

*MINUTES
of PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
held at 5 Russell Square, High Street, Broadway,
on Thursday, 24th October 2013, at 7.00 pm*

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

- (1) APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: County and District Councillor Mrs. Eyre, District Councillor B. Parmenter, Councillor Mrs. A. Locker, PC Pegler (West Mercia Police)

The Clerk reported that a letter had been received from the Vice-Chairman, Councillor Red Haslam, tendering his resignation on the grounds of ill health.

The Clerk also reported that Councillor Liam Keane had moved away from the area, and due to the fact that he had not attended meetings during a six months' period he was no longer eligible to remain as a councillor.

The Clerk was instructed to write to Councillors Haslam and Keane on behalf of the Parish Council expressing its appreciation for all their hard work and endeavours during their time as councillors.

The District Council had been notified, therefore, that there were now two casual vacancies, and the statutory notice of vacancy had been posted on the Parish notice board.

The Chairman asked if anyone was interested in temporarily taking on the role of Vice-Chairman until the next Annual General Meeting which would be held in May 2014. Councillor Penny indicated his willingness to take on this role and the Clerk would complete the necessary documentation.

- (2) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None

- (3) POLICE REPORT:

CSO Schoenrock attended the meeting in place of PC Pegler and reported that seventy incidents had occurred since the last meeting from which seven crimes were raised which included open air theft, two burglaries from non-dwelling buildings, and a criminal damage.

PC Pegler had informed the Clerk by e-mail that he was now Evesham Town North and Rural South Safer Neighbourhood Officer supported by three Community Support Officers (including CSO Schoenrock, who would predominantly still cover Broadway and the surrounding villages) which would have the benefit that if either PC Pegler or CSO Schoenrock was off duty the other two Support Officers would provide cover.

- (4) PRESENTATION / BROADWAY FIRE SERVICE / PROPOSED CLOSURE:

The Chief Fire Officer of Hereford and Worcester Fire Rescue Service had proposed to the Fire Authority that closure of Broadway Fire Station (as opposed to the

removal of one or two fire appliances at Evesham) was the option of least impact to the community in his proposals titled "Draft Community Risk Management Plan".

Messrs. Richard Calcutt, Dave Eyres and Gary Thompson made their presentation as individual members of the public and NOT in uniform as members of the Fire Station, and Mr. Eyres highlighted the grave position of Broadway Fire Station. The proposed closure has come about by the government enforcing a decreased grant to Hereford and Worcester Fire Authority which in turn has led to the Authority having to find savings of £4.7 million and resulted in a document entitled the 'Draft Community Risk Management Plan'. The Plan was put forward to the Fire Authority on 03:10:13 and has now gone out to consultation. A questionnaire is available for the public to complete and return by the 24:01:14. The section relating to Broadway is contained in Question 6, under Proposal 3, and the Chief Fire Officer is asking members of the public to decide between :-

- (a) the removal of the second appliance based at Evesham (a retained appliance), leaving Evesham with its whole time crew appliance (immediately available between 8.00 am and 6.00 pm and becoming a retained appliance between 6.00 pm and 8.00 am) and
- (b) the closure of Broadway Fire Station, meaning that the nearest station would be either Evesham or Pebworth.

This means that the residents and businesses in Broadway, together with surrounding villages, would be at an increased risk to life and property. Broadway Fire Station provides a speedy lifesaving service which can be almost anywhere on its Station ground within ten minutes, and the closure would result in that time being extended to fifteen and twenty minutes in the day for the full time appliance at Evesham, and over twenty minutes at night, since both appliances would then be on a retained basis only. A recent example highlights this issue when it took twenty-five minutes for the Evesham appliance to attend the incident, whereas the Broadway appliance arrived within ten minutes and had already put fire spreading prevention in place, without which the property next door may also have been damaged. Furthermore, any loss of one of the one hundred and fifty four heritage buildings in Broadway and the surrounding villages would be an irreplaceable loss to history with many being tourist attractions to the area which is the main source of income to the village – it would be unimaginable to think of the High Street without the Lygon Arms.

The key to winning the campaign to save the Station is for everyone to document their opinions by replying to the questionnaire, lobbying the Fire Authority members directly and local M.P's, because the odds weigh against Broadway as the public vote will be higher in Evesham due to the larger population.

