

BROADWAY PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES
of ANNUAL MEETING OF COUNCIL
held at 5 Russell Square, High Street, Broadway,
on Thursday, 28th May 2009, at 7.00 pm

Present: District Councillor D. W. Folkes, Councillors T. L. Greig,
R. Haslam, L. Keane, F. L. Penny, N. Robinson, G. Shaw,
Mrs. S. Stephenson, Mrs. J. M. Stock, J. Williams,
Mrs. C. C. B. Wilson
Absent: Councillor C. E. G. Toye
In Attendance: County Councillor Mrs. Eyre (part-time)

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

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

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

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

(5) 2008 CALOR VILLAGE OF THE YEAR:

Broadway had been awarded the sum of £500 for winning the Western England Communications Category of the Calor Village of the Year Competition 2008, and the Parish Council had decided to share this amount among three organisations within the village. Mr. Neil Hilton, who was the driving force for Broadway's participation in the competition, presented the cheques of £170 to Mrs. V. Hall of Broadway Library, £165 to Mrs. Penny Ingles of Signpost, and £165 to Mrs. Betty Phillips of Broadway Youth Club.

(6) BROADWAY VILLAGE ACTIVITY PARK:

The Activity Park was officially opened on Saturday, 9th May, with over five hundred people attending, and was a culmination of two years' hard work for the Broadway Village Activity Park committee. On behalf of the Parish Council the

Chairman thanked Mr. John Hankinson, Mr. Gordon Paul, Mrs. Pamela Street, and Councillor Mrs. Wilson for all for the hours of work they had put in to this project, and he also thanked the Recreation Ground Committee members, Councillors Greig and Penny. A letter received from Mrs. Dottie Friedli was also read out as follows "A small letter of appreciation to everyone concerned with the Activity Park. From my point of view it ticks all the boxes, and for the Tourist Information Centre it provides another tool to promote Broadway as a place to visit and stay. As a grand and great-grandparent, it is a wonderful addition for my family, and for the families who stay in my apartments, the Activity Park provides another reason for a repeat visit. Thank you to everyone! Lovely opening day! Well done!"

Mr. Hankinson then thanked his committee individually for their fantastic help, and advised the Parish Council that an additional grant of £2,700 had been obtained from the Lottery for use after the opening of the Park. He suggested that his committee meet with the Recreation Ground Committee to discuss the ongoing maintenance of the Park so that the momentum currently achieved is not lost. There followed a round of applause from Councillors showing their appreciation.

- (7) APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Councillor Mrs. Locker (letter of apology received and accepted)
- (8) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: There were no declarations of interest.
- (9) POLICE REPORT:

WPC Gail Greenhouse gave an update on incidents which had recently occurred in the village –

- Lifford Hall broken into at end of last year (2 convictions)
- Broadway School broken into (1 conviction)
- Distraction burglary in Bridgmans Close resulting in £200 being stolen from a 90 year old (2 convictions)
- Nisa Local store incident (2 arrests)

WPC Greenhouse reported that crime figures would now be in a different format with Broadway figures being combined with Wickhamford and Childswickham resulting in no great value to individual parishes.

- (10) MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 26:03:09:
Proposed by Councillor Greig and seconded by Councillor Mrs. Wilson, the Minutes of the Meeting held on 26th March 2009 were unanimously approved, and were duly signed and dated as a true record.
- (11) ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF PLANNING COMMITTEE: Councillor Folkes read out the names of the existing committee who were all prepared to be re-elected with Councillor Greig as Chairman. This was unanimously agreed.

(12) ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO FINANCE WORKING GROUP AND RISK ANALYSIS SUB-GROUP: Councillor Folkes read out the names of the existing committee who were all prepared to be re-elected with Councillor Shaw as Chairman. This was unanimously agreed.

(13) ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO VARIOUS GROUPS:

Visitor Management Group: The Parish Council representatives for this Group were Councillor Folkes, Councillors Greig and Mrs. Wilson, together with the Clerk, Kevin Beasley. This was unanimously agreed.

Emergency Decisions Group: This Group would consist of the Chairman, Councillor Folkes and the Vice-Chairman, Councillor Haslam, together with the Clerk, Kevin Beasley. This was unanimously agreed.

Flooding sub-Group: The existing members of the Group, Councillor John Williams as Chairman, Councillors Mrs. Wilson, Greig and Penny, together with John Hankinson as a co-opted member, were re-elected. This was unanimously agreed.

