

BROADWAY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES
of ANNUAL PARISH MEETING
held at 5 Russell Square, High Street, Broadway,
on Thursday, 22nd March 2012, at 8.00 pm

PRESENT: Councillor D. W. Folkes (Chairman), Councillors Miss D. Hardiman, L. D. Keane, F. L. Penny, Mrs. R. Rogers, Mrs. S. Stephenson, Mrs. J. Stock, Mrs. C. Wilson

Also in attendance: County and District Councillor Mrs. E. Eyre, District Councillor B. Parmenter, Evesham Journal, Evesham Observer

- (1) **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** Councillors Dr. R. Clements, R. Haslam, Mrs. A. Locker, N. Robinson, J. Williams
- (2) **MINUTES OF ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON 24:03:11**
Following a proposal from Councillor Keane, seconded by Councillor Stephenson, and unanimously agreed, the Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 24th March 2011 were signed and dated as a true record.
- (3) **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:**

The Chairman welcomed all present stating that since the elections last May it had been his pleasure to welcome two new Council members, Dr. Rachel Clements and Mrs. Ros. Rogers, both of whom he hoped had now settled in well to their role as Parish Councillors. He went on as follows :-

"I would first of all like to thank Tim Greig, who stepped down in May due to moving away from the area, for all his hard work and commitment during his time as parish councillor.

"During the past twelve months -

- the new toilet block in the Activity Park is well underway to completion;
- In June, Councillor Mrs. Stock and the Clerk accompanied me to attend the official opening of the Shear House development which has created twelve new affordable homes for people with local connections;
- There was a presentation in the Lifford Hall outlining plans for the South Worcestershire Development Plan for Broadway with sites for homes proposed in Station Road, Leamington Road and Kingsdale Court;
- A public meeting was held in February in the Lifford Hall to update the villagers on the proposed Badsey and Bunchers Brook flood alleviation scheme for Broadway, Childswickham with Murcot and to highlight the need for local community support towards the cost of this project;
- Drainage work took place in the High Street during October and November, and the workmen must be commended for carrying out the

work with as little inconvenience as possible, for the tidiness of the work, and the way everything was restored upon completion;

- I hope that everyone will benefit from the new trees planted along Station Road as they mature;
- Our thanks must go to Maurice Parkinson, our lengthsman, and Mrs. Dottie Friedli, for all their help in keeping the Millennium Garden looking so good by carrying out a make-over during the year, and also installing a new seat in place of one of the originals which had collapsed;
- Two grants of £250 each were again made available to complete litter picks in the village undertaken this year by members of Broadway United Youth Football Club and Broadway Cricket Club, both of whom carried out such a wonderful job in clearing discarded rubbish that the grants will be made available again during 2012;
- Thanks to the persistence of Mrs. Dennis of Bricknell Cottage and with the co-operation of the Parish Council, the area at the bottom of Springfield Lane, formerly known as China Square, now has a plaque marking its location;
- I accepted two invitations to Broadway Library during the year to make presentations to village children who had taken part in local competitions;
- Although the village thankfully did not suffer adverse winter weather as it had previously experienced, additional grit bins have been purchased and installed by the roundabout in the High Street, Morris Road, and Bibsworth Avenue. Our lengthsman, Maurice Parkinson, and his brother have been appointed to clear the roads in Broadway on behalf of the County Council, and they have also agreed to clear the minor roads around the village;
- The penultimate phase of the painting of the village light columns has now been completed;
- The Parish Council, together with several organisations with which she was associated, and members of her family, marked the sad loss of Mrs. Jill Cross during the year with the purchase of a seat in her memory which was placed along Station Road;
- Following the withdrawal of part of the route of the 559 bus service, Cresswell Bus Company has started a service to Evesham from Childswickham via Broadway on Tuesdays and Thursdays which has been well supported. I would like to encourage everyone to continue to support this vital link into Evesham for those who have no transport of their own. Our thanks must go to Councillor Mrs. Stephenson for her help in getting this project off the ground. The Evesham Volunteer Centre gave a presentation to the Parish Council highlighting how its services can also help such residents with assistance in getting to hospital, doctors, shopping, etc., and I would ask that this service be made known to anyone who you feel may benefit;
- A number of grants and annual donations have been made over the past twelve months -

Wychavon C.A.B.	200.00
Broadway Bowling Club	1,750.00
St. Mary's Catholic School	1,000.00
Broadway P.C.C.	500.00
Signpost	250.00
Tourist Information Centre	500.00
Evesham Volunteer Centre	250.00
Evesham & Pershore	
Neighbourhood Watch	200.00
Broadway Traders Association	250.00
GWR Broadway Area Group	1,000.00

- There have been seven Parish Council meetings over the past twelve months, but I must also thank councillors for their commitment to other committees they serve on – Planning, Finance Working Group, Activity Park, Flooding, and Tree Committee, together with those who represent the Parish Council on the Visitor Management Group and P.A.C.T.;
- Finally, I would like to thank both Kevin and Gwen, our Clerk and Assistant Clerk, without whom the Parish Council would not run so efficiently.

“ As we enter 2012, plans are already in place for Broadway to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee in June, and the Olympic Torch passing though the village on 1st July. Can I encourage everyone to join in the celebrations which will be special events to remember for a long time to come, and I would like to thank everyone in advance for their efforts in planning these events”.

(4) REPORT ON AUDIT OF COUNCIL ACCOUNTS TO 31:03:11

The Clerk reported that the accounts to 31st March 2011 had been approved by the Parish Council on 19:05:11 (page 935 item 15 of the Minutes) and audited. Clement Keys, the auditors, had indicated their approval on 25:08:11 (page 949 item 7 of the Minutes) and the Clerk had displayed the customary statement on the notice board. A copy of the audited accounts was available for inspection at the Parish Council office.

(5) ANY OTHER MATTERS RAISED BY ELECTORS:

Mrs. Dottie Friedli felt that the image of the Parish Council within the village was not as good as it should be, and that more details of what the Parish Council actually does should be better publicised. The Clerk suggested that a copy of the Chairman's Annual Report should be placed in the next issue of the Broadway Newsletter, and that the Parish Council should look into producing its own newsletter. After discussion it was decided that this was a good idea, and the Clerk was instructed to look further into the matter.

There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.30 pm