

MINUTES
of MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL
held at 5 Russell Square, High Street, Broadway,
on Thursday, 19th January 2017, at 7.00 pm

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

Also in attendance: County and District Councillor Mrs. Eyre, District Councillor B. Thomas, West Mercia Police, Broadway Trust, Broadway Traders

- (1) APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: None
- (2) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None

(3) POLICE REPORT:

PC Lewis reported that since the last report West Mercia Police had received sixty seven calls from Broadway residents resulting in the following crimes being reported - two burglaries of dwellings in the absence of the occupiers, two burglaries of other buildings, one attempted burglary at retail premises, two thefts from motor vehicles, and one deception. PC Lewis confirmed that he had attempted, as much as possible, to attend all reported crimes in the village, especially burglaries, and reminded everyone to be vigilant and to ensure their property/contents and tradesmen's vehicles/contents were secure and properly marked where appropriate. PC Lewis also asked that residents be aware of rogue tradesmen regarding the recent deception, when a large sum of money was charged to remove moss from a roof and cleaning a driveway. Also to keep an eye on elderly neighbours especially if any work was being undertaken on their property to ensure such a deception is not taking place. Over the Christmas period the police were made aware of a potential raid on a business premises in the village, and as a result the police installed 'smartwater bombs' in the targeted shop, which would explode and cover any burglar with smartwater on exiting the premises. Finally, PC Lewis reported that a quad-bike recently stolen from a farm in Broadway had been recovered and was returned to its rightful owner.

Councillor Robinson asked if it was possible to have photographs of convicted criminals, so that if one was seen in the area all local shop owners could be made aware. PC Lewis replied that due to data protection this was not possible, but if the police were aware of criminal trends within the area/bordering areas that information was communicated throughout the district.

Councillor Franks asked if there had been any increase in crime in the last twelve months in the village compared to previous years. In reply, PC Lewis stated that in the two years since he had been given responsibility for this area there did not appear to have been any rise in overall crimes committed. Councillor Franks also asked if there were

any figures available regarding drug related issues in the village. PC Lewis replied that overall there were no major issues concerning drugs but occasionally there were reports that cars were bringing drugs into the village, although there was only a very small minority of drug users in Broadway. Confirmation was given that there were no drug dealers in the village at this time.

PC Lewis confirmed that, as promised, there would be training given on use of the 'speed gun' and asked if those councillors interested could advise the clerk accordingly.

As there were no further questions, the Chairman thanked PC Lewis for the report.

(4) MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 08:12:16

Proposed by Councillor Miss Hardiman, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Stephenson, the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 8th December 2016 were unanimously approved by those present, and were duly signed and dated as a true record.

(5) BROADWAY COMMUNITY AWARD:

The Chairman announced that the 2016 winners were the volunteer team at the Tourist Information office, who worked tirelessly throughout the year for the benefit of visitors to the village and local residents, dealing with such matters as booking accommodation, advertising visitor attractions throughout the area, bus time tables, etc., and who were commended in the 2015/2016 Worcestershire Visitor Survey. The Chairman then presented a cheque in the sum of £100 to their representative, Mrs. Dottie Friedli, payable to the chosen charity of Broadway History Society. The winner's name would be added to the plaque displayed in the Parish Council Office.

(6) COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORTS:

Before the reports were made, the Chairman presented Councillor Mrs. Eyre with a cheque for £2,000 payable to Broadway Museum in respect of the grant agreed at the last Parish Council meeting. Councillor Mrs. Eyre thanked the Parish Council for its support and invited all councillors and a guest to a private viewing of the new exhibition – 'In the Groove: Gertrude Hermes and the Natural World' at the museum on Friday 10th February from 6.00 pm until 8.00 pm.

Councillors' reports had been circulated and the Chairman asked for a brief summary of both.

County and District Councillor Mrs. Eyre highlighted the following issues:

Having met with officials from Severn Trent to discuss a number of concerns relating to both Broadway and Childswickham, one of the major issues was blockages within the drainage system, and one of the key problems was a build-up of fat. There were a large number of hotels /food outlets in and around the High Street all of which should be using a fat trap so that fat is not disposed of into the drains. All residential properties should also be disposing fat by not putting it down the drains. Information/advice will be made available through visits to all the affected food outlets / hotels highlighting the issues and also through communications with the Business Association. An article would be placed in the newsletter notifying residents of the need to dispose of fat related waste, sanitary products, baby wipes and nappies in the correct manner. If these problems could be addressed it would solve a lot of the drainage issues

within the village. The matter of the drain cover in Childswickham Road was still being resolved, but one solution would be to change the shape of the road, similar to the recent changes to the road through Winchcombe, so that the drain was not in the road. Also, to change the drain cover to a grill so that water can better escape rather than the drain cover being blown off by the pressure of the water. Severn Trent confirmed that it is developing a planned £2M programme of works to resolve drainage issues in both Broadway and Childswickham.

