

MINUTES
of MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL
held at 5 Russell Square, High Street, Broadway,
on Thursday, 18th August 2016, at 7.00 pm

PRESENT: Councillor B. M. Parmenter (Chairman), Councillors D. W. Folkes (Vice-Chairman), G. J. Franks, Miss D. Hardiman, A. Holmes, G. Love, G. O'Brien, N. Robinson, Mrs. R. Rogers, Mrs. S. Stephenson, Mrs. C. Wilson.
In attendance: District Councillor B. Thomas, Mr. R. Goldsmith (Broadway Trust), Mr. P. Reading (Broadway Business Association)

(1) **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** Apologies were received and accepted from County Councillor Mrs. Eyre, Councillors Dr. Clements, F. L. Penny, and West Mercia Police.

(2) **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** None

(3) **POLICE REPORT:**

The new Police and Crime Commissioner, John Campion, had unveiled his Safer West Mercia Plan for consultation with community and partners across West Mercia. The plan set out the aim of the Commissioner for the next four years in order to create a safer West Mercia. A copy of the draft plan was available in the Parish office, and the consultation period was open until Friday, 16th September.

Due to work commitments/holidays neither PC Paul Lewis nor CSO Phil Schoenrock were able to attend, but had submitted the following report :

Since the last meeting West Mercia Police had received sixty five calls from Broadway residents resulting in ten offences being recorded – (a) two burglary of dwellings which were both still under investigation, but an arrest had been made in relation to one of the main offences and the suspect was on police bail; (b) one burglary of other building (power tools); (c) three thefts from person involving credit/debit cards; (d) three assaults, all of which were very minor or with no injury, all parties being known to each other; and (e) one criminal damage (minor property damage).

Both the dwelling burglaries and the other buildings burglary were potentially linked with neighbouring Police Forces, who were suffering similar offences. If residents were concerned they were asked to contact PC Lewis or CSO Schoenrock for Crime Prevention advice/surveys.

An update was given regarding a recent one-off incident involving a graffiti attack on a number of vehicles/buildings in the village. The offences remained undetected with no eye witnesses being traced, and no evidence being obtained from the owners of private CCTV equipment in the areas affected.

There were no further questions from councillors, but concerns were raised regarding the non-attendance of the Police, and the Clerk was instructed to pass these concerns to PC Lewis and CSO Schoenrock.

(4) MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 30:06:16:

Proposed by Councillor Miss Hardiman, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Stephenson, the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 30th June 2016 were unanimously approved by those present, and were duly signed and dated as a true record.

(5) GWR PRESENTATION / UPDATE:

The Summer issue of the Friends of Broadway Station Newsletter had been received and circulated to all councillors, with a copy available in the Parish office.

The Chairman had invited Mr. Alan Bielby, Chairman of GWR, together with Mr. John Balderstone, Structures Engineer of GWR, to present an update on development concerning the proposed road closure and future plans for a car park.

Prior to commencement of the presentation the Clerk wished to highlight the fact that it was felt there was a lack of liaison between the Parish Council and GWR, and that this was a good opportunity to rectify the negative comments previously received. The Clerk also asked that both parties try to understand each party's point of view and to listen carefully to each other's concerns.

Proposed Closure of Station Road:

Mr. Bielby distributed a leaflet to all present giving the reasons behind the proposed closure of the road in order to repair the bridge (copy attached) and having highlighted all the points raised therein emphasised that GWR did not want to close the road but did need to repair the bridge. Councillors were very much against this proposed closure especially after the many problems caused by the closure two years ago, and it was felt that the correct procedure was surely to stop the bridge from being continuously damaged and having to be constantly repaired. Councillor Love asked if GWR had considered an electronic height warning similar to one installed between Waddlesdon and Bicester, to which Mr. Bielby replied that they had only just been made aware of this system and it would certainly be investigated further. Councillor Love questioned whether it was absolutely necessary to close the road completely in order for the stated work to be undertaken which, in his opinion, could be undertaken using traffic control. Councillor Mrs. Stephenson asked if the bus companies using Station Road had been advised of the proposed closure, as having spoken with a representative from one of the bus companies, had been informed that no notification had been received. Mr. Balderstone replied that as part of the road closure application form GWR was required to contact the County Council Integrated Passenger Transport Department and confirmed that discussions had taken place with Ms. Helena Payne of that department on 25th July regarding bus route diversions, who gave assurance that there would be no problem with the bus route changes. Councillor Robinson then proposed, seconded by Councillor Holmes, that the Parish Council write to the County Council to strongly object to the road closure, and this proposal was agreed with one abstention.