Recreation Ground sub-Group: The existing members of the Group, Councillor Mrs. Wilson as Chairman, Councillors Folkes, Greig and Penny, were re-elected. This was unanimously agreed.

It was unanimously agreed to re-elect Councillor Greig as the *PACT representative*, Mrs. Rachel Clements as the *Tree Warden*, and Councillor Penny as *Recreation Ground Officer*.

Tree Committee: Councillors Robinson and Folkes agreed to be re-elected, but Councillor Mrs. Wilson would be replaced by Councillor Penny. This was unanimously agreed.

(14) COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORTS:

County Councillor Mrs. Eyre tabled her report (copy attached) which was unanimously accepted.

(15) CLERK'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE:

Peter Luff had advised the grants of the EDF Energy's Green Fund of up to £30,000 which are intended to help cover the cost of small scale renewable energy technology including wind turbines, solar panels and ground source heat pumps. The fund is available to organisations with a social purpose - e.g. schools and local community buildings such as village halls. Full details of the scheme are available from the Clerk.

A seminar for Wychavon District Council on planning enforcement matters was recently held. The Clerk forwarded copies to members of the planning committee, and further copies are available from the Clerk if required.

The Equality and Human Rights Commission had written making the Parish Council aware of the forthcoming Equality Bill and reminding it of its existing duty to pay regard to Age, Race, Disability, Gender, Gender Identity, Religion or Belief, and Sexual Orientation.

The District Council forwarded dates and venues for dog microchipping and a poster displayed in the Parish office. The Parish Council, along with the District Council, promotes responsible dog ownership, and if a dog is microchipped it stands a much better chance of being reunited with its owner if it strays. This in turn cuts down the amount of time the dog is roaming the streets and possibly fouling footpaths, which is something the Parish Council is keen to reduce. The Clerk had recently been asked about installing more dog bins in the village, but the District Council reported that, unfortunately, these can no longer be purchased from them. Furthermore, any new bins purchased by the Parish Council would not be emptied by the District Council. The Clerk had located a company which leased and emptied bins for £5 per week, but Councillor Williams stated that this cost would soon mount up. The Chairman added that there were already a good number of bins if only dog owners would use them. The Clerk added that if he became aware of any bin which was not well used he would investigate the possibility of moving it to another position subject to the District Council being willing to empty it.

The County Council had advised a temporary 10mph speed limit order on the A44 Fish Hill until proposed works had been completed. It was expected, however, that it would only be operative for a period of two weeks commencing 24th May.

The Clerk had displayed the Election Notices from 28th April as requested by the District Council.

The District Council had forwarded a copy of a Preservation Order relating to a tree at Weavers Cottage in Springfield Lane.

The Cotswolds Conservation Board had sent details of their Rural Skills Training Courses for 2009 which were displayed in the Parish office.

Following discussions regarding bollards at the last meeting, the Clerk contacted WPC Greenhouse concerning the parking of a vehicle outside Blandford Book Shop, and the Police had written to the owner of the vehicle. The situation now appeared to have been resolved.

The Lengthsman was requested to submit a report regarding the litter bins and bollards in the High Street. He had observed that most of the bins were in a reasonable order and recommended sanding and staining where possible, but there were some which were damaged beyond repair and removal was recommended. The bollards were also in

need of sanding and staining, but it had subsequently been reported to the Clerk that the bollards were of oak and staining was not recommended, and this would be clarified by the lengthsman. Regarding the pricing of these jobs, Mr. Parkinson felt that the best way would be for him to work on an hourly rate of £13 per hour, plus the costs of the stain (£20 should be enough for both bins and bollards) and a small charge for the use of the generator at £15 per day. The work would take approximately two to three days. Mr. Parkinson also quoted £35 to re-seed the area outside the Hunt Field. Councillors were unanimously in favour.

The Corporate Database Manager of the District Council, Ms. Shirley Layland, had contacted the Clerk stating she has been approached by Mr. W. Hall of Barnfield Mill who was disputing the name of the road outside his property stating this should be Broadway Road, Broadway, and not Childswickham Road, Broadway. In 2003 the property opposite changed its name from Tuck Mill Barn to Mill Stream Farm. Ms. Layland also received correspondence from the owner of Tuck Mill Farm who sent in a Land Registry Title document stating the road name as Childswickham Road. A plan of the road shows Childswickham Road from the junction with Cheltenham Road in Broadway to Pennylands Bank/Broadway Road, Childswickham. Ms. Layland requested comments from the Parish Council, as changing a road name involved a disruption to residents, and a consultation exercise would need to be carried out and a majority of residents would need to agree any change. It was confirmed by the Parish Council that the road is, in fact, Childswickham Road, and the Clerk would forward this information to Ms. Layland as requested.

