

**MINUTES**  
**of MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL**  
**held at 5 Russell Square, High Street, Broadway,**  
**on Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup> December 2016, at 7.00 pm**

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**PRESENT:** Councillor B. M. Parmenter (Chairman), Councillors D. W. Folkes (Vice-Chairman), Dr. R. Clements, Ms. D. Hardiman, A. Holmes, G. Love, G. O'Brien, N. Robinson, Mrs. R. Rogers, Mrs. S. Stephenson

Also in attendance: County and District Councillor Mrs. Eyre, District Councillor B. Thomas

(1) **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** Apologies were received and accepted from Councillors G. J. Franks, F. L. Penny and Mrs. C. Wilson, West Mercia Police, Broadway Trust

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

(3) **POLICE REPORT:**

PC Lewis and CSO Schoenrock were unable to attend the meeting due to police commitments, but submitted the following report –

Since the last meeting West Mercia Police had received fifty-six calls from Broadway residents resulting in ten offences being recorded – two dwelling burglaries, two burglaries of other buildings, two criminal damages, one theft of a motor vehicle, one make-off without payment, and two thefts.

Although not prevalent within the Broadway area, thefts from motor vehicles were still of concern, particularly tradesmans' vehicles containing power tools etc. The Police advised owners of these vehicles to post code or security mark the equipment in order to deter thieves and to assist in return of stolen property.

PC Lewis and CSO Schoenrock wished to thank the Parish Council for its support over the past year and asked that seasonal greetings be passed on to everyone.

Councillor Mrs. Rogers, supported by all members of the council, gave appreciation to the high visibility presence of the Police in the village throughout the year.

County and District Councillor Mrs. Eyre asked that the Police be reminded of the Hunt meeting in the High Street on Boxing Day, particularly the high number of people and vehicles present.

There were no further questions/comments from councillors.

(4) **MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 20:10:16**

Proposed by Councillor Ms. Hardiman, seconded by Councillor Holmes, the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 20<sup>th</sup> October 2016 were unanimously approved by those present, and were duly signed and dated as a true record.

## (5) BROADWAY COMMUNITY AWARD:

The Clerk had placed an article in the Evesham Journal requesting nominations but had received no response. The following were nominated by councillors - the team of volunteers at the Tourist Information Office, Steve Williams, David Folkes, Ms. Dominique Hardiman, Terry Reid, Mark Pickering and Frank Benham. A short resume of each nominee had been circulated to all councillors who were requested to inform the Clerk of their choice before leaving the meeting. Before any voting took place Councillor Miss. Hardiman withdrew her nomination.

## (6) .PRESENTATION RE PROPOSED PLANS FOR DEVELOPMENT OF LYGON ARMS:

The Chairman invited Mr. Graham Nesbitt, General Manager of the Lygon Arms, Mr. Neil Warner of JPPC, and Ms. Mary Collins of Chandler KBS, to make a short presentation.

Mr. Nesbitt thanked the Parish Council for the opportunity to outline the plans of the hotel for redevelopment submitted in the pre-application to the District Council, and asked Mr. Warner to present the plans. The first phase, for which a full planning application would be submitted for consideration in January, would consist of (a) internal refurbishment of the bedrooms, (b) works to the bar area in the courtyard, (c) renovation and external works to the accommodation block, and (d) landscaping of the courtyard area. The second phase, the area north of Back Lane, was currently being discussed with the District Council and would include (a) the demolition of the staff accommodation which is in a poor state of repair, and would be replaced by five open market properties, (b) the reconfiguration of the car park area including a new administration building and storage block, (c) new guest suites to be built to provide extra accommodation - where this is within the Conservation Area use will be made of existing buildings where possible - outside the Conservation Area would be sensitive new builds, (d) redevelopment of the garden area, and (e) new staff accommodation to be built at the far end of the site.

The Parish Council would be invited to view more detailed plans when finalised at a presentation event held in the hotel.

The Chairman thanked the representatives from the Lygon Arms for the presentation and for involving the Parish Council in the future development of the hotel.

## (7) PRESENTATION RE UPDATE OF BADSEY BROOK FLOOD ALLEVIATION SCHEME / FUNDING:

The Chairman invited Mr. Anthony Perry from the Environment Agency to give an update as follows -

Confirmation was given that (a) land had now been purchased, (b) planning permission approved, (c) the archaeological work had been undertaken, (d) tenders from approved contractors were now being sought and would be submitted for consideration by the end of January - the Broadway scheme was being packaged with other projects but would be separately priced, and (e) tree work would commence early next year with completion by March.