Proposed Car Parking Facilities:

Mr Bielby stated that GWR was always aware that the construction of a car park would be expensive, but had anticipated undertaking the work in phases starting with a car park in a very basic form. The District Council Planning Department, however, were not in agreement with this procedure and would want to see a full planning application and a fully operative car park built, with a cost of such a project estimated at a quarter of a million pounds. GWR reported that it did not have this amount of money, and neither

did it have the monies required to fund the preparatory works in connection with full planning permission. The District Council had indicated its willingness to consider constructing/operating a car park on the proposed site, which would require a business case to prove it was a viable proposition, but to date GWR do not have some of the required details/figures that would be required. The District Council also has only one contractor constructing car parks who is currently engaged on another project. GWR was of the opinion that the District Council was supportive of a car park at the proposed location, and it was agreed that the Parish Council, together with District Councillor Thomas, were also supportive of the proposal and would take the matter forward with Council Officers.

The Chairman thanked both Mr. Bielby and Mr. Balderstone for their attendance and presentation, and the Clerk thanked both GWR and councillors for their input and highlighted that although the Parish Council strongly objected to the road closure it was hoped that its comments were constructive and that its support for the proposed car park was appreciated by GWR.

(6) COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORTS:

There was no report from County Councillor Mrs Eyre as the previous report circulated at the last meeting covered the period up to 31st August and there were no major matters to add, apart from items already discussed within this meeting. A report from District Councillor Thomas was circulated to all councillors and a copy was available at the Parish Office. Councillor Thomas highlighted the situation regarding the District Council five year housing land supply, adding that since the publication of the SWDP the District Council would be able to test its figure of 7.83 years at an appeal in the near future. Asked how this would affect Broadway, Councillor Thomas explained that this would mean that because Wychavon has a sufficient housing land supply figure, if any speculative developer put forward an application to develop sites outside those already allocated within the SWDP, it could be more vigorously defended.

Councillor Thomas also raised concerns regarding the Leamington Road site. A resident, living adjacent to the development, had complained that a large pile of earth had accumulated outside the back of their property obstructing views etc., and having raised the issue with officers at the District Council and the developer Spitfire it was hoped that the mound would be reduced. It was stated that if this mound was not included in the method statement within the conditions of the planning application, surely a challenge could be made, and Councillor Thomas replied that this was being pursued through enforcement. The Chairman asked if the developer had resolved the drainage issues on the site to which Councillor Thomas replied that the matter was believed to be in hand, but it was being monitored on a weekly basis. Major concerns were also raised regarding the late declaration of interest concerning this development by Vic Allison, Deputy Managing Director of Wychavon, which Councillor Thomas had raised with Mr Jack Hegarty, Managing Director of the District Council, as it was unacceptable that a senior officer had made this declaration at such a late stage.

There being no further questions, the Chairman thanked Councillor Thomas for his report and comments.

(7) CLERK'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE:

The Clerk had received notification from GBD (Evesham) Limited that the company was no longer in a position to continue the grass cutting contract with immediate effect, and the Clerk, after consultation with the Chairman, had contacted Smart Cut Limited who agreed to undertake the contract on the same basis as GBD. The mowing contract with GBD was due to expire at the end of this season but Smart Cut had requested that they be given a twelve month contract as a mark of commitment from the Parish Council. The Chairman and Clerk were very grateful that Smart Cut had undertaken to assist the Parish Council at such short notice, and were of the opinion that the company should be given the contract for twelve months as requested. It was proposed by the Vice-Chairman, seconded by Councillor Miss Hardiman, and unanimously agreed, that the contract be given to Smart Cut for twelve months.