The Clerk contacted Mark Colston, the County Road Lighting Technician, regarding the painting of the lighting columns in Broadway, who suggested that the columns be painted in two or three phases, commencing with the High Street. All Councillors were unanimously in favour of this work being carried out.

David Bliss, Chairman of BARD (Better Accessible Responsible Development), had contacted the Clerk regarding the Long Marston Masterplan and a planning application submitted by St Modwen to Stratford District Council. The Masterplan consultation period runs until 18th June. This application was considerably smaller in size than the proposed new town, but still presupposed a level of local housing demand that simply did not exist. The Clerk was instructed to write opposing this development.

As instructed, the Clerk continued to monitor the gate on the footpath next to 1 The Sands. The latest update from Elizabeth Jones, District Planning Enforcement Officer, was as follows :- "the approved plan, reference W/07/01749, shows this footpath in situ and therefore the gate across the footpath currently in situ and the land incorporated within the residential cartilage would appear to be unauthorised." The District Council had written to the owner/occupier of the property and was awaiting their comments before pursuing the matter further. The Clerk would continue to monitor and report back to the Council. Ms. Jones had asked that it would be helpful if anyone possessed a photograph showing the land prior to development taking place.

Reservations for the Village Green had been received from Signpost on Saturday, 8th August (small Green), MENCAP on Bank Holiday Monday, 31st August (small Green), and E. G. Skett and Company (Themed Farmers' Event) on Saturday, 1st August (main Green).

A letter of thanks had been received from the Broadway Communications Group for the Council's annual donation of £480 for the purpose of supporting the newsletter in the 2009 fiscal year.

The leader of the 1st Broadway Guides, Ms. Ruth Jones, had written regarding the fast approaching centenary celebrations for the Girlguiding movement. Various events associated with this included a Guide Carnival, danceathon, sleepover in a theme park, Guide-only pop concert, and hiking trip in the Julian Alps in Slovenia. They had been overwhelmed by the number of girls wishing to take part and, although they were carrying out fundraising, they asked whether the Council could help by contributing to their efforts which were aimed to reach £5,000. With all Councillors in favour, the Clerk was instructed to forward a cheque in the sum of £100.

(16) REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND WORKING GROUPS:

The *Tree Committee* met on 22nd May but as further information was required an update would be made at the next Parish Council meeting.

The *Finance Working Group* met on 26th May with items discussed reported in the following agenda item (17).

(17) RE-APPOINTMENT OF INTERNAL AUDITOR AND REVIEW OF EFFECTIVENESS OF INTERNAL AUDIT:

The Clerk reported that the internal auditor, Ian Fraser, was willing to carry on for a further year, and the Finance Working Group recommended this to the Parish Council. The recommendation was proposed by Councillor Shaw, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Stock, and carried unanimously.

The Clerk read out a review of Financial Regulations and Internal Audit, and suggested that the following resolutions be accepted -

- no changes be made to the Financial Regulations but that they be reviewed at the Annual Meeting each year, and
- that the comments of the Responsible Financial Officer be noted, and having reviewed the effectiveness of the system of the internal audit the Council approves the current arrangements.

These resolutions were proposed by Councillor Greig, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Wilson, and carried unanimously.

(18) APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS Y/E 31:03:09 – APPROVAL OF ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT – SECTION 137 – RISK ASSESSMENT SCHEDULE – HEALTH AND SAFETY POLICY:

Approval of the accounts for the year ending 31st March 2009, which had previously been circulated to all members and approved by the Finance Working Group who recommended they be adopted by Council together with the Annual Governance Statement, Section 137, and the Risk Assessment Schedule, was carried unanimously after being proposed by Councillor Shaw, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Stock.

The Chairman of the Finance Working Group, Councillor Shaw, reported that although the income and expenditure figures were greatly increased because of the Activity Park, the accounts remained within budget with, in fact, a surplus which would go into the reserves. Councillor Shaw gave a vote of thanks to the Clerk for the maintenance and preparation of the accounts.

