

*M I N U T E S
of PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
held at 5 Russell Square, High Street, Broadway,
on Thursday, 13th December 2012, at 7.00 pm*

PRESENT: Councillor D. W. Folkes (Chairman), Councillors Dr. R. Clements, Miss D. Hardiman, R. Haslam, L. D. Keane, Mrs. A. Locker, N. Robinson, Mrs. R. V. Rogers, Mrs. S. Stephenson, Mrs. J. Stock, J. Williams, Mrs. C. Wilson

Also in attendance: Broadway Trust/J.Vincent, County and District Councillor Mrs. E. Eyre, West Mercia Police,

- (1) APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: District Councillor B. Parmenter and Councillor F. L. Penny (apologies received and accepted).
ABSENT: Evesham Journal
- (2) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: There were no declarations of interest.
- (3) GRANTING OF DISPENSATION REGARDING SETTING OF BUDGET AND PRECEPT:

A letter from the District Monitoring Officer, Ian Marshall, advises there have recently been national discussions as to whether councillors taking part in decisions concerning council tax have a disclosable pecuniary interest (DPI) and need to be granted dispensation to participate. The reason for this is that councillors who are liable to pay council tax have a DPI, and any breach of the DPI provisions could be a criminal offence. Under the Localism Act dispensation can be granted by individual parish councils, so this action is recommended to be taken. All councillors living within the parish have been sent a letter for signature applying for this dispensation. A vote was required to consider granting a dispensation up until the next ordinary election to all parish councillors who live within the parish enabling them to participate in any discussion or vote on any matter concerning the setting of the council's budget and annual precept. All forms, duly signed, have been returned to the Clerk and all councillors were in agreement to dispensation being granted to all councillors who live within the parish up until the next ordinary election.

- (4) POLICE REPORT:

PC Pegler reported there were no major policing issues within the village apart from a spate of thefts from motor vehicles and breaking into garages - generally occurring on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday nights. Gloucestershire police had reported a similar pattern of incidents, and the two forces would be liaising to undertake an operation in the near future.

There were no incidents or crimes reported during the two late night shopping events.

Councillor Mrs. Wilson reported that a caller allegedly from St. John's Ambulance had visited her property asking for a donation by way of direct debit which involved giving bank details. PC Pegler stated that there had been several incidences of this nature occurring and advised that if anyone was concerned by such callers they should either politely refuse or call the police on 101 who will attend to make the appropriate checks.

On behalf of the Parish Council, the Chairman thanked PC Pegler for his report.

(5) MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 25:10:12

Proposed by Councillor Miss Hardman, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Wilson, the Minutes of the meeting held on 25th October 2012 were unanimously approved, and were duly signed and dated as a true record.

(6) COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORT:

A copy of County Councillor Mrs. Eyre's report had been circulated to all councillors prior to the meeting, and Councillor Mrs. Eyre summarised as follows :

- **South Worcestershire Development Plan:** Councillor Mrs. Eyre would not, unfortunately, be able to attend the full County Council meeting to be held on the 18th December, the purpose of which was to vote through the plan for the overall district. She would, however, prepare a report to be read out on her behalf.
- **Flooding:** Updates on the flood scheme and the culvert by the turning circle in the upper High Street.
- **Highways:** Update on the maintenance works in High Street, Sandcroft Avenue and Fish Hill.

Confirmation that the footpath maintenance in Walnut Close had now been completed. Councillors were asked to advise the Clerk of any areas of concern requiring maintenance which could be considered for inclusion in the maintenance programme for 2013/14.

- **Library:** This will be discussed at Cabinet on 7th February. There will be a consultation with the Library Committee held prior to this date.

(7) CLERK'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE:

Dates for 2013 Parish Council meetings had been circulated to all councillors and other interested parties.

The latest Newsletter from the Friends of Broadway Station was circulated to all councillors highlighting the progress to date and future plans.