The water issue at the bottom of Luggers Hill Lane had now been resolved. Severn Trent Water, after several visits to the site to investigate the reported leak, decided eventually that the leakage was from a mains water pipe and the relevant property owner was notified of the problem, who arranged for the necessary repair work to be undertaken.

At the end of last year the Clerk reported that the District Legal Officer had notified the Parish Council that there was no Under-Lease document in place for the Parish office, and it was agreed that the necessary paperwork should be obtained. The Clerk confirmed that the new documents relating to the Under-Lease, Deed of Covenant with Management Company, and the official copy of the Title, had now been received.

The Cotswold Conservation Board had forwarded its Annual Review 2015/16 a copy of which, together with the latest issue of the Cotswold Lion magazine, was available in the Parish office.

The District Council was proposing to adopt a Policy and Guidelines in relation to its licensing responsibilities under the Scrap Metal Dealers Act 2013 which aimed to provide residents, applicants and other agencies with a benchmark of the licensing authority's expectations, and would assist them in understanding statutory requirements. A copy of the draft Scrap Metal Licensing Policy and Guidelines was available in the Parish office, and any comments needed to be submitted before the consultation ended on 30th September.

The District Council had organised a "Clean, Green and Safe Places" event to be held at the Civic Centre, Pershore, on Thursday, 15th September commencing at 6.00 p.m. The event would include presentations on the following (a) reducing and preventing crime; (b) organising a clean-up/litter pick; (c) money matters – providing an update on budgets, Council Tax setting and New Homes Bonus, and (d) supporting and informing local councils.

The Clerk was also instructed to investigate a number of issues/concerns raised at the last meeting – (a) the collection times of the post in the village - the Clerk had confirmed with the Post Office staff that collections at the box outside the Post Office take place at 5.45 pm daily on weekdays and at 9.00 am at all other boxes in the village; (b) the step outside the arcade had now been more clearly marked; (c) the streets are swept weekly on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays and the litter bins are emptied and litter picks undertaken on the same basis; (d) the portable toilet in the field off Back Lane had now been removed; and (e) the pot-hole/uneven surface under the archway between

the Haynes Fine Art and Four Corner premises - the Clerk had contacted the owners on two occasions but to date no response had been received.

The Chairman and Clerk had attended both Broadway First School and St Mary's Primary Catholic School to present each of the pupils with a medal commemorating the Queen's 90th birthday.

The Clerk confirmed that a letter had been sent to the Head Office of Lloyds Bank plc supporting the local branch in Broadway and requesting to be involved in any discussion regarding its future, but to date no replied has been received.

(8) **REPORTS FROM VARIOUS GROUPS AND COMMITTEES:**

Business Association:

Mr Peter Reading, Chairman of the Business Association, gave the following update -

The recent 'Party on the Green' event was well received which would be followed by the 'Food Festival' on 11th September and then the two late night shopping events on 25th November and 2nd December. Mr. Reading said he would again be installing the Christmas Lights and was hoping to extend them along Leamington Road to trees outside Shear House, and also wished to replace some of the lights because if the current bulbs shatter, particularly over grassed areas, there would be a possible danger to the public, and Mr. Reading was liaising with the manager of the Broadway Hotel for a possible source/costs. A discussion was held regarding the main Christmas tree on the grassed area outside the arcade, as concerns had been raised that it was not prominent enough, Mr. Reading stated that the number of lights was restricted to a hundred, but felt that more could be made of the decorations. A larger tree in the centre of the village would look wonderful, but the increase in size would incur additional costs including delivery and installation, and the assurance of its stability. It was agreed that a similar size tree was acceptable, but with better and additional decoration, and Mr. Reading would put these comments to the next Business Association meeting.