(19) PLANNING:

Parish Council Comments:

MEETING: 30:03:09

Application W/09/00484/CU

MR. ALBUTT

Gt. Collin Farm, Collin Lane

Proposed change of use of redundant agricultural building to lunchtime shelter solely in conjunction with shooting rights (retrospective)

The Parish Council felt that the present usage of this building would fall under Agricultural diversification, and should not require 'change of use' as it is only being used infrequently. Should a change of use be necessary, there could be a real likelihood of the building becoming 'residential' subject to further planning. **Taking this into account, the Parish Council object to this application.**

Application W/09/00525/PP

MR. D. R. MORRIS

Rose Garth, Springfield Lane

Demolition of single garage and erection of single storey kitchen, utility, cloaks and porch extension

The Parish Council raised no objections to this proposal.

Application W/09/00159/LB

LYGON ARMS,

28 High Street

Installation of replacement heating boilers and primary distribution pipework

The Parish Council raised no objections to this proposal.

MEETING: 14:04:09

Application W/09/00591/PP

MR. T. HARTLAND

Hill Farm, Bibsworth Lane

Proposed extensions, alterations and detached garage block

The Parish Council raised no objections to this proposal.

Application W/09/00642/CU

ALSIGNS COMMERCIALS LIMITED

Great Collin Farm, Collin Lane

Change of use of redundant agricultural building to use for purposes with Class B2

The Parish Council raised no objections to this proposal

Applications W/09/00407/PP
and W/09/00451/LB

MRS. T. SMITH

Pyc Corner, Snowshill Road

Proposed alterations to form kitchen area

The Parish Council raised no objections to these applications.

MEETING: 27:04:09

Applications W/09/00639/PP and W/09/00673/LB **MRS. F. TIBBITS**
Pond Close Farm, 87 High Street
Alterations to dwelling and relocation of rear access and gates
The Parish Council raised no objections to this proposal.

Application W/09/00678/LB **RUSSELLS OF BROADWAY**
Unit 2, Russell Square, 20 High Street
Erection of awning to front elevation
The Parish Council raised no objections to this proposal.

MEETING: 11:05:09

Applications W/09/00710/PP and W/09/00711/LB **MR. B. DONAGHUE**
East House, 162 High Street
Demolition of single garage and construction of new garage with storage loft above
The Parish Council raised no objections to this application.

Application W/09/00059/PP **MR. P. EVERATT**
Tanners Cottage, 126a High Street
Like-for-like replacement of windows and door to front, side and rear of property
The Parish Council raised no objections to this application.

Application W/09/00883/PP **DR. J. FYLES**
Bredon View, Evesham Road
Installation of retaining walls to create level driveway with carport and bin store.
Creation of new level garden area.
The Parish Council raised no objections to this application.

MEETING: 26:05:09

Application W/09/00427/PN **MR. HOLMES**
Rookery Farm, Middle Hill
Erection of a proven 15kw wind turbine on a 15m tower
With one abstention, the Parish Council raised objections to this proposal as this is a conservation area and the location is unsuitable for this type of development. Other methods should be considered – e.g. solar power

WYCHAVON APPROVALS:

- Application W/09/00335/PP – Mr. J. Darby, Hunters Court, 50 High Street
Single storey extension to provide family room off kitchen
- Application W/09/00168/PP – Mr. B. Donoghue, Hensley House, 158 High Street
and W/09/00169/LB Various alterations including raising of rear extension, construction of new chimney and works to west wing
- Application W/09/00324/PP – Mr. Daws, 20 Phillips Road
Single storey garden room and front porch
- Application W/09/00434/PP – Mr. M. Royston, The Laurels, 3 Colletts Gardens
Construction of single storey extension to form breakfast room
- Application W/09/00281/PN – J. Rigg Construction Limited, Pry Lane
Demolition of old store and external store, erection of kitchen and store, removal of access door with replacement stone window, removal of porch and reinstate window, erection of garage (retrospective)
- Application W/09/00526/PP – Mr. D. R. Morris, Rose Garth, Springfield Lane
Demolition of single garage and erection of single storey kitchen, utility, cloaks and porch extension
- Application W/09/00159/LB Lygon Arms, 28 High Street
Installation of replacement heating boilers and primary distribution pipework

Application W/09/00484/CU – Mr. D. H. Albutt, Great Collin Farm, Collin Lane
 Proposed change of use of redundant agricultural building to lunchtime shelter
 solely in conjunction with shooting rights (retrospective)
 Application W/09/00591/PP – Mr. T. Harland, Hill Farm, Bibsworth Lane
 Proposed extensions, alterations and detached garage block