The Parish Council has a right to request a public consultation with the Senior Management Board of Hereford and Worcester Fire and Rescue Service giving Broadway the opportunity to ask questions at a public event.

The Community Risk Management Plan is driven by political inclination and is, in fact, financially led and not, as suggested, based on risk – why else would the Fire Authority choose to remove cover from Broadway and reduce it in

Evesham which will still have cover from a full time personnel. Broadway Fire Station has already suffered from a lack of funding which can be evidenced by the state of the current building. Instead, priority has been given to Pebworth where a new building has been erected costing almost £1,000,000 and is an area deficient of members to crew its appliance within a specified time. It is vital that the station in Broadway remains open taking into account the proposed additional housing in the village, and also the proximity of the gas pumping station at Wormington which provides gas to a quarter of the country and overseas. It was highlighted that under the proposed cuts taxpayers in Evesham would have two appliances whereas Broadway taxpayers would have none which seems to be exceedingly unfair.

The Chairman thanked the three gentlemen for their presentation which received applause from all members of the Parish Council, and it was suggested that a public meeting be called to meet with members of the Fire Authority in order to make them aware of the emotive feelings within the village.

(5) MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 22:08:13:

Proposed by Councillor Mrs. Stock, seconded by Councillor Miss Hardiman, the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 22nd August 2013 were unanimously approved, and were duly signed and dated as a true record.

(6) BROADWAY COMMUNITY AWARD 2013:

Despite much hard work by the Clerk and Assistant Clerk to promote this award the response had been very poor this year with only seven nominations, two of whom with the same number of votes – Roger Bailey (Broadway Show Society) and Karalee Evans (Broadway Cricket Club/Governor at Broadway First School. A vote was taken resulting in a majority vote in favour of Roger Bailey who would be invited to the December meeting to receive a cheque for his nominated charity.

Nominations were also received for the following : Messrs. John Hincks and Tim Crump, the Signpost Team and the Brain Family.

As this was not the first year for a disappointing lack of interest to put forward a nominee, the Clerk and the Assistant Clerk would like to suggest a new format be put in place for next year whereby nominations be open to all residents by way of a notice, together with a voting slip, in the Broadway Newsletter. Councillors were in agreement with this suggestion, and thanked the Clerk and Assistant Clerk for all their efforts.

(7) COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORTS:

Both councillors were not in attendance due to a pre-budget District Council meeting which all councillors were requested to attend. County and District Councillor Mrs. Eyre had sent a report which was tabled for all councillors, but as it had only just been received the Clerk suggested that if there were any matters arising from the report councillors should forward any comments either directly to Councillor Mrs. Eyre or to the Clerk.

(8) CLERK'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE:

Dates of meetings for 2014 had been circulated.

A copy of the Friends of Broadway Station newsletter for Autumn 2013 was circulated for the information of all councillors.

A letter of thanks had been received from Mr. & Mrs. Gleave regarding the seat donated by them and installed in the activity park.

Worcestershire Regulatory Services had received an application from Icycle/Tricycle to renew their Street Trading consent in the High Street. There were no objections from councillors regarding its renewal.

Mr. Lee Bradford had e-mailed a request to erect a tree or bench in the village in memory of his mother. His parents had recently celebrated their seventieth wedding anniversary but his mother had sadly died shortly afterwards. As they spent a very happy honeymoon in Broadway in 1943, and after discussions with his father, it was felt it would be a fitting tribute to her memory to have a memorial to her placed in the village. After discussion, it was suggested that as a number of benches had recently been installed a tree, therefore, would be more appropriate, and the Clerk was instructed to contact the family and report back accordingly.

The County Council had produced a Winter Service newsletter (copy available in the Parish Office). The Parish Council purchased a number of green parish grit bins last year which had proved very successful. The lengthsman was available to spread salt in adverse weather and had advised the Clerk that an additional one tonne bag of salt would be required for the forthcoming winter. Councillors were in favour of this requirement and the Clerk was instructed to organise the ordering of additional salt.

As reported at the last meeting Castleways would no longer be running the 559 service between Broadway and Evesham. The Chairman was pleased to report, however, that Cresswells had agreed to take on the service, and timetables were available at the Parish office and the TIC.