Mr. Reading added that the organisers of the recent 'Bike Event' and 'Party of the Green' had been asked to forward a set of accounts for both events to the Business Association and the Parish Council as requested.

The electrical connection boxes on the light columns were to be painted as promised and the work would be undertaken shortly.

Councillor Love asked Mr. Reading if, at the next meeting of the Business Association, attention could be drawn to the fact that the Parish Council, the Broadway Trust and the District Council had received several adverse comments regarding the signage within the village, in particular the number and design of signage for each business. Councillor Love added that guidance was available within the District Council Shopfront Guide and highlighted the fact that any signage in a Conservation Area required planning permission.

Mr. Reading finally notified the Parish Council that it was closing down its 'Beauty Broadway' website, and following a presentation/consultation with two local software companies it had agreed that Melanie Waldron would take over the running of the 'Broadway Business' website which would act as a business portal for business members.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Reading for his report and comments.

Other Matters:

At the last Parish Council meeting the following items were raised for which updates had now been obtained.

CCTV the Clerk was instructed to ask what difference enhanced lighting or improved cameras would make to the capability of the camera system, and having contacted the District Council was informed that no guarantee could be given, which suggested that spending money on updating the system would not be cost effective. After discussion it was agreed that no further action was required.

Speed restrictions in Cheltenham Road – the Chairman, Clerk and Councillor Mrs. Rogers met Councillor Mrs. Eyre and representatives from County Council Highways, on site at the West End junction with Cheltenham Road, to discuss the concerns of the Parish Council of speeding traffic approaching the village. After much discussion Highways would not agree to either the installation of a 40 mph zone or an extension to the 30 mph zone, but did agree for the road marking “SLOW” to be put on the road prior to the approach to the village, together with a complete remarking of the junction area, and to ensure that all appropriate road signs were in place. It was also agreed to move the directional signs nearer to the junction and to remove the directional arm to Snowhill/Bury End in order to discourage motorists from using West End Lane as a short cut to Snowhill. The lengthsman was to be asked to clear the footpath between the West End turn and the lay-by near to Peasebrook Cottages.

New Homes Bonus – the Clerk was instructed to enquire as to the amount of New Homes Bonus monies that could be expected from the Leamington Road development, and the District Council replied that until it had heard from the Government about the New Homes Bonus consultation result no decisions had been made at Wychavon with regard to future New Homes Bonus. It was hopeful, however, of giving an update at the ‘Clean, Green and safe Places’ event in September.

Flood Alleviation Scheme –

At the last Parish Council meeting the Clerk was instructed to obtain an update regarding costs etc. before a decision could be made regarding the current New Homes Bonus allocation. The Clerk had spoken with the Environment Agency, who confirmed that there is still a £400,000 shortfall, but that the figure expected from the local contribution of £312,000 had not changed.

The Environment Agency had also confirmed that following consultations with local residents and Nigel Huddleston MP it would be undertaking some maintenance work on the ditch behind Mill Avenue in the near future to give local residents more assurance against any flooding concerns.

Section 106 monies – a meeting was held on Tuesday 26th July at the Parish Office with District Community Development Manager, Jen Teal, to discuss the understanding/criteria and use of Section 106 monies and an information sheet had been circulated to all councillors detailing all matters discussed at the meeting. In summary, Section 106 contributions were not an automatic right and were used to improve the infrastructure for the area resulting from new housing, and needed to be requested on the basis of the three tests to comply with Community Infrastructure Levy Regulations 2010 evidenced in terms of need and

used for a specific purpose - (a) necessary to make the development acceptable in planning terms; (b) directly related to the development; and (c) fairly and reasonably related in scale and kind to the development.