As previously instructed, the Clerk applied for a grant from the War Memorial Trust, but had received a reply questioning the extent of the work quoted by the Parish Council's chosen contractor. The contractor was standing by the recommendations quoted, and after contacting the District Conservation Officer for advice the Clerk was requested to forward all relevant information after receipt of which the Officer will report back accordingly.

A letter received from a resident proposed the undertaking of a project to research the names of those who died in World War I and whose names are remembered on the War Memorial, the aim being to produce a book of commemoration. The Parish Council unanimously agreed to this proposal and would be prepared to make a donation if required.

A copy of a Public Notice had been received stating that the County Council was to consider making an Order the effect of which would be to prohibit waiting at any time (double yellow lines) along Station Road from a point 107m north-west of its junction with Cheltenham Road for a distance of 43m in a north-westerly direction. Councillor Mrs. Eyre stated that the County Council was reluctant to install double yellow lines as a precedent would be set, but this short length was a small 'win' and it was hoped that a full set of yellow lines would be installed in time.

As previously agreed within the budget, the following annual donations were made – Broadway Newsletter £500, Broadway Parochial Church Council for the upkeep of the churchyard £1,000, Broadway and Evesham Neighbourhood Watch £200, Signpost £250, Evesham Volunteer Centre £500, and Broadway Tourist Information Centre £500. Letters of thanks had been received from all recipients. A letter of thanks, including examples of work produced by the children, had also been received from Broadway First School regarding the grant of £2,000 for IT equipment.

A resident contacted the County Council requesting a salt/grit bin to be sited at the bottom of Sandscroft Avenue, but the request had failed to meet the criteria. The Parish Council purchased three local grit bins last year and it was unanimously agreed to purchase a similar bin for this site at an approximate cost of £175. The Clerk was instructed to make the necessary application.

Countryside Services of the County Council had made an application for a Modification Order to delete Footpath No.524. A map identifying the location had been circulated to all councillors. After discussion, the Clerk was instructed to ascertain the reasons why the footpath was being considered for deletion.

Following the recent problems regarding the water supply to the village, the Clerk was instructed to write a letter of thanks to Severn Trent Water for the efficient way information was communicated to residents and the subsequent supply and delivery of bottled water to every household/business in the village. Councillor Mrs. Eyre reported that at a recent Worcestershire Countryside conference it was stated that Broadway had one of the worst water qualities in the country, and a meeting was to be arranged with the water authorities to start a process of understanding how the village obtains its water, why the water quality is not as good as nationally, and what were the drought plans for the area. Councillor Mrs. Eyre would report back on her findings.

Mrs. Joan Parfitt, Parish Games organiser for Broadway, had forwarded a copy of this year's Parish Games results. Broadway won the dominoes event, and was runner-up in the cross-country event, and had attained seventh position overall out of a total of

thirty-eight parishes. Mrs. Parfitt stated that she was prepared to carry on as Games organiser for the village for 2013, and the Clerk was instructed to write a letter of thanks for continuing this task which was much appreciated by the Parish Council.

As instructed, the Clerk nominated Mrs. Parfitt for the Wychavon Bursary 2012, receipt of which had been acknowledged. A decision would be made in early January.

Details of revised bin collections for the Christmas/New Year period, together with Christmas Tree recycling sites, were on display at the Parish Council office.

The setting of the Parish precept would normally be recommended during the meeting, but due to the fact that the Council Tax Base for 2013/14 would not be known until early January 2013, the Clerk was advised to delay the decision until after this date. It will, therefore, be discussed at the next meeting to be held on the 17th January.