Funding was now the major issue - the government grant had now been secured subject to partnership funding - i.e. local contributions, but it was a concern that when the

tenders were submitted there may be a shortfall which could be as much as £400k. Risks were built in within this figure, but as the project neared construction some of these risks may reduce. There was now a need to know from where and how the £312k (local contribution) would be raised so that a business case could be put forward to finalise the project. If the business plan passed scrutiny contracts could then be awarded and construction commenced.

Councillor Robinson asked whether the Environment Agency would control ownership of the land after completion of the project. Mr. Perry replied that the Agency would retain control of the reservoir although a decision regarding use of the land had not yet been taken, but gave reassurance that the authorities, including the Parish Council, who contributed towards the cost of the project would be consulted and have the final decision on the matter.

Councillor O'Brien asked if all the land required had now been acquired. In reply, Mr. Perry stated that over eighteen acres had been purchased but some use of other private land was required. Although the Agency could obtain the legal right to undertake work on such land the owners had a right to compensation, but this had to be based on actual losses which must be demonstrated.

Councillor Love asked if the third party compensation issue had been concluded to which Mr. Perry replied, as previously stated, the full extent of the losses would only be known on completion of the construction. Councillor Love also asked if funding had been sought from other areas affected by previous flooding. It was confirmed that Childswickham had contributed including £5k of New Homes bonus monies, but it was suggested that a further communication be sent inviting further possible funding.

It was agreed that the Clerk should arrange a full Parish Council meeting in order to discuss how the outstanding monies would be raised to which Childswickham Parish Council would be invited to attend. Mr. Perry confirmed the funding would not be required immediately but reiterated the need to know that confirmation of its availability would be required.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Perry for the presentation.

### (8) COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORTS:

A copy of Councillor Mrs. Eyre's report was circulated to all councillors, copies of which are available on the website and in the Parish Council office. The following issues were highlighted --

Draft consultation plans had been published for -- (a) Sustainability and Transformation Plan regarding health and care across Hereford and Worcestershire. Councillor Mrs. Eyre suggested that this matter be referred to Barn Close Surgery for its input/thoughts, and (b) Minerals Local Plan. Both were available for comment, details of which were available in the Parish Office.

The Local Transport Plan 4 had also been made available for comment/feedback for consultation, and it was hoped that items relating to Broadway would be considered. Councillor Mrs. Eyre referred to (a) the refurbishment of the gravels in the High Street costing approx. £100,000 to £150,000 if this could be included within the Transport Plan funding could come from Government rather than through the County Council maintenance budget. Councillor Robinson stated that when the work to the gravels was completed and a new surface laid, when any future repairs were undertaken the

correct/appropriate surface must be used, as this had not been the case following recent repairs. Councillor Robinson stated, supported by a number of other councillors, that the wooden posts also be replaced, possibly with metal ones; (b) Councillor Mrs. Eyre also commented there was a possibility that the Swan Car Park may be made into a paid car park. Councillor Love stated that the Broadway Trust owned the land on which the car park was situated and was subject to a highways dedication agreement and, therefore, no such charges could be applied. There were also concerns raised as to the viability of charging as the number of spaces within the car park was limited. Councillor Mrs. Eyre asked if the Broadway Trust could forward its comments; (c) There are also plans regarding the future development of the A46, and Councillor Mrs. Eyre raised concerns as to how this may affect Broadway, for example regarding traffic movement. In conclusion, Councillor Mrs. Eyre reported that it was hoped the refurbishment of the gravels would be included within the Plan, but that the car park changes would not, and would report back regarding the redevelopment of the A46 accordingly.

Progress was being made with Severn Trent Water regarding the recent incidents along Childswickham Road, with the area around the manhole cover now cordoned off for safety reasons. A meeting had been arranged to discuss all water matters relating to both Broadway and Childswickham with officials from Severn Trent Water, including a solution to the above issue.

There was no report from District Councillor Thomas, but he had notified the meeting that both District Councillors, along with other District Council officers, would be undertaking a 'ward walk' in both Broadway and Childswickham on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December, meeting business owners and members of the public to discuss any topics/concerns raised.

(9) CLERK'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE:

Dates for Parish Council meetings during 2017 had been circulated to all councillors/other parties.