The Badsey Brook Flood Alleviation scheme was progressing well, and subject to partnership funding agreements being in place was still on track to commence the project in summer 2017.

The County Council was currently exploring options to extend superfast broadband coverage for the benefit of more Worcestershire businesses.

The Government was implementing changes to the New Homes Bonus scheme, details of which, and how this would affect each parish, would be available shortly.

Drainage maintenance work on the A46 between Hinton Cross and Evesham junction will commence on 6th February 2017 for a proposed duration of three weeks with all works being undertaken during the night. The diversions meant that traffic would be diverted through Broadway, and Councillor Mrs. Eyre asked that if any residents experienced any vibration or other issues relating to the additional traffic to contact her with any evidence etc. which could then be forwarded to the appropriate person/authority.

Councillor Mrs. Eyre had asked if representatives from the Parish Council could attend one of the Public Road Shows for the Worcestershire Local Transport Plan to clarify issues/concerns relating to Broadway and a meeting was to be held in Pershore on 25th January at the Town Hall between 10.00 am and 12 noon. The Chairman, Clerk and Councillor Love agreed to join Councillor Mrs. Eyre at the meeting. Responses to the consultation could be completed on line, but the Clerk had paper copies if required.

The Clerk reported that a number of complaints had been received regarding the state of the footpath along Leamington Road next to the development site. Councillor Mrs. Eyre replied that although it was very annoying to users of the footpath it would be reinstated as and when the work was completed.

Councillor Franks had raised concerns regarding parking in Morris Road at previous meetings, but cars were continuing to park there. In response, Councillor Mrs. Eyre stated that vehicles could park on the roadside as long as no driveways etc. were blocked, and all residents concerned had been advised to contact her if any such issues/concerns arose. To date no one had responded.

District Councillor Thomas highlighted the following:-

The District Council had performed a detailed scrutiny of the performance of the Enforcement Service, as a result of which it was agreed that (a) a new Enforcement Support Officer be recruited to support the Enforcement Officers, particularly with administration; and (b) an Enforcement Scrutiny Panel be set up, which would scrutinise procedure followed in completed enforcement cases to identify best practice and any areas for improvement. It was expected that these changes would deliver improvements to the quality of the Enforcement Service for the public, councillors and the council as a whole.

(7) CLERK'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE:

A meeting had been arranged for Tuesday, 24th January, at the Parish Office commencing at 6.00 pm, to discuss the funding of the local contribution to the proposed flood alleviation scheme. Representatives from Childswickham Parish Council had been invited.

The County Council had forwarded a Public Notice and map regarding the extension of double yellow lines on both sides of the road in Lifford Gardens, a copy of which was forwarded to all councillors.

It had been previously agreed to apply to locate a grit bin at the entrance to Lifford Gardens and also at the Cheltenham Road junction. The Clerk had now been advised that the proposed grit bin at the junction of Cheltenham Road was already on a gritting route, but the application for a bin at the entrance to Lifford Gardens had been approved and placed onto the delivery schedule.

The Clerk was asked to contact Highways to investigate road safety issues regarding vehicles entering/exiting Leedon's Park. In response, Highways replied that the boundary to Leedon's Park was well maintained with the access properly kerbed and marked, but that the limited visibility was largely due to the road alignment. The suggested solution would be to provide a junction warning sign on the approach from Childswickham. Councillors were agreeable to this suggested solution.

The Chairman and Clerk met Mr. Vic Allison and Mr. Tim Deakin of the District Council at the Civic Centre in Pershore to discuss the following. The redevelopment on Station Road would probably progress within the next two to three years, but it was confirmed that both the Parish Council and Broadway Trust would be involved in the planning of the site. It was also confirmed that discussions had taken place between the District Council and the appropriate authorities/groups regarding an extension of the proposed Sheldon Avenue site, and possible relocation of the Doctors' Surgery, Youth Club and Fire Station, but it was emphasised that all these discussions were at a very early stage. The District Council had held talks with GWR regarding a car park, but no progress had been made due to the limited size of the site, and there did not appear to be any other site readily available for additional parking within the village. At the moment there was no land available for a new graveyard, and it would be the responsibility of the Parish Council to find an appropriate site. The Chairman and the Clerk thanked the District Council for the information given and asked that the Parish Council be kept informed of progress.

Confirmation had been received from the District Land Drainage Inspector that the required work under the Land Drainage Act had been carried out satisfactorily by the owners of land either side of Coneygree Lane, Snowhill Road.

The County Council had agreed to install two road gullies outside 6 Leamington Road in order to prevent ponding on the carriageway. Work was due to commence week commencing 16th January.

Confirmation that the Parish Council was agreeable to adopting the telephone box