The newly elected West Mercia Police and Crime Commissioner, Mr. Bill Longmore, had written to explain his role and responsibilities which include holding the Chief Constable to account, developing and issuing a police and crime plan and publishing an annual report, setting the budget for policing and making community safety grants, obtaining the views of people and victims of crime within West Mercia regarding policing matters, and co-operating with criminal justice bodies to ensure an efficient and effective criminal justice system. The first police and crime plan would be written over the next few months and feedback on the proposals would be welcome before finalisation. Details would be posted on the website www.westmercia-pcc.gov.uk by the 7th January, and responses would need to be received by 18th January. The Clerk was to forward the Parish Council's details so that all future correspondence could be forwarded directly.

The Cotswold Conservation Board had submitted a bid for funding from English Heritage for a pilot project to survey all Grade II listed building in the Cotswold Area of Outstanding Beauty to determine those which are 'Buildings at Risk', the result of which would be known by the end of December. Should the bid be successful it was the Board's intention to seek one hundred volunteers to undertake the survey, and anyone who is interested would they please contact the Clerk for details.

Mr. Colwyn Thomas and Ms. Michelle Miles, who were given the contract to sell ice-creams in the Activity Park, had written to say that during the summer it had become apparent that their equipment required to be upgraded, the cost of which would be approximately £1,500. They have asked if their contract could be extended for twelve months to justify the investment in the new equipment. The Parish Council unanimously agreed to this extension and the Clerk was instructed to write a letter of confirmation.

As instructed the Clerk submitted an application to the District Council for the full amount of the New Homes bonus to fund the proposed flooding scheme for Broadway, Childswickham with Murcot. As a consequence, the Chairman, County Councillor Mrs. Eyre, Anthony Perry from the Environment Agency, and the Clerk, were

invited to meet Vic. Allison and Tony Jones from the District Council to discuss the matter further. As a result of this meeting the proposal would be put forward to the next stage which would be an assessment meeting with the local member and two members of the Localism and Communities Advisory panel. The Clerk was instructed to report back as soon as more details were available.

(8) PRODUCTION OF NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN:

Following the recent SWDP and the Save Broadway Campaign, the need for the production of a Neighbourhood Plan had been highlighted which was a way of helping local communities to influence the planning of the area in which they live and work. This can be used to develop a shared vision for the neighbourhood; choose where new homes, shops, offices and other developments should be built; identify and protect important local green spaces; and influence what new buildings should look like. In areas where a parish council exists, it was the only body which could prepare a neighbourhood plan.

The Parish Council unanimously agreed to form a committee to look into the process of producing a Neighbourhood Plan.

(9) REPORTS OF VARIOUS COMMITTEES AND GROUPS:

Visitor Management Group:

A meeting was held on 5th December at the Parish Council offices when the following matters were discussed:

- **Matters Arising** - the Ashmolean was on target to open during 2013 regarding coach parking, the coach drivers' yearbook gives clear instructions as to where coaches should pick up and drop of passengers in the village
- **Signage** – Broadway was part of a pilot brown sign project with Evesham but no further details were currently available
- **2013/14 funding** – ideas were discussed which included marketing, enhancing markets, signage, and the GWR, which are yet to be finalised, but any further ideas would be welcome
- **Any Other Business** - the first late night shopping was very successful and it was anticipated that the second one would be just as successful. Chris. Brooks briefly outlined the progress on the County broadband plan. It was vitally important for businesses and householders to register their interest at www.worcestershire.gov.uk/broadband. Copies of this form would be available shortly at the Parish Council office, and the more forms registered, the more likely Broadway would be nearer to the front of the roll-out programme.

Activity Park:

The latest quarterly operational inspection took place on 10th December when no major problems were identified. The maintenance team would be given a list of minor repairs to complete. A copy of the report was available at the Parish Council office.

Save Broadway Campaign:

An update had been received from the Chairman, Mr. Gordon Franks. The campaign team meet every Monday to discuss and plan progress and strongly believe that the whole village needs to be behind the campaign and not break into factions. The team had met District Councillors Mrs. Eyre and Barrie Parmenter and also with MP Peter Luff when Councillor Folkes and Mr. Vincent of the Broadway Trust were also in attendance. Mr. Luff stated he would be willing to support Broadway's stance, but would need an official request from the Parish Council. It was unanimously agreed that the Clerk should write to Mr. Luff requesting his support.