Highways had been carrying out carriageway resurfacing works in the High Street and at the junction with Leamington Road between Monday 21st and Thursday 24th October. Work would take place between 4.00 pm and midnight, but the road would be open to all traffic between midnight and 4.00pm.

The District Tree and Landscape Officer had notified a tree preservation order on a number of trees at Broadway Station. (Copy order available in the Parish office).

(9) REPORTS OF VARIOUS COMMITTEES AND GROUPS:

Visitor Management Group – a meeting was held on Wednesday, 4th September, at the Parish office. Items discussed included an update on the signage project within the village. The new brown signs were now in place and the second stage of the project would focus on the county boundary signs and village entry signs. The final stage would see improvements to the finger posts, quotations for which were currently being obtained.

The Ashmolean Museum was opened to the public on the 8th September and the Chairman stated that a visit was to be encouraged.

The next meeting would be held on Wednesday, 4th December, at 10.00 am at the Parish Office.

Library – a meeting was held at the Library on Monday, 30th September, attended by members looking to form a community group and to meet with members of the County Council library team to discuss the way forward. It was decided to firstly form a feasibility group and a meeting was arranged for Monday, 28th October, at the Library, commencing at 6.00 pm. It was suggested that a representative of the Parish Council become a member of this committee, and Councillor Miss Hardman volunteered her services.

Traders' Association – there was an extraordinary meeting held at the Lygon Arms at 6.00 pm on Tuesday, 1st October, to which the Chairman and Clerk were invited to attend. Members did not want the farmers' markets to continue in the same format for 2014 and recommended, therefore, that the Parish Council support this view and should not reserve the Greens for Sketts in future if requested. A sub-committee was to be set up by the Association to organise future events including markets in some other format.

(10) PLANNING:

As there was an outstanding application for discussion the Chairman requested members of the Planning Committee to remain after the main meeting to discuss this matter.

A letter and various e-mails had been received from residents of Springfield Lane requesting the Parish Council to review its comments made regarding application W/13/01921/PN (land adjacent to Springfield Cottage, Springfield Lane). After discussion, it was agreed to review this matter at the planning meeting to be held after completion of the Parish Council meeting.

The Clerk had been advised that the Leamington Road and Kingsdale Court applications were coming before the District Planning Committee on Thursday, 7th November, commencing at 2.00 pm at the Civic Centre, Pershore. The Parish Council was allowed to make a short three minute presentation to the Committee, and it was agreed that the Chairman would make the presentation. As many members of the public as possible were encouraged to attend this meeting to show the support of the village against these applications.

Councillor Mrs. Stephenson queried the signage at Luke's Restaurant regarding application numbers W/13/01332/AA and W/13/01333/LB (subsequently withdrawn) and the Clerk was instructed to ascertain the position and report back accordingly.

Mr. Graham Love from the Broadway Trust was invited by the Chairman to give a short presentation regarding the South Worcestershire Development Plan to date. The Broadway Trust had lodged an objection to the plan and a submission on the test of soundness which is a technical review of the draft plan. The submission stated that the Trust objected to the plan, why it objected, why it should be changed, and what it should be changed to. Save Broadway Campaign and both Gordon Close and Springfield Lane residents' associations have asked the Trust to represent them as their views were in line with those of the Trust. The three allocated sites in the village were Leamington Road, Kingsdale Court and Station Road, and the Trust were of the opinion that to object to all the sites was not good policy. The vast majority of the village is in the AONB including Leamington Road and Kingsdale Court. The proposed development area in Station Road was a landfill site, the ground contamination issues are entirely unclear, and is within a flood plain area, which may mean that this site is unsuitable for development or, at least, commercially unviable. It was understood that the District Council controlled the Station Road site which may be of community benefit for any future development and these benefits would far exceed anything offered by a developer. The conclusion of the Trust was that it would object to all three sites, particularly the two within the AONB, and in terms of changes to the plan it was felt that the Station Road site should be scaled down to accommodate only affordable housing for rent.

After much discussion by councillors it was felt that the above views were not taking into account those of the whole village and it was decided, therefore, (after a vote of 5 in favour, 4 against, 1 abstention) that the Parish Council would not align itself with the views of the Trust and other groups.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Love for the presentation.

