turn.

Parishes would wish this option to be explored as it would benefit drivers in the evenings and the mornings.

Issue 4. The two Sedgeberrow turns from the A46 need safety changes to facilitate safe entrance and exit particularly for mothers coming to the school.

HE response: Both junctions in this location have the required direction signing. The contractors Kier have very recently compiled a safety scoping study for this section of the A46, using collision data to highlight areas worthy of more detailed investigation. The A46/B4708 junction has been highlighted as requiring further investigation to determine if remedial measures might provide safety benefits.

I thank HE for asking Kier to bear our concerns in mind when completing their investigations. Sedgeberrow residents and the County Councillor should be able to meet with Kier on this matter.

BROADWAY

Public works to improve the gravels. **WCC response this is a maintenance issue, which will be raised with WCC Maintenance for their attention.**

Support to make a cultural shift so employees on low wages can park in a more sustainable way within the village. **WCC response: Noted not an issue for LTP4**

A crossing is needed on the Leamington Road to address the older and younger resident needs in this area. We have an additional 50 market houses and 75 care home - extra care - along this road with 2 schools and a children's centre (250 children per day) A crossing is much needed. The movements are increased due to the school and housing on the straighter stretch. The visibility criteria are met. **Response - This will be raised with the WCC Traffic Management Team for their consideration.**

Report from District Councillor Bradley Thomas - March 2017

New Homes Bonus

The Government has just confirmed that Wychavon will receive New Homes Bonus Funds to the tune of £4.3MM for the year 2016/17. This puts Wychavon in the top quartile of councils for New Homes Bonus Receipts.

Wychavon is committed to ensuring that these funds remain available to distribute to parishes for spending on provision of local amenities which will enhance the community.

As a reminder, Broadway has £176k available as per below.

New Homes Bonus grant	Paid for increases in housing stock between October	Payable from 1 April	Annual allocation	Total over four or five years**	Amount paid to date	Interest deducted	Currently available to draw down	Potential maximum balance for future years
Year 2	2010 and 2011	2012	£34,178	£170,890	£0	£0	£170,890	£0
Year 3	2011 and 2012	2013	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0
Year 4	2012 and 2013*	2014	£1,553	£6,212	£0	£0	£4,659	£1,553
Year 5	2013 and 2014*	2015	£261	£1,044	£0	£0	£522	£522
Total			£35,992	£178,146	£0	£0	£176,071	£2,075

Parking outside United Reform Church

This problem doesn't ever appear to go away, despite efforts to find a solution which will work in terms of mitigating the parking problem. I am currently engaged in conversations with Wychavon officers as well as County Councillor Eyre to determine whether District Council or County Highways are able to identify any solutions to this problem that may be within their remit. Conversations are ongoing & I will keep relevant stakeholders informed.

Speed on Station Road

There have again been complaints of speeding on Station Road – I have liaised with County Councillor Eyre & along with Kevin Beasley we have agreed that we must all do whatever we can to maintain pressure on all authorities who can assist in mitigating speed issues on Station Road, Leamington Road & Cheltenham Road in & out of the village.