Letters were also written to MP Eric Pickles regarding land supply and National Policy Planning Framework, Mr. Jack Hegarty/District Council Managing Director regarding the inclusion of the Leedon Park homes in Broadway's allocation, and to all District Councillors regarding Broadway's situation prior to a full County Council meeting to be held on 18th December.

The team was also forming an alliance with other villages and organisations.

To date, over six hundred and seventy households (1,200 residents) had signed pledges of support for the campaign.

Professional and specialist expertise was also being sought to help the campaign.

(10) PLANNING:

Following the appeal made by Mr. Mould regarding the land to the rear of 21 The Green (Application W/12/00644/PN) which was dismissed, the Clerk was asked to contact the District Council to ascertain whether the area could now be put in good order. The District Council had agreed to investigate the matter.

Parish Council comments:**MEETING: 29:10:12**

Application W/12/02068/PP	MR. J. WILSON , Hytten, Springfield Lane Single storey rear extension
The Parish Council raised no objections to this proposal	
Application W/12/02096/PP	MRS. A. ROZWADOWSKI , Elmwood, 27 Lifford Gardens Rear single storey extension
The Parish Council raised no objections to this proposal	
Application W/12/02047/PP	DR. J. LLOYD , Elsdon, Station Road Single storey extension
The Parish Council raised no objections to this proposal	
Application W/12/02147/PP	MR. KNIGHT & MRS. SULLY , 22 Sandcroft Avenue Two-storey extension to side of dwelling
The Parish Council raised no objections to this proposal	
Application W/12/01998/PP	MR. A. GOODMAN , 6 Station Cottages, Station Road Replacement garage
The Parish Council raised no objections to this proposal	

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- Application W/12/02132/PP **MR. P. TURNBULL**, Pemberton House, Snowhill Road
Extension to single bay garage to form triple bay garage and erection of garden wall and entrance gates
The Parish Council raised no objections to this proposal
- Application W/12/01975/PN **MR. T. JAMES**, Pye Corner Farm, West End Lane
Extension to livestock building
The Parish Council raised no objections to this proposal
- Application W/12/02008/PP **MR. BURKE**, The Hollow, Pennylands Bank
Proposed conservatory
The Parish Council raised no objections to this proposal
- Applications W/12/02150/PP and W/12/02210/LB **MR. & MRS. HASLAM**, Luggers Hall, Springfield Lane
Replace window to sitting room with matching but with cill 300mm lower and five lights instead of four. New glazed door in return wall.
The Parish Council raised no objections to this proposal

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- Application W/12/02160/PP **MR. C. MARKHAM**, Neweden, Evesham Road
Single storey extension to side and rear of residential property providing living space, W.C., kitchen, utility and garage
The Parish Council basically raised no objections to this proposal but was concerned regarding the virtual doubling of the footprint of the building and boundary build.
- Application W/12/02400/TP **MR. A. BROOKES**, 45 Bury End, Snowhill Road
Removal of small inner hall and replacement front door
The Parish Council raised no objections to this proposal
- Application W/12/01998/PP **MR. A. GOODMAN**, 6 Station Cottages, Station Road
AMENDMENT to plans discussed on 29:10:12 showing reduction in scale of building
The Parish Council raised no objections to this proposal

Wychavon Approvals:

- W/12/01707/LB Mr. J. Keil, 67 High Street
Replacement open timber bellcote with weathervane
- W/12/02400/PP Mr. A. Brookes, 45 Bury End, Snowhill Road
Removal of small inner hall and replacement front door
- W/12/02068/PP Mr. J. Wilson, Hytten, Springfield Lane
Single storey rear extension
- W/12/01832/PN Mrs. E. Salmon, Flat, 25 High Street
Internal alterations and addition of small bathroom window
- W/12/01975/PN Mr. T. James, Pye Corner Farm, West End Lane
Extension to livestock building
- W/12/02147/PP Mr. Knight and Mrs. Sully, 22 Sandcroft Avenue
Two-storey side extension to side of dwelling
- W/12/02096/PP Mrs. A. Rozwadowski, Elmwood, 27 Lifford Gardens
Rear single storey extension
- W/12/01499/CU Mr. R. Davies, land off Pry Lane
Proposed alterations and improvements of former bakery to form office and workroom
- W/12/02023/PN FG4 UK Limited, Small Talk, 32 High Street
Proposed rooflight to existing Grade II Listed Building
- W/12/02022/AA FG4 UK Limited, Small Talk, 32 High Street
Proposed PREGO font on to existing fascia sign
- W/12/01914/LB FG4 UK Limited, Small Talk, 32 High Street
Internal alterations and insertion of new rooflight to an existing Grade II Listed Building

W/12/02101/LN	FG4 UK Limited, Small Talk, 32 High Street Proposed signage to existing fascia and signage on new canopy material to existing canopy frame both on existing Grade II Listed Building
W/12/02008/PP	Mr. Burke, The Hollow, Pennylands Bank Proposed conservatory
W/12/01998/PP	Mr. A. Goodman, 6 Station Cottages, Station Road Replacement garage

Wychavon Appeal Decision

W/12/00644/PN	Mr. J. Mould, land to rear of 21 The Green Erection of single storey holiday cottage	Appeal refused by notice dated 01:06:12
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(11) SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS from 18:10:12 – 30:11:12

<i>Payments:</i>	verified by the Clerk together with two nominated signatories	<i>net of VAT</i>
Unicom / telephone-internet		54.15
Community Award donation/ Children with Cancer		100.00
Tudor House, Broadway / grant		1,000.00
K. Beasley / Clerk's salary – October		1,177.40
G. A. Tomkins / Asst. Clerk's salary – October		732.40
Hentland / office security maintenance		39.52
Orchard View Nurseries / planters		28.80
Tower Trophies / bench maintenance		137.00
G.B.D. (Evesham) Ltd / mowing		597.55
Grassroots Garden Services / activity park maintenance		299.00
Wychavon District Council / refuse bin		94.80
Worcestershire County Council / pension contribution		405.38
Unicom / telephone-internet		63.35
Broadway Communications / annual donation		500.00
Broadway Parochial Church Council / annual donation		1,000.00
Evesham and Pershore Neighbourhood Watch / annual donation		200.00
Signpost / annual donation		250.00
Evesham Volunteer Centre / annual donation		500.00
Tourist Information Centre / annual donation		500.00
S. Thorneywork / general maintenance		130.00
Cotswold Building Supplies / activity park maintenance		273.90
Maurice Parkinson (Lengthsman) / general maintenance		50.00
Maurice Parkinson (Lengthsman) / VAS sign maintenance		90.00
Maurice Parkinson (Lengthsman) / lengthsman scheme		77.00
Eon / office electricity		195.82
Eon / village green electricity		27.58
K. Beasley / Clerk's salary / November		1,177.80
G. A. Tomkins / Asst. Clerk/s salary / November		673.15
Proludic Limited / activity park maintenance		189.92
Grassroots Garden Services / activity park maintenance		60.00
Grassroots Garden Services / activity park maintenance		24.00
Receipts:		
Worcestershire County Council / lengthsman scheme		278.00
Lloyds TSB / savings account		4.06
Broadway Show Society / donation re planters		50.00
Colwyn Thomas / donation re ice-cream sales		16.00
Cash / donations re dog foul bags		25.00
Signpost / contribution to office electricity		82.94
S. Previs / donation re planters		164.40

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

Councillor Mrs. Stephenson asked if any progress had been made regarding the resurfacing of the footpath along Snowhill Road. The Clerk replied that a quotation had been obtained from the lengthsman for this work and the matter would be discussed with the Finance Working Group prior to the next meeting.