Parish Council comments:

MEETING: 09:09:13

Application W/13/01786/PP

MR. LOVELL, 22 Lifford Gardens

First storey side extension and single storey rear extension and alterations to existing dwelling

The Parish Council raised no objections to this proposal

Application W/13/01363/PN

MR. & MRS. R. BELFIT, Acorns Head Farm, West End Lane

Erection of two bedroomed bungalow on site of derelict tractor shed for an agricultural worker

The design and access statement states that Acorns Head Farm is a working farm consisting of eighteen acres mainly used for sheep, lavender growing, herbs and plants. The Planning Committee, however, dispute this statement and the reason stated for the requirement of a dwelling on the site to give twenty-four hour protection to the farm, therefore, is not relevant. Questions were also asked whether permission was ever given to construct the old tractor shed on which the proposed bungalow is to be constructed. It is also stated that the property is not prone to flooding, but the Planning Committee again dispute this statement as the area around West End was flooded during 2007.

SORVEN PROPERTIES LIMITED

Farncombe House

Full Applications for the following:-

Application 13/03436/FUL - Change of Use of 32 bedroomed accommodation buildings (Maudsley Court) together with immediate gardens and associated parking, from delegate accommodation (Sui Generis) to C1 use class (hotels) at Maudsley Court Foxhill Manor Campden Lane Willersey Broadway

Application 13/03439/FUL – Removal of Condition 2 (use in connection with Foxhill Manor) and Condition 3 (use in connection with training and office uses at the complex) of permission CD.4931/1/L to allow 'open market' conference, seminar and lecture use at Smallbrook Farncombe Estate Willersey Hill Willersey Broadway

Application 13/03440/FUL – Removal of Condition 2 (use in connection with Foxhill Manor) and Condition 3 (use in connection with training and office uses at the complex) of permission CD.4931/1/L to allow 'open market' conference, seminar and lecture use at Springfield House Farncombe Estate Willersey Hill Willersey Broadway

Application 13/03441/FUL – Change of Use of nine en-suite bedrooms and associated parking from security trainee accommodation (Sui Generis) to C1 use class (Hotels) at Foxhill Cottages Farncombe Estate Willersey Hill Willersey Broadway

Application 13/03449/FUL – Change of Use of Manor House and immediate gardens to C1 (hotel) with eight en-suite bedrooms and use of ground floor for weddings and corporate and private events, together with associated parking at Foxhill Manor Campden Lane Willersey Broadway

Application 13/03473 /FUL – Change of Use of six en-suite bedrooms and associated parking from accommodation for short stay trainees (Sui Generis) to C1 use class (Hotels) at Dales Croft Farncombe Estate Willersey Hill Willersey Broadway

Application 13/03450/LBC - Listed Building Consent for internal and external alterations to facilitate change of use of Manor House and immediate gardens to C1 (Hotel) with eight en-suite bedrooms and use of ground floor for weddings and corporate and private events, together with associated parking at Foxhill Manor Campden Lane Willersey Broadway.

These applications were discussed at a Planning Committee meeting held on Monday, 9th September, when concerns were raised regarding possible light and noise pollution from the site.

MEETING: 23:09:13**Application W/13/01882/PP****MR. G. DICK, 11 Lifford Gardens**

Demolition of existing conservatory, erection of new single storey extension to rear and minor internal alterations

The Parish Council raise no objections to this proposal

Application W/13/01671/PN**MR. D. BENT, REDROW HOMES MIDLANDS****Land between Springfield Lane and Averill Close**

Erection of seventy dwellings incorporating vehicular access from Averill Close, earthworks to facilitate surface water and foul water drainage, landscaping, car parking and other ancillary and enabling works.

The Parish Council comment that this site has already been rejected by the SWDP due to issues regarding access. The Parish Council is very concerned about the matter of access as the road into Averill Close is not considered wide enough and would be unsuitable for any construction traffic. The number of vehicles/vehicle movement for the proposed development has been underestimated and it has not been taken into account that should access into the estate be blocked for any reason there are no other means of entry for emergency vehicles, etc.

The site is within the AONB and any proposed development would have a detrimental effect on Springfield Lane which is an area of great landscape value. The Broadway Conservation Area Appraisal rightly mentioned the value of the historic views south of Back Lane. The original medieval plan, which is very evident in the High Street and south of Back Lane with regular points of access to common fields and land, is still an important aspect of the area. Any closing of this open aspect would have a detrimental effect on the conservation of Broadway's heritage.