WYCHAVON REFUSAL:

Application W/09/00678/LB Russells of Broadway, Unit 2, Russell Square, 20 High Street
 Erection of awning to front elevation

NOTIFICATION OF PLANNING APPEAL:

Application W/08/03125/PP – Mr. A. Salt, 120 High Street
 Rebuilding of stone boundary wall
 Appeal start date: 14:05:09

APPEAL DECISION:

Application W/08/02456/PP – Mr. K. Grant, The Cobblestones, 3a The Green
 Erection of finest quality arch curved pergola in timber approx. 2m x 2m
 Appeal ALLOWED 07:05:09

(20) SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS from 19:03:09 to 21:05:09 net of VAT

Kompan Limited / playground equipment	1,084.39
Grimshaw Kinnear Limited / Broadway Village Activity Park	7,973.80
Maurice Parkinson contract / re-siting bench	112.00
Maurice Parkinson / lengthsmen contract	120.00
Worcestershire CALC / Clerks' gathering	7.50
E-on / electricity for the Green	254.56
K. Beasley / Clerk's net salary / March	1,090.39
G. A. Tomkins / Asst. Clerk's net salary / March	564.00
Post Office / postage	41.54
Various / office supplies	3.97
Various / milk, coffee, sugar	7.06
Cotswold Wardens North District / parish paths scheme	424.00
GBD (Evesham) Limited / mowing	207.93
Unicom / telephone, internet	59.37
Signpost / share of Calor Village of the Year award	165.00
Broadway Youth Club / share of Calor Village of the Year award	165.00
WCC, Broadway Library / share of Calor Village of the Year award	170.00
HM Revenue & Customs / PAYE	1,338.08
The Play Inspection Co. Ltd. / playground inspection	365.00
Grimshaw Kinnear Ltd / Broadway Village Activity Park	12,142.60
Broadway Communication Group / annual donation	480.00
CPRE / annual subscription	29.00
Ian Fraser / annual internal audit	250.00
Proludic / Broadway Village Activity Park	6,109.00
Worcestershire CALC / subscription	611.11
K. Beasley / Clerk's salary – April	1,100.15

G. A. Tomkins / Asst. Clerk's salary – April	428.90
Wychavon District Council / business rates	70.40
Information Commissioner / data protection	35.00
Worcestershire County Council / Clerk's pension	315.39
Unicom / telephone, internet	60.97
E-solutions / photocopier charge	12.49
Photographer / Broadway Village Activity Park	150.00
GBD (Evesham) Limited - mowing	898.14
Hillbarn Sawmills / playground equipment	4,118.00
Hillbarn Sawmills / playground equipment	74.15
Hillbarn Sawmills / playground equipment	1,196.20
Winchcombe Landscape / playground fencing	2,360.00
Teal Turf / Activity Park grass	192.00
Grimshaw Kinnear Limited / Broadway Village Activity Park	48,377.00
24/7 Security / security contract	65.00
Maurice Parkinson / lengthsman contract	26.00
Maurice Parkinson / Broadway Village Activity Park	91.00
E-on / office electricity	186.29
P. Street / Broadway Village Activity Park opening	100.00
Signs R Us / Broadway Village Activity Park signage	381.00
Community First / subscription	38.00
Worcestershire CALC / training	7.50

All payments were verified by the Clerk together with two nominated signatories.

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

Councillor Greig, the PACT representative, reported that the Parish Council was awaiting to meet with the parishes of Wickhamford, Childswickham and Badsey regarding purchase of Speed Activated signs.

Councillor Greig also stated that:

- new signs and maps were required in car parks and it was agreed that this subject would be discussed at the next Village Management meeting;
- many names and telephone numbers of would-be helpers for the Activity Park had been collected at its opening day, and he was in the process of contacting these people with a good response to date.

Councillor Mrs. Wilson stated that signs to the Activity Park were needed, and the question of toilet facilities required updating.

Councillor Penny reported the need for a barrier at the entrance to the Activity Park and the Clerk was instructed to contact Highways for advice. Councillor Penny also enquired regarding allotments in the area and the Clerk was instructed to contact the District Council for information.

Councillor Mrs. Stock suggested that an official letter should be written to the District Council asking why the removal of the gate at No.1 The Sands was taking so long.