The Clerk and Mrs. Joan Parfitt attended the presentation evening for the 2016 Wychavon Parish Games held at Bretforton Sports Club on Thursday, 24<sup>th</sup> November. Broadway came seventh overall out of twenty-seven parishes, won the dominoes competition, were runners-up in the petanque competition, and reached the quarter finals in three other events. Broadway's position could have been higher if it had entered all the events, but this year there was no entry into the bell boating, ladies rounders or junior table tennis, and councillors were asked to inform Mrs. Parfitt or the Clerk if they became aware of anyone/organisation who would be interested. The Parish Council was thanked for its sponsorship of the crib tournament, and the Clerk presented the trophies to the winners, Eckington, and the runners-up, Bredon. It was agreed that the Parish Council continue to sponsor the crib competition, and the Clerk would advise the Parish Games committee accordingly. Mrs. Joan Parfitt was agreeable to continue in the role of Parish Games organiser for Broadway, and the Clerk was instructed to write a letter of appreciation.

As agreed on the 2015/2016 budget the following annual donations were made:

Broadway Communications Group	500.00
Wychavon Citizens' Advice Bureau	500.00
Evesham Volunteer Centre	1,000.00
Broadway Tourist Information	500.00

Signpost	1,000.00
Broadway Parochial Church Council (Contribution to maintenance of the graveyard)	2,000.00
Visitor Management Group	2,500.00

The District Council was seeking nominations for its 2016 Community Recognition Awards. There were a huge number of individuals and groups working voluntarily, which help to run clubs and projects making a real difference to our communities. There were several categories, details of which were available on the poster displayed in the Parish Office, or on Wychavon's website. Deadline for entries - Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2017.

A revised copy of the 2016/2017 Electoral Roll was supplied by the District Council. It is available for inspection in the Parish Office.

Comments were being sought on the draft Planning for Health Supplementary Planning Document. The consultation commenced on 2<sup>nd</sup> December and would run for a period of eight weeks, concluding on 27<sup>th</sup> January 2017. The purpose of the draft was to provide guidance when planning for and creating healthier development, whilst providing communities and organisations with greater support to take positive action to improve their health and wellbeing and to encourage more positive forms of participation in healthier environments.

As previously agreed, a meeting was arranged between Mr. Vic. Allison and Mr. Tim. Deakin from the District Council and the Chairman and Clerk on 20<sup>th</sup> December at the Civic Centre, Pershore, to discuss additional car parking, a further graveyard and possible development of the youth club.

At the last meeting councillors were asked to give consideration to spending or donating the £600.00 received regarding the recent filming in Broadway. After discussion it was agreed that the matter should be discussed at the next Finance Working Group meeting.

#### (10) REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND GROUPS:

##### **Visitor Management Group**

A meeting was held on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December at the Parish Office at which the following matters were discussed:

Feedback was given on the Horticultural Show and Food Festival which took place in September, when both events were well supported. The two late night shopping events received positive feedback and the Clerk would invite the Chairman of the Business Association to the next meeting of the Parish Council to give a more detailed report following its own debriefing session. The key issue with all of the events was the matter of car parking which was inadequate, and the Parish Council was still actively pursuing a solution to this problem.

The schedule of events for 2017 was discussed but both the Bike Night and the Italian Market would not be taking place. The following events were being arranged – Classic Cars, Village Party, Horticultural Show, Food Festival, and Late Night Shopping.

Following a number of requests by production companies to film in various locations in the village it was suggested that some form of policy/procedures should be

put together for future requests. It was agreed that a final draft be presented at the next meeting subject to the approval of the Parish Council.

Mr. Jim. Burgin of the District Council gave an update on the recent Civic Society meeting, particularly to items relating to Broadway raised by the Broadway Trust. A consultation document relating to signage was shortly to be published for comment.

The date of the next meeting would be at 10.00 am on 6th March 2017 in the Parish office.

#### **Neighbourhood Plan**

A meeting of the steering group was held on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November, at which the draft for the introductory article to be placed in the next edition of the Newsletter was discussed and agreed. A copy of the article was circulated to all councillors.