The total population of the village would increase by up to forty per cent should this development be included with other proposed developments.

Concerns were also raised regarding the siting of the proposed balancing ponds which are positioned on the boundary next to the other proposed development (land off Leamington Road) where there are considerable concerns regarding flooding. The question was asked – “are these two connected in any way?”

MEETING 14:10:13

Application W/13/01493/PN **ONE PROPERTY GROUP, Land off Kingsdale Court**
Construction of thirteen dwellings including new access and associated works.
Amendment: Site boundary to include additional land to east within application site to be used for planting of boundary hedge and replacement orchard trees. In addition, provision of four units of affordable housing (plots 2, 3, 4 and 5, comprising 2 x 2 bed units and 2 x 3 bed units) and amended floor plans and elevations (plot 13).
All previous comments are repeated and still stand. It is noted and commended that Affordable Housing has now been included in the scheme.

Application W/13/02004/PP **MR. B. BLUNDELL, 8 Gordon Close**
Sunroom to rear
The Parish Council raised no objections to this proposal, but it should be noted there are concerns regarding an issue with the boundaries.

Application W/13/01921/PN **THE STYLE AND CODRINGTON FAMILIES**
Land adjacent to Springfield Cottage, Springfield Lane
Erection of five dwellings with landscaping, vehicular access and all associated works
The Parish Council raised no objections to this proposal.

Application W/13/01962/PP **MR. C. LEE, Three Ways, Springfield Lane**
Erection of wall to 1.85m high – amendment to wall approved under planning application W/11/02575/PP
The Parish Council raised no objections to this application

Application W/13/01960/PN **MR. & MRS. WARREN, Cherry Dene, Evesham Road**
Proposed replacement dwelling
The Parish Council raised no objections to this application

Wychavon Approvals:

Application W/13/01882/PP **Mr. G. Dick, 11 Lifford Gardens**
Demolition of existing conservatory, erection of new single storey extension to rear and minor internal alterations

Application W/13/01319/LB **Mr. A. Dakin, Russell Court, Lower Green**
Installation of iron electric gates, new house sign, retention of stone wall and demolition of existing wall adjacent to garage

Application W/13/01203/CU **Mr. Davies, Northwick Farm, Pry Lane**
Proposed conversion of storage building to single dwelling

Application W/13/1542/PP **Mr. R. Coldicott, 11 Smallbrook Road**
Alterations and extension to existing property

Application W/13/01520/LB **Mrs. A. Gorton, Broadway Tower, Middle Hill**
Alteration to main entrance door and provision of new glass inner door

Application W/13/01347/PP **Mr. N. Tabor, Lybrook Farmhouse, Snowhill Road**
Alterations and two storey extension – amendment to scheme approved under W/08/00367/PP and W/11/00519/ET

Application W/13/01411/LB **Tudor House Broadway Trust, Tudor House, 65 High Street**
External signs for Ashmolean Museum

Application W/13/01373/PN **Gloucestershire/Warwickshire Steam Railway plc**
Broadway Railway Station, Station Road
Construction of three Broadway railway station buildings replacing originals demolished by British Railways

Application W/13/01786/PP **Mr. Lovell, 2 Lifford Gardens**
First storey side extension and single storey rear extension and alterations to existing dwelling

Wychavon Refusal:	Mr. W. Hall, Barnfield Mill, Childswickham Road
Application W/13/01540CY	New chalet park approved under W/12/00841/ET but without compliance with Condition 6 (restriction of development to holiday use only) and Condition 10 (requirement that mobile units meet the definition of a caravan)
Withdrawals:	W/13/01332/AA – Furlong Cotswold Limited, Lygon Arms, 28 High Street
	Fascia sign and temporary hoarding "Listed Building Consent"
	Withdrawn 16:08:13
	W/13/01363/PN – Mr. & Mrs. R. Belfit, Acorns Head Farm, West End Lane
	Erection of two bedroomed bungalow on site of derelict tractor shed for agricultural worker

(11) SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS/RECEIPTS from 01:08:13 to 08:10:13