Neighbourhood Plan – a meeting had been arranged on Thursday, 25th August, at 2.00 pm at the Parish Council Office, with Mr. Ian Crawley, a professional advisor on Neighbourhood Plans, for prospective members of the proposed steering group to discuss the way forward.

(9) PLANNING:

Parish Council comments:

MEETING: 04:07:16

Application W/16/01384/PP

MR. & MRS. HARTWELL
Robinhill, Springfield Lane
Erection of detached garage building with garden store and studio in roof space

The Parish Council would like to defer a decision on this application as it is unable to make proper comments when there are no clear measurements shown on the plan. Also, should it have Listed Building consent?

Application W/16/01549/PP

MR. J. LOCKYER
March House, Evesham Road
Single and two-storey with side and rear extensions, part over existing garage

This property is in the parish of Childswickham (not Broadway) but Broadway PC would like to make the following comments – (a) there is no proper location plan, and (b) the footprint appears to be doubled by the proposed extension.

Application W/16/01422/PN

MR. J. NOOTT,
Stoneyroyd, Station Road
Proposed dwelling

The Parish Council raised no objections to this application

MEETING: 18:07:16

**Applications W/16/01645/PP
and W/16/01646/LB**

MR. & MRS. IOMMI
Pear Tree House, 111 High Street
Single storey rear garage extension

The Parish Council raised no objections to this application

Application W/16/01706/PP

MR. & MRS. SELBY
Cotswold Cottage, Lower Green
Demolition and rebuild of annex building (**amendments to planning permission W/15/01496/PP**)
The Parish Council raised no objections to this application.

Application W/16/01547/LB

MR. T. DINGLEY
Holmwood, 150 High Street
Removal of lean-to shed/wood store

The Parish Council raised no objections to this application

Application W/16/01622/PP

E-on
38 Brookside
Installation of external wall insulation to all elevations of property in a neutral colour (white/cream/grey)

The Parish Council raised no objections to this application

Application W/16/00935/PN **MR. DAVIES**
 Ridgway, Station Road
 Erection of replacement garage with games room and storage above
 and provision of new access road from Springfield Lane
 (Amendment: proposed materials for drive access road changed
 to Cotswold stone chippings)

The Parish Council raised no objections to this application

Application W/16/01669/PP **MR. J. CROOK**
 Far Bunchers, Snowshill Road
 Single storey rear glazed garden room, dormer to rear to form en-
 suite, replacement of garage doors with window.

The Parish Council raised no objections to this application

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Application W/16/01743/PP **LORD AND LADY HARRISON**
 3 Lifford Gardens
 Porch extension

The Parish Council raised no objections to this application

Application W/16/01766/LB **MESSRS DAKIN & ROGERS**
 Russell Court, Lower Green
 Re-opening of doorway between Russell House and Russell Court by
 removing existing boarding and making good work.

The Parish Council raised no objections to this application

Application W/16/01731/LB **TRUSTEES OF LUCY'S TRUST**
 74-76 High Street
 Removal of existing stone slates to front elevation and replacement
 with reclaimed stone slates.

The Parish Council raised no objections to this application

Application W/16/01647 **BROADWAY TOWER,**
 Country Park, Middle Hill
 Conversion of and alterations to existing buildings to provide visitors
 centre and E-bike hire reception. Demolition of existing agricultural
 building and erection of new building to provide E-bike storage and
 additional food preparation area in association with existing country
 park café.

The Parish Council raised no objections to this application

WYCHAVON APPROVALS:

W/16/01549/PP **Mr. J. Lockyer, March House, Evesham Road**
 Single and two storey side and rear extensions, part over existing garage

W/16/00935/PN **Mr. Davies, Ridgway, Station Road**
 Erection of replacement garage with games room and storage above and provision of new access
 road from Springfield Lane

W/16/01384/PP **Mr. & Mrs. Hartwell, Robinhill, Springfield Lane**
 Erection of detached garage with garden store and studio in roof space

W/16/01353/LB **Tibbets Family Discretionary Trust, 84 High Street**
 Internal works and installation of new gas main