#### **Finance**

The Parish Council had received a request for funding from Broadway Museum and Art Gallery, and the Chairman read out a submitted document which highlighted that the Museum was now changing its name from the Ashmolean, concentrating its direction on the history of Broadway, including a time line showing the development of the village through the ages. It was currently seeking accreditation from the Arts Council which would bring access to grants and help with key museum costs, and it was hoped that this would be completed by the end of February 2017. The Trustees were requesting a grant of £2,000 to assist in the change-over period until February. After discussion it was agreed that the proposed changes would benefit the village, especially as the museum would now be more about the village itself, and after a proposal by the Chairman, seconded by Councillor Rogers, it was agreed, with two abstentions, that a grant of £2,000 be awarded.

#### **Activity Park Update**

An accident occurred on the rodeo board on 5<sup>th</sup> September, when a mother using the piece of equipment had fallen off and damaged her shoulder. The Clerk, having received a letter from the person involved, had advised the Parish Council's insurance company and forwarded the information which it had requested. The Clerk would update councillors accordingly.

As previously advised there was interest in setting up refreshment facilities within the Activity Park. Upon further discussions with the interested party and the District Council, the proposal had raised a number of issues – (a) planning consent would be required for creating a trading pitch within the Activity Park because this would constitute a change of use; (b) the trading pitch would need to be created or use made of existing hardstanding; and (c) the provision of utilities i.e. electricity and water.

Should the Parish Council wish to provide refreshments within the Activity Park a trading pitch would be very useful, not only for this proposal, but for any future provision of such facilities. After discussion, it was agreed that planning permission for change of use to provide a trading pitch should be applied for, which would allow the Parish Council to apply a rental charge.

#### **Youth Club**

Councillor Holmes gave an update on the Youth Club reporting that the club and its membership was thriving, but a major concern was the state of the building and the ongoing cost of its maintenance. The committee, looking to the future, envisaged that a

replacement building would be the ideal solution, especially with the increase in numbers and the possibility of further increases with the developments taking place in the village. Councillor Holmes reminded councillors that the Parish Council own the land on which the youth club is sited, and lease (25 years, signed in 2004) the building to the youth club. Councillor Holmes had placed an article in the Broadway Newsletter asking for help and additional members etc. for the youth club. As a result of this article Mr. Adkish, a local businessman and resident of Springfield Lane, had contacted the committee and would like to help to redevelop the building, so that the young people in the village had a building for their use and for the future. Mr. Adkish had made investigations and highlighted the options available, explaining that the most cost effective option would be a timber built extension and total refurbishment of the existing building, at a cost of approx. £200,000. Mr. Adkish offered to help to raise the funds and/or help finance the redevelopment. After discussion it was agreed to form a committee to look into the viability of redeveloping the building/site. The Chairman and Clerk would also raise the issue at a planned meeting with Mr. Allison of the District Council.

The Chairman thanked both Councillor Holmes and Mr. Adkish for the update and proposals for the Youth Club.

(11) PLANNING:

**Parish Council comments:**

**MEETING: 17:10:16**

**Applications W/16/02204/PP  
and W/16/02205/LB**

**MR. & MRS. MOSELEY**  
Pike Cottage, 164 High Street  
New Victorian style timber greenhouse and new porch

The Parish Council was aggrieved that this was yet again another retrospective application. No objections were raised but assurance should be given that the proposed hedging is sufficiently adequate to screen the proposed greenhouse

**Application W/16/02119/PP**

**MR. & MRS. ROBINSON**  
Sunrae, Learnington Road  
Creation of two-storey side extension and removal of small side garage

The Parish Council raised no objections to this application.

**Applications W/16/02279/PP  
and W/16/02321/LB**

**TIBBITS FAMILY DISCRETIONARY TRUST**  
84 High Street  
Demolition of part of garage and forming of new vehicular access to include erection of fence and gate

The Parish Council raised no objections to this application.

**Application W/16/02287/LB**

**I. KAUR**  
37 High Street  
Installation of new Wi-Fi units into a listed building including associated cabling.

The Parish Council raised no objections to this application.

**Application W/16/02387/LB**

**TRUSTEES OF LUCY'S TRUST**  
74-76 High Street  
Remedial works to prevent/repair stone deflection to front elevation

The Parish Council raised no objections to this application.

**MEETING: 21:11:16**

Applications W/16/02522/PP  
and W/16/02523/LB

**MR. & MRS. PLEWS**  
Kylsant House, 16 Church Street  
Demolition of existing conservatory and erection of new  
conservatory, replacing 1960's metal casement windows, replacing  
timber front door and fitting wall lights either side of front door.