<i>Payments:</i>	verified by the Clerk together with two nominated signatories	<i>net of VAT</i>
Worcestershire County Council / pension contribution		424.90
Unicom / telephone-internet		66.02
Cotswold Building Supplies / activity park maintenance		111.46
Unpaid cheque re Broadfest		100.00
Signs R Us / activity park		32.50
Colwyn Thomas / activity park maintenance		253.75
Grassroots Garden Services / activity park maintenance		312.00
Vale Press Limited / Broadfest expenses		298.00
Pro-Productions Limited / Broadfest expenses		2,044.28
E-on / office electricity		110.55
E-on / village green electricity		25.45
Worcestershire CALC / update of local council administration edition		63.75
K. Beasley / Clerk's salary / August		1,201.38
G. A. Tomkins / Asst. Clerk's salary – August		577.70
Severn Trent Water / office water		46.44
Clarke Cross Builders Limited / repairs to village green posts/rails		1,415.00
M. T. Tents / expenses re Broadfest		350.00
Tisanes Tea Rooms / expenses re Broadfest		56.20
G. Thompson / expenses re Broadfest		215.42
Cotswold Security / expenses re Broadfest		864.00
Cartridge World / office supplies		24.98
Cash / milk, coffee, sugar		13.03
Cash / postage		50.00
Worcestershire County Council / pension contribution		424.90
Unicom / telephone, internet		54.13
GBD (Evesham) Limited / mowing contract		631.20
Grassroots Garden Services / activity park maintenance		60.00
Vale Press Limited / stationery		18.00
Permutation Company / computer maintenance		49.99
Disability Right UK / key for disabled toilet		8.00
Wychavon District Council / office security maintenance		319.51
Grant Thornton UK / external auditor's fees		400.00
Maurice Parkinson Contracts / lengthsman scheme		160.00
Maurice Parkinson Contracts / general maintenance		426.00
K. Beasley / Clerk's salary / September		1,201.38
G. A. Tomkins / Assistant Clerk's salary / September		520.60
HM Revenue and Customs / PAYE		1,051.54
GBD (Evesham) Ltd / mowing contract		631.20
Grassroots Garden Services / activity park maintenance		84.00
EBC Group (UK) Ltd / photocopier charges		26.51
Cotswold Building Supplies / activity park maintenance		9.76

<i>Receipts:</i>	
Lloyds TSB / gross interest	3.57
Lloyds TSB / interest re fixed term deposit	46.03
Colwyn Thomas / ice cream sales	53.97
Sketts & Co / donation re market	50.00
Various / donations re Broadfest	350.00
Worcestershire County Council / lengthsman scheme	49.00
Lloyds TSB / gross interest	3.41
Lloyds TSB / interest re fixed term deposit	46.03
Wychavon District Council / precept	43,000.00
Sketts & Co / donation re market	50.00
Signpost / contribution to office electricity	33.66
Signpost / contribution to office water	23.22
Broadway Trust / contribution to Village Green rails/posts	707.50
Warners Retail Limited / donation re Broadfest	1,814.66

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

Councillor Mrs. Stephenson commented that the signs, damaged in a recent traffic incident and subsequently removed, had still not been reinstated. The Clerk would investigate further and report back accordingly.

Councillor Robinson requested an update on the proposed War Memorial repairs to be given at the next meeting, and also raised concerns regarding the length of time taken by Highways to replace the trees in the High Street. The Clerk would follow both these matters up and report back accordingly. Councillor Penny also commented that some of the trees were showing signs of decay and the Clerk would arrange a Tree Committee meeting to discuss these matters.

Councillor Miss Hardiman requested an update regarding the state of the road surface in Station Road in a number of places. The Clerk would report back at the next meeting.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.25 pm and opened the PUBLIC INFORMATION SESSION:

Doctor Bloch thanked the Parish Council for its agreement to review the Springfield Lane application, and gave an overview of his concerns.

Mrs. Friedli asked how many rentable properties suitable for local young people could be agreed to if housing was built on the Station Road site. Mr. Love replied that Broadway does not have an evidence base of housing needs and there was no longer a mechanism for delivery of low cost housing. It is, therefore, carried out on a top-down basis and developers are asked to provide thirty to forty per cent of a development as affordable housing. The result was, therefore, that for every one hundred houses built sixty would be open market housing and forty would be affordable housing.