W/16/01199/PP **Mr. & Mrs. D. Barnes, Hallam, Evesham Road**
 Proposed first floor extension and new front dormer

W/16/01420/PP **EON Energy, 12 Colletts Gardens**
 Installation of external wall insulation to all elevations of property in neutral colour
 (white/cream/grey)

W/16/0104/CU	Farncombe Estate Limited, Farncombe Drive Retrospective application for change of use from C3 private dwelling to B1 office use or C3 residential
W/16/01406/PP	EON Energy, 9 Bibsworth Avenue Installation of external wall insulation to all elevations of property in neutral colour (white/cream/grcy)
W/16/-1407/PP	EON Energy, 72 Sandcroft Avenue Installation of external wall insulation to all elevations of property in neutral colour (white/cream/grcy)
W/16/01335/PP	Mr. & Mrs. Iommi, Pear Tree House, 111 High Street
W/16/01336/LB	Extension and other alterations

WYCHAVON REFUSALS:

W/16/00773/PN	Mr. M. Aspinall, Cotswold Trading, 36 High Street
W/16/00774/LB	Alteration to shop front
W/16/00359/PN	Mr. A. Rawcliffe, Cotswold House, 11 Leamington Road Proposed new dwelling in side garden of Cotswold House

WITHDRAWAL:

W/15/02146/PN	Mrs. M. Thomas, Brook House Guest House, Station Road Proposed bungalow	Withdrawn: 03:06:16
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(10) SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS AND RECEIPTS from 01:06:16 – 31:07:16

<i>Payments:</i>	verified by the Clerk together with two nominated signatories	<i>net of VAT</i>
Postage /cash		32.54
Milk/coffee/sugar / cash		10.98
Office supplies / cash		1.25
Worcestershire County Council / pension contribution		469.59
Unicom / telephone-internet		59.29
E.ON / village green electricity		23.76
Colwyn Thomas – activity park maintenance		218.75
Grassroots Garden Services / activity park maintenance		72.00
GBD (Evesham) Limited / mowing contract		975.21
K. Beasley / clerk's salary June		1,242.37
G. A. Tomkins / assistant clerk's salary – June		501.63
PAYE / HM Revenue & Customs		1,047.13
Mustard Presentation / grant		2,000.00
Broadway History Society / grant		500.00
Broadway First School / grant		1,000.00
Broadway United Reform Church / grant – youth activities		500.00
Broadway United Reform Church / grant – Broadway Pilots		500.00
Wychavon District Council / refuse bin		337.00
Worcestershire County Council / pension contribution		469.59
Unicom / telephone, internet		58.51
Play Inspection Corporation / quarterly activity park inspection		100.00
GBD (Evesham) Limited / mowing contract		975.21
Wychavon District Council / fees re Under-Lease for Parish office		540.00
EBC Group (UK) / photocopier charges		31.03
Cotswold Building Supplies / activity park maintenance		666.40

The Tower Mint / commemorative medals	449.28
Hentland / office fire extinguisher	102.64
Grassroots Garden Services / activity park maintenance	96.00
Cupboards Direct Limited / litter bins	448.00
Wychavon Sport / parish games entry fees	69.00
Maurice Parkinson / lengthsman scheme	470.00
Smart Cut Limited / mowing contract	344.00
K. Beasley / clerk's salary – July	1,281.67
G. A. Tomkins / assistant clerk's salary – July	353.53
Kompan Ltd. / activity park maintenance	319.68
Abbey Forestry / tree maintenance	308.00
Grassroots Garden Services / activity park maintenance	84.00
Cotswold Building Supplies / activity park maintenance	87.92
Colwyn Thomas – activity park maintenance	253.75

Receipts:

Lloyds Bank / gross interest	4.40
Lloyds Bank / interest re fixed term deposit	113.69
Signpost / contribution to office electricity	85.45
L & C Wassell / fair rents	27.00
Lloyds Bank / gross interest	4.19
Worcestershire County Council / lengthsman scheme	105.00

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

Councillor Mrs. Stephenson reported that there was a pothole in the entrance to the doctors' surgery in need of repair. As the pothole was on the doctors' property the Clerk replied that it was not a matter for Highways and the matter would be reported to the doctors. Councillor Mrs. Stephenson was concerned that vehicles were potentially causing danger to other road users when exiting Leedons Park, and asked if a warning sign could be installed by the owners. The Clerk would contact Leedons Park to discuss the Parish Council's concerns and suggestions.