Councillor Robinson reported that he had knowledge of someone willing to contribute towards football nets at the Activity Park, and the Clerk was instructed to follow this matter up. He also wished to know who was responsible for keeping the alleyway tidy by Cotswold Trading, and the Clerk would contact David Jelfs, the footpaths officer for information.

Councillor Shaw asked for all support from the Parish Council to be given to the Broadway Arts Festival.

(22) PUBLIC SESSION:

Mrs. Jones of Walnut Close asked why Station Road footpaths had been resurfaced and Walnut Close footpaths had been ignored in spite of continued requests to the County Council informing them that disabled residents had difficulty using their mobility vehicles. The Clerk was instructed to contact the County Council.

Mr. Jones of Walnut Close posed the question of grit bins, and the Clerk advised that bins were to be installed during September/October. He also gave the Clerk a leaflet on dog waste bins which incorporated bag dispensers, and the Clerk was to further investigate.

Mr. Brant of Mill Close asked if the Clerk would investigate the state of repair of Back Lane.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.00 pm

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING: Thursday, 25th June, at 7.00 pm

Broadway - County and District Councillor Liz Eyre's report May 2009

General

This is a quiet period as all 57 County Councillors are in Purdah – the official term – due to the elections, though as my role as Lead Member is a statutory position; I still have duties in the area of child protection. The new team to administer the County will be ratified on the 25th June 2009.

I have really enjoyed my term over the past 4 years as you local County Member handling issues that vary widely from potholes, to care for the elderly, play facilities, provision in the village for the under 5's to the railway project and proposals for an educational centre as part of the restoration at the quarry on the Hill.

I have also found it a great honour to be given the responsibility as Worcestershire's Lead Member for Children Services – Education – 247 schools and Children's Social Care - Child Protection and Children who are In Care due to family circumstances. The Baby P cases make the work rather scary at times. The additional accountability and the confidentiality aspect can make it a lonely job as I can't share information.

Children Services is a big area with a big budget in terms of Capital and Revenue. 2009/10 the County Council annual Budget for Children's Services gross is £485 million, rounded, of which £290 million, virtually 100%, is passed to the schools. The other £195 million is available for Safeguarding, Raising Achievement, Supporting Parents and Families, Fostering and Adoption, Youth work, projects to narrow the poverty gap and many other strands that keep children and young people safe, healthy, achieving, making a contribution and having positive experiences and moving towards economic independence. Some money comes for the local taxpayer as Council Tax £86.5m and some in the form of government grant – again from other taxpayers.

The Lead Member role and my local role keep me busy as your County Councillor up to the 4th June. I hope to be returned as your County Councillor but should I not be I thank the village and yourself as councillors and particularly the Clerk for your help and support over the last 4 years. I do of course remain as the one of your two District Councillor for another 2 years.

Children's Trust

The duty to co-operate and the Children's Trust legislation, 2008 Act, requires the County to put in place arrangements to promote co-operation between the Local Authority and its "relevant" partners. A new Children's Trust is being arranged which will be a body of partners: Police, Health, County and District Council etc. working together even more closely to improve outcomes for Children and Young People. As part of the structures my own preference is for an element of locality based decision making and local contracting to meet local need. I do believe this coupled with real accountability to local people but appropriate countywide performance management will make a difference.

14-19

The responsibility for young people accessing all further education 14-19: schools, colleges and apprenticeships are moving to the County Council. The Local Authority will be the accountable body. A 14-19 Partnership Broad has been set up. I currently sit on that Board. This is already bringing the benefit of closer co-operation between the local authority, colleges, schools and employers.

The schools and colleges work together in groups or Consortium. In this area **Epic** is the consortium of Evesham High, Pershore High, Prince Henry's, Vale of Evesham, Evesham and Malvern Hills College, Pershore College, and the Trading Providers Association. The Consortium is supported by the Local Authority, Connexions and the Learning and Skills Council. They are the 14-19 providers that create learner led local delivery plans for 14-19 education. The County picks up employer engagement, workforce, vulnerable group and entitlement issues.

There is a strong link within all plans to the County's youth support and national and local priorities. A number of transition arrangements are in place currently but from 2010 the local authority will be responsible for commissioning and funding all education and training for young people up to the age of 19.

If you remember the participation age has been raised – all young people will remain in education or training until the end of the academic year in which they turn 17 by 2013 and until 18 by 2015. They have to be in school or college, work-based learning, part-time training or full time employment.