The Chairman finally closed the meeting at 8.45pm

Date/Time Next Meeting: Thursday, 12th December 2013, at 7.00 pm

**Broadway Parish Council Report County and District Councillor Liz Eyre
October 2013**

Summary of the month

Planning: My Kingsdale Court objection is now lodged with the Council and should be on the portal. My final Leamington Road objection should be with the Council by 1st November. I understand both applications are coming to Committee 7th November. I have started lodging objections on highway grounds to Springfield Cottages – more to come.

The Neighbourhood Plan seminar on 22nd of this month was fascinating, illuminating in parts, helpful but off putting. I am a great believer that a lateral thinking group could reduce the bureaucracy of the process and still have a plan that stood up to interrogation. It's a matter of listening to advice and the residents. The seminar gave Rachel, myself, David and Graham much to think about.

S106 – to facilitate a submission by the Parish Council I prepared a discussion document. The S106 officer Jem Teal says that the evidence presented based on previous consultations is very appropriate and reflects our villagers views. It is a start. I look forward to a meeting with the PC end next week. As a summary the briefing paper discusses a tennis court, funds for a community building and the youth club, support for pitches and options re public art.

New Homes Bonus – I am disappointed the letter from the Parish Council to residents is not finalised – this has dragged on too long. The village is in danger of no contribution.

Local Sports Grants – Cllr Robinson was concerned about the sports club not being sufficiently supported. I have in the last 12 months, from my divisional fund, supported over £2,000 towards a new mower for the football club, paid for furniture at the bowls club to the tune of £1000, granted 2,000 to the cricket club roller and raised money by giving a wine tasting evening and a significant raffle prize.

Community grants working with Budgens I have helped the youth club access funds for a cookery project and with the Police a ramp for the building. Both projects are being planned.

Broadway Library the consultation continues. It is still planned that professionals will be at the heart of the service supported by volunteers to achieve the hours needed and building costs will be reduced if the community steps forward to run the building as a charity. A feasibility group is having its first meeting 28th October.

LOCAL HIGHWAY AND FLOODING ISSUES

Flooding:

New flood storage area in Broadway – there is to be a meeting before Xmas with the flood groups followed by a newsletter to residents. A firm date is being sought.

Working on Sewage and water quality issues with Severn Trent

Culvert Following a recent meeting of those leading on this issue the County is going to do some further investigations under the highway and National trust land by July 2014

Leamington Road mini roundabout and **High Street Resurfacing** - both being done an awful pity about the weather.

Station Road still awaiting the proposal for yellow lines

Working with traders on two issues

- Applications for Licences for tables and chairs on the highway
- Additional parking spaces between 6.00pm and 6.00am
- Broadband

For any proposal consultation would follow and the views of the Parish Council would be sought.

Request to the Parish Cllrs to rank and small pieces of highway work needed – nothing received yet.

Evesham's Abbey Bridge regular communications come to Parish

Students setting a new 'A' standard Figures show 79 per cent of the district's post-16 pupils achieved three or more passes, gaining grades A* to E. Ninety-seven per cent got two or more qualifications and every student gained at least one...

General information items:

Spending cuts: measures were announced in response to rising demand and government spending cuts which will see £100million trimmed from Worcestershire County Council's budget by 2017. More than £30million needs to be saved in 2014/15 with over £25.1million the following year and £25million the year etc. There is no doubt that spending cuts, may hit some front line services. We have made decision not to 'retreat' to only providing services they were required to by law, but the future is the end to 'big money government' and some impact on frontline services is unavoidable.

The Council is seeking views on special needs re preschool provision Parents of children with special educational needs (SEN) are being urged to have their say on the help, support and services provided by Worcestershire County Council. Consultation meetings are being held across the county to help shape future provision and get views before looking at potential providers. If any of our residents need more information please ask them to contact me?

Pothole couple lose court fight judge heard evidence from both parties and ruled in the council's favour after it was able to show that it maintained the highway by way of a system of inspection and repair and so it had fulfilled its duties and obligations. Bottom line it is not appropriate for the county council to pay claims for which it has no legal liability.

Children's centres win high praise: Children's centres across Wychavon have been graded as good in Worcestershire's first group Ofsted inspection.