The Planning Committee raised no objections to this application but questioned whether the design of the front doorway was of a recognised period style

Application W/16/02428/PP

**MR. R. THOMPSON**  
Kamesthorne, Springfield Lane  
Alterations and extensions to property. New dry stone wall and gate  
at driveway entrance.

The Parish Council Planning Committee wish to raise objections to this application.  
The proposal results in a significant increase in scale, mass, and height compared to the existing building, including a new large garage. Collectively they obstruct the "constant visual link with the countryside.... which is important to the character and appearance of the Conservation Area" - (page 53 BCCA).  
The proposal is, therefore, considered to result in some harm and does not preserve nor enhance the Conservation Area. There is no public benefit and when properly weighted, is thus contrary to NPPF 132 & 134.  
Objections accepted in this location by the appeal Inspector - App 13/016/1".

Application W/16/02631/PN

**MR. & MRS. RAWCLIFFE,**  
Cotsall House, 11 Leamington Road  
Erection of two-storey detached dwelling

Although recognising that the size of the property has been reduced, the Planning Committee maintain its original objections to the previous application submitted (W/16/00359/PN) which was refused. Original objections were as follows -

The site is regarded as an inappropriate development of a residential garden (reference NPPF53 which states that such development should be resisted).

There are concerns that the proposed new entrance is directly opposite St. Mary's RC Primary School which should be considered as a safety issue

Application W/16/02660/PP

**MR. A. PATEL,**  
Swallow Cottage, r/o Halfway House, 89 High Street  
Single storey side extension

The Parish Council raised no objections to this application.

**Wychavon Approvals:**

Application W/16/02348/PP

**MR. ROBERTS,** 34 Sandcroft Avenue  
Proposed timber and glass garden summerhouse to rear garden  
of property.

Application W/16/02119/PP

**MR. & MRS. ROBINSON,** Sunrac, Leamington Road  
Creation of two storey side extension and removal of small side  
garage

Application W/16/01647/PN

**MRS. A. GORTON,** Broadway Tower Barns, Fish 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 county  
park café.

Application W/16/02287/LB

**I. KAUR,** 37 High Street  
Installation of new Wi-Fi units into a listed building including  
associated cabling.

Applications W/16/02279/PP  
and W/16/02321/LB

**THE TIBBITS FAMILY DISCRETIONARY TRUST,**  
84 High Street

Demolition of part of garage and formation of new vehicular  
access to include erection of fence and gate

Application W/16/02321/LB

**MR. & MRS. MOSELEY,** Pike Cottage, 164 High Street

New Victorian style timber greenhouse and new porch

Application W/16/02225/PP

**MR. M. WELLER,** 25 Lifford Gardens  
Proposed dormer windows



Application W/16/02045/PP	MR. N. TOWNSHEND, Peel House, High Street Demolition of existing flat roofed three bay garage and erection of new pitched roof four bay garage.
Application W/16/02147/PN	MR. S. GOSCOMB, land rear of Hollywood and Rosewood and Baytrees, Station Road Erection of four one and a half storey four bed detached houses as approved under permission reference W/14/01265/PN but without compliance with condition 3 (so as to change the list of approved plans)
Application W/16/02100/PN	MR. DARBY, land adjacent Springfield Cottage, Springfield Lane Erection of five dwellings with landscaping, vehicular access and associated works - as approved under permission W/16/00721/PN but without compliance with condition No.1 (to amend list of approved drawings house on plot 2).
Application W/16/01145/PN	ROOFTOP HOUSING GROUP, land off Kingsdale Court Proposed development of 16 affordable dwellings with associated external works, drainage, hard and soft landscaping and car parking, comprising of 4 x 1B2P flats, 8 x 2B4P houses and 4 x 3B5P houses.
Application W/16/02029/LB	MR. & MRS. WOOD, Dove Cottage, 91 High Street Internal works.