Connexions – information advice and guidance to young people 14-19

A Hereford and Worcestershire Government service was established in 2002 to provide information advice and guidance to young people, (an evolution from the old school careers service which focused on more vulnerable and hard to reach youngsters) especially those not in employment, training or education. This organisation is now unpicking itself to be separate Worcestershire and Herefordshire based in house services. When the time is right in Worcestershire we will consider contracting this work out, providing we have a very tight performance monitoring service. There is a belief that this route will lead to more focussed service, theta will help youngsters more.

Highways

The County has completed its £15 million programme of improving urban unclassified roads across the County. The programme saw improvements on over 330 km of road in the County.

Footway Maintenance

There is a particular need to concentrate on Category 3 – less used urban and 4 busy rural footways. The County has allocated an additional 3 million to make some in roads into addressing local need. If returned I will work with the parish to identify specific routes that we should approach the County about.

Yesterday, 27th May 2009, I drove around Broadway with The County District Liaison Officer for this area and we listed a number of areas that needed improvement. – the road and footways areas around Leedons, the footway to St Eadburgha's, the footway from Cheltenham Road to the High Street, a number of disability crossing points on the High Street and Leamington Road, Evesham Road footway, overhanging and dangerous trees in Lime Tree Avenue.

Waste

800 tons per month are now being diverted from landfill due to the newly introduced recycling system. 140 tons going into recycling sadly is food waste. Work is starting to look at improving recycling from trade waste and handle more plastic than just the bottles.

Parking

WDC are introducing by popular demand an hourly rate in the long stay car parks. Local Broadway traders have influenced this decision. Wychavon has agreed to work with the Football Club to look at providing more car parking for villagers and local employees.

Fly tipping

A great deal of the fly tipping comes from trade waste. It is interesting to note the District Council is achieving successful prosecutions. The Courts can take away a traders operating licence for this offence and householders can be heavily fined. There is a bulky item collection service advertised well on the web.

Flooding

The draft Floods & Water Bill, 360 pages long, with loads of recommendations is coming our way I will update Council later on the year on those bits which affect Worcestershire. Interestingly there is a great shortage of engineers in this country generally and Wychavon is one of the few Districts to have kept its land drainage department which is proving very valuable. An update to my last flooding report is held by the clerk. It contains minor corrections and a couple of changes.

- The actual scheme for the culvert on Leamington road near Bibsworth Lane just past the A44 roundabout has been modified for technical reasons. Work starts end Aug/Sept.
- The ownership of the culvert under the private land at the top of the High Street is being established.

The Clerk has a copy of draft 5.

I am trying to establish a meeting with councillors from Broadway/ Childswickham/ Wickhamford that public can attend for late June to update on Environment Agency/Severn Trent/ WCC/WDC planning re flooding.

Association of British Insurers

- There is no industry standard for insurers to follow on charges and high excesses. Insurance excesses are running between £1 – 35,000 in places in the District
- The statutory EA defence levels are 1:100 year event.
- Historically insurance companies have paid out on a 1:75 year event, which they have agreed with the Government. that they will stick to until 2013.
- It appears only one or two companies are causing problems.
- Evidence is always welcome from any resident.
- I hope, post the June meeting, to be able to write a double sided letter which householders can use to inform their companies of work going on in the area.

Planning

Consultation from Stratford re proposed development at Long Marston

My response to Wychavon for their formal response is:

- Leisure accommodation does not fit with affordable or rural housing need. The link to Stratford District Councils rural need housing survey is just not there.
- There are real sustainable issues - and sustainable tourism issues.
- There are Infrastructure issues - individual junctions issues and capacity of surrounding rural routes, bus routes etc.
- There is an overall HGV movement issue re the employment and construction elements - impact on surrounding villages.
- There is a light pollution and dark skies impact.

To summarise: too big, in the wrong place, it doesn't help community cohesion or fit to need at all – it creates a false market.

Regional Spatial Strategy

As you know currently South Worcestershire Worcester City, Malvern, Wychavon have to take 24,500 house. One aspect of the debate is how many in the villages and how many in the urban areas. The latest pressure is for more around the Category one villages. We are a category 1 village. One aspect that concerns me is the pressure for a large area of building built over many years by major companies with no local connection. If we do have to take housing smaller developments, in local stone, slotted in "in sympathy" with village design has some merit. I am staying very close to this subject and have been working with the Broadway Trust and would like an opportunity to have meeting with the planning committee of the village to discuss my concerns.