Councillor Love asked if a follow-up meeting with the Environment Agency had been arranged. The Clerk replied that a further meeting had been promised when more details/figures were available, and would chase the matter up with Councillor Mrs. Fyre and the Environment Agency.

Councillor Franks had noted that a letter had been sent giving support for the local branch of Lloyds Bank, but asked if any conversation had taken place with the owner of Shopwright concerning the Post Office facilities within the premises. The Chairman replied that there were alleged changes regarding the Post Office, but this could not be confirmed at the present moment.

Councillor O'Brien reported the untidy state of areas outside properties owned by BUPA and Huntercombe along Station Road and the Clerk would contact the owners to discuss the Parish Council's concerns.

Councillor Mrs. Wilson once again highlighted the unkempt state of the escape lane on Fish Hill. Several councillors agreed and the Clerk was instructed to contact Mr.

Gerry Brienza from Highways to pass on the Parish Council's concerns that this matter remained unresolved to its satisfaction.

Councillor Miss. Hardiman confirmed that the lease for the library was being finally signed on 16th September and that all councillors were invited to the event, details of which would be forwarded to the Clerk shortly.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.45 pm and opened the PUBLIC INFORMATION SESSION:

Mr. Robin Goldsmith of the Broadway Trust again referred to the Leamington Road site and the issue concerning the mound of earth, and asked why it could not have been put on the other side of the site, away from any properties, which would have shown a sign of willingness to co-operate and consideration for local residents.

Mr. Chris Tate, a resident of Kingsdale Court, advised councillors of the District Council Planning Committee meeting at which the amended plans for the site next to Kingsdale Court, now owned by Rooftop Housing Group, was being discussed. Mr. Tate said that he had registered to speak at the meeting to be held on Thursday 25th August, at the Civic Centre, Pershore, and would be presenting the case that although the residents of Kingsdale Court, who he was representing, had no objection in principle, objections were raised regarding the proposed access to two of the properties off the road to Kingsdale Court. This concern had also been raised by the Parish Council planning committee when it submitted its comments to the application.

The Chairman finally closed the meeting at 8.50 pm

Date /Time Next Meeting: 20th October at 7.00 pm

District Councillor Bradley Thomas' Report

Broadway report, August 2016

Wychavon 5 year housing land supply

The latest assessment of Wychavon's 5 year housing land supply is estimated to be 7.83 years. This is an internal assessment, but will be tested at appeal shortly, and Wychavon officers are confident that this number is robust and can be demonstrated at appeal. This is testament to the hard work of all those involved in identifying SWDP sites for development.

The challenge ongoing is ensuring that applications are translating into actual developments taking place. Whilst Wychavon doesn't have a problem with completion rates at the moment, central government are watching this carefully in order to not exacerbate the housing crisis the UK currently faces.

Personnel

Whilst only appointed Chairman of the Planning Committee at Wychavon a few months ago, I am no longer in this role as I have been promoted to the Exec Board, where I am now portfolio holder for planning, transport & infrastructure.

This is great news for Broadway and gives me a seat at the top table where I have a lot more strategic influence over these three areas within my remit and in particular I now have monthly one-to-ones with the head of Housing & Planning Services in particular. For Broadway, this means that your voice can be heard even more effectively amongst senior officers at Wychavon.

Note that I still remain a voting member of the Planning Committee and so Broadway still has permanent representation there.