## (12) SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS AND RECEIPTS from 01:10:16 to 30:11:16

<i>Payments:</i>	verified by the Clerk together with two nominated signatories	<i>net of VAT</i>
Wychavon District Council / refuse collection bin		116.64
Worcestershire County Council / pension contribution		474.28
Unicom / telephone-internet		56.02
Tower Trophies / plaque for bench		43.92
Smart Cut Limited / mowing contract		344.00
Maurice Parkinson / bench maintenance		150.00
Colwyn Thomas / activity park maintenance		297.50
Vale Press Ltd. / stationery		14.95
K. Beasley / clerk's salary – October		1,253.29
G. A. Tomkins / assistant clerk's salary – October		550.88
Wychavon District Council / refuse collection bin		103.68
Worcestershire County Council / pension contribution		474.28
Unicom / telephone-internet		62.49
Turnock Lighting / grant		430.00
Smart Cut Limited / mowing contract		344.00
Signs R Us / general maintenance (2 No Cycling signs)		15.00
Cotswold Building Supplies / activity park maintenance		737.57
R J Agricultural Services / Millennium Garden		100.00
Grant Thornton UK / external auditor fees		400.00
Grassroots Garden Services / activity park maintenance		132.00
Signpost / annual donation		1,000.00
Broadway Tourist Information / annual donation		500.00
Evesham Volunteer Centre / annual donation		1,000.00
Wychavon Citizens' Advice Bureau / annual donation		500.00
Broadway Communications Group / annual donation		500.00
Wychavon District Council / annual donation		2,500.00

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Broadway Parochial Church Council / annual donation	2,000.00
E-on / village green electricity	98.97
E-on / office electricity	164.17
Maurice Parkinson / lengthsman scheme	100.00
Teal Turf / activity park maintenance	298.31
K. Beasley / clerk's salary – November	1,253.09
G. A. Tomkins / assistant clerk's salary – November	485.23

*Receipts:*

Lloyds Bank / gross interest	3.94
D. Andrew / donation to bench	500.00
Broadway Trust / contribution to annual tree report	70.00
Lloyds Bank / gross interest	4.84
Signpost / contribution to PAT test	64.50

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

Councillor Mrs. Stephenson raised concerns regarding the continual parking of vehicles in Back Lane despite the 'no parking' signs which causes major congestion at times. Back Lane is an unadopted road and, therefore, no action could be taken to stop such parking, but the possible redevelopment of the Lygon Arms hotel may help to resolve some of the issues.

Councillor Dr. Clements reported that the production of the councillors' profiles was nearing completion subject to one or two incomplete profiles, but hoped to have the finished version at the next meeting.

Councillor O'Brien thanked the Clerk/lengthsman regarding the widening/clearance of the footpath along Cheltenham Road.

Councillor Ms. Hardiman raised concerns regarding mud on the Leamington Road outside the Spitfire development and also on the pavement outside Cotswold Cottage in the lower part of the High Street. The Clerk was instructed to take the necessary action.

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

There were no questions from the public.

The Chairman finally closed the meeting at 8.45 pm

*Date /Time Next Meeting: 19<sup>th</sup> January.2017, at 7.00 pm*

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Cllr LIZ EYRE

For noting

**Building mergers to reduce costs:** The major £75 million project to sell off and merge public sector buildings across Worcestershire may be expanded. Worcestershire's 'Place Partnership' management wants more bodies to join the likes of councils, police and the fire service in agreeing to share buildings and sell unwanted sites.

**Fairer funding for schools in Worcestershire is high on the agenda**

**Rail route from Evesham to Birmingham could be spin-off of Chancellor's Autumn Statement:** This could lead to a revitalised transport system for Evesham and The Cotswolds. Duelling the line needs a business case. Improvements for the area 6,000 planned new homes will require expanded infrastructure. Such schemes could come from a new infrastructure fund of £2.3bn for new developments announced by the Chancellor, along with £542m released to Midlands Local Enterprise Partnerships.

**Consultations for you to engage with**

**1.STP - Sustainability and Transformation Plan:** draft plan published by the health and care organisations across Herefordshire and Worcestershire. Early thoughts on how local services might change in response to a challenging background of rising demands and poorer health outcomes in some areas. The draft has been submitted as part of the national Sustainability and Transformation Plan (STP) programme which encourages local areas to develop 5-year plans (up to 2020/21) to address local health outcomes, care and quality issues and financial pressures.

In Worcestershire we have a population which is growing with people living longer with long-term health conditions. For example there is an estimated growth of 40% of those aged over 65 living with 'long-term conditions' over the next 15 years. This is contributing to an overall rise in demand on health and care services. We are getting more money over the next few years; it won't be enough to keep up with that demand unless we do some things differently. While the overall standard of care provided locally is good, there are some practical issues; the system feeling disjointed poorer health outcomes for some conditions, difficulty recruiting and retaining staff in some of our specialist roles.