Councillor Mrs. Stock enquired regarding the installation of a light next to the new bench on the Cheltenham Road junction. The Clerk replied that a request had been made to the County Council Lighting Department but to date a reply had not been received and the matter would be followed up.

Councillor Robinson reported that the Traders had made arrangements whereby large quantities of cardboard would now be collected free of charge each Tuesday. Details were available at the Parish Council office and the Clerk was instructed to place an item in the Newsletter advising of this service.

Councillor Williams raised concerns regarding the amount of dog fouling within the village together with the apparent lack of response from the Dog Warden. The Clerk explained that if more people reported dog fouling to the District Council there would be more evidence to support the problem and the Warden would then be able to make investigations in order to resolve this issue. After discussion, it was suggested that a survey of areas where dog fouling occurred, together with evidence supporting the findings, this could then be transferred onto a map which could be forwarded to the Dog Warden. The Clerk indicated that if the survey was undertaken as suggested the case for inviting the Warden to a meeting to explain her responsibilities and duties would be stronger, and this was supported by Councillor Mrs. Eyre who would also make investigations.

Councillor Dr. Clements had attended a presentation held at the Lifford Hall of the proposed development on Leamington Road and asked if the Parish Council needed to make a response. Councillor Mrs. Eyre stated that the purpose of the presentation by the developers was to ascertain what objections would be raised by residents should a planning application be made, and any response would only be of help to the developers and could nullify any objections.

Councillor Miss Hardiman asked if a dog bin could be installed along West End and the Clerk was instructed to investigate and report back accordingly.

Councillor Haslam again raised the issue regarding the possible development of the Football Club ground. The Minutes of this year's AGM of the Youth Section (available for reading on the website of the club) state that communication had been made with the District Council regarding future plans for the development of the site. It was suggested that the Trustees of the Football Club arrange a meeting with members in order to clarify the situation.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.12 pm and opened the PUBLIC INFORMATION SESSION when no comments were made.
The Chairman finally closed the meeting at 8.15 pm

Date/Time Next Meeting: Thursday, 17th January 2013, at 7.00 pm

**Broadway Parish Council Report County and District Councillor Liz Eyre
December 13th 2012**

Local issues

South Worcestershire Development Plan

Due to challenges the vote on the Malvern the South Worcestershire Development will come before Wychavon's Full Council on 18th December. The Executive Member for planning will present my views which are:

- A top down housing needs analysis for Broadway is not Localism. The approach is flawed.
- Wants are being considered rather than true housing needs locally.
- The allocations proposed by developers and developer/planner panels as deliverable, are not carefully considered and locally determined, community centric allocations.
- Communications within the village, during the last two years, the process has lacked genuine community engagement for a variety of reasons.
- The sites coming forward all have flaws which range from their effect on the village gateways, to their impact within the AONB, land drainage, flood risk and land availability.
- Broadways overall allocation does not take fully into account either the impact on infrastructure and numbers of the considerable Leedons development or the Quinton affordable housing legal agreement, which gives needs priority to Broadway residents.

The purpose of the meeting is to vote through an overall plan for the District. The District does not have a plan. I and I believe my residents, campaigners and the Broadway Trust would not wish "open season" for developers, which could further destroy the village's sense of place. This plan must as a consequence go through. We would not wish allocation through the Appeal process which risks of no conditions and no infrastructure contributions on each application

Once we have the redrawn village boundary and a plan outside is countryside – a further protection - then allocation must be challenged individually on planning grounds. I would hope there is learning for the planning department for the future both in terms of engagement and the need for a holistic, local approach to need and development.

Flooding:

Culvert High Street turning circle: the grid needs to be kept clean. The drainage engineers have helped this month, the lengthman is on hand to support but an additional local solution above the grid is being considered involving divisional funds and a proposed local approach. Further surveying of the culvert has been done – reflective time is now required

to consider both the next step, legal ownership and the impact of passing further water to the brook.

Insurance: this is high on the minds of residents that have historically flooded and village leaders in view of the flooding in recent weeks. The statement of principle by the Insurance industry leaders is due to expire in 2013. Discussions between the Association of British Insurers leading to an approach similar to that used for terrorism to protect the vulnerable and make insurance affordable to all. I shall update residents as I receive news.

The £3m flood scheme and the community contribution: Is Broadway able to prove it cares about its community and the residents who flooded? Have we done enough?

The scheme: a structure, in large part earth embankments, that will throttle back, store and control flood water. The control structure will only let a specific amount of water flow into the Badsey Brook reducing levels in Broadway, Murcot and Childswickham. It is expected to reduce the level of flood risk to a 1 in 75 chance (1.3 per cent) of flooding in any one year for 57 properties in Broadway and 215 properties in Childswickham/Murcot. It will also significantly reduce flood risk to the remainder of properties in Childswickham/Murcot.

The required Broadway Childswickham Murcot community contribution £312,000: the amount of partnership funding required depends on the level of benefits the scheme provides: the number of households protected and the amount of damage that can be prevented.

Have we done enough fund raising?
Could you help?
Have you given your £100?

We have seen how winters are getting more extreme. There is more to do. A few houses were flooded internally again.

If you can help contact the Parish Clerk.

If you can find the £100 per household for the long term benefit of the community : cheques, donations and funding raising goes to the account : Broadway, Childswickham and Murcot (BCM) Community Trust – Flood Relief c/o Kevin Beasley, Broadway Parish Offices, Russell Square, High Street, Broadway, WR12 7AP Note: *All benefactors will be publically acknowledged.

Broadway balancing pond - has been checked and is doing its job

Broadway Village Management Group: the key topic is signage – business signage – there is a new policy at the County Council and tourism signage. Re the later Broadway is to be a pilot though what this means has to be teased out. In the New Year I will be approaching Gloucestershire for signage to tourism destinations in Broadway on their roads after all they have enough signing tourists away from Broadway – only fair but....lets see. £900 allocated

is allocated to signage within the village.

AONB: key item is the management plan please contact the clerk for a copy of the plan out to consultation or go on the website

Enhancing Broadband : pop into the parish offices – if enough residents fill in an online or paper request for additional Broadband we may get an upgrade. Kevin is co-ordinating a push on the information received by BT

Highways

High Street surface condition: work is being costed. Where drainage and gas work has been completed – memorial to Cheltenham Road work likely when funds available. Between Leamington road and Memorial further drainage work needed before road maintenance

Sandscroft Avenue: - solution found, awaiting funds, hoping for spring solution to plane off all of the failing layers, repair the damaged slabs and joints and then apply micro-asphalt to the complete area. The initial section could cost an estimated £30 to £40k. itional money.

Fish Hill: The escape lane vegetation has dies off – work still needed – costs high. I have asked for it to be put on the list to be done in the next 3 months.

Footways 2012/13 done i.e. Walnut Close, Could councillors advise the clerk re possible sites for 13/14 – Broadway will get one if the budget allows so please prioritise.

Wider issues

WCC's Carbon Reduction Commitment Compliance Audit has now been completed and signed off by the Environment Agency. In a nutshell this means that we are not going to be fined so no strain on your Council Tax. Hurray!

Council Tax freeze again – 13/14 - good news but we are struggling with the budget.

CPRE Gloucestershire Awards for the National Grid Wormington to Sapperton Gas Pipeline project, completed in 2010. The community contribution has assisted in repairing quite a bit of walling in our area.

Schools funding – by using minimum funding guarantees we have managed despite the formula change to minimise losses for our schools.

Welfare reform – consideration is being given to the impact of the changes on residents. Any issues should be raised to me via the clerk or directly whichever is easier.