The proposed priorities included in the published draft plan focus on the need to put much greater emphasis on encouraging people to lead healthier lives, to prevent the kind of illnesses and conditions which are influenced by lifestyle, and to support people to take more control over the management of their condition(s). We need to work much better with housing providers, schools, colleges and local businesses, and we also need to empower our communities, the voluntary sector and other local groups to help put physical and mental wellbeing at the top of everyone's agenda.

There will also be a focus on improving access to primary care services, providing more care and treatments closer to home. We want to make sure people don't get admitted to hospital unless they really need to be. This will involve strengthening our community services with a focus on prevention and providing services for people in their own homes. This might also mean changes to the role of some of our community hospitals and we will be working with stakeholders to understand how many beds we may need and how community hospitals could offer a broader range of services such as more outpatient or day case activities.

We also need to ensure people can get the urgent care they need in the right place without delays, that our acute services only treat those who really need that level of care and treatment, and that our specialist services are sustainable so we aren't spreading resources too thinly.

Under the banner of Your Conversation, residents are invited to get involved in moving the initial suggestions and ideas forward into more detailed proposals. A new website – [www.yourconversationhw.nhs.uk](http://www.yourconversationhw.nhs.uk) – has been launched where people can read the draft plan as well as a shorter summary update and there is also a survey to complete. In addition through the Your Conversation campaign we will be getting out and about over the next few months talking to patients, service users, carers and members of the wider community. This will include roadshows in local community venues, public meetings and online Q&As.

2. The **Minerals Local Plan Third Stage Consultation document** includes draft policies for use in determining planning applications for minerals working in Worcestershire. This includes:

- How much development is needed?
- When the development should take place
- How minerals should be worked and how sites should be restored; and  
How minerals should be safeguarded for the future (this could impact on other types of development usually dealt with by the district councils)

CC has prepared a draft technical background documents for public comment setting out some of the evidence on which the plan will be based, including an analysis of the mineral resources in the county, a Sustainability Appraisal and a Habitats Regulations Scoping Report. You have an opportunity to shape the plan and proposed policies and to comment on how and where you think minerals should be worked and restored in Worcestershire. A further statutory consultation will take place on the "soundness" of the plan we intend to submit to the Secretary of State for Examination once we have taken into account the comments we receive during this consultation. The public consultation will commence on **14<sup>th</sup> December, 2016** and close **on 8<sup>th</sup> March, 2017**. Documents will be made available online and at libraries and there will be a series of drop in sessions and workshops for the community, parish councils and the industry.

3. **Local Transport Plan 4 came out on Wednesday** – please look at its content – feedback to the consultation – we need funds for the gravels our public realm work

#### Issues on going

- GWR and Bridge damage – the County Council have given advice on what might work. It works at Burcot near Bromsgrove. It costs in total around 17k. but is cheaper than a more sophisticated system which costs 40 k plus vat
- Seat needed near where R4 bus stops: corner off Sandcroft/ Sheldon Avenue
- Parking for the chemist requested
- Pennylands bank – drainage problems – seems to be a spring. Not always present.
- Leamington Road ditch clearance – request made to WCC follow up needed
- Cheltenham Road – speeding – Markings done, surface lows and give ways, retraced 30mph Signs ordered 6/9, roundel, gateways, give way signs 29/9

- Yellow lines schools – with PC
- Lifford gardens line ordered - after Xmas
- Gravels – 1450 sq. feet have been measured. To make affordable not pavement slabs, kerbing stone, car bays – not Lygon area. Either plane to 30ml if ok to do so or new surface – brown material as before but better quality. Replace bollards for better ones. Cost 100-150 k hoping to get in LPT4 so lots of responses to consultation saying public realm needs upgrading. Only one person so far.
- **Developer damage**
  - Footway near 126a High Street
  - Footway Leamington Road opposite spitfire devpt

#### **Badsey Brook Scheme**

- progressing well and subject to getting the partnership funding agreements in place still on track to deliver the scheme in the summer of 2017.
- currently going through a competitive tendering process to appoint a contractor to complete the main scheme works.
- before committing to a contractor contractually all the partnership funding agreements in place including the £312k Broadway and Childswickham Parish Council contributions.
- Sorting out in next two months to avoid significant risk of delay in the construction of the scheme until 2018.
- January partner meeting to discuss the contributions further.
- Bradley and I have supported Childswickham's NHB bid of £5,000 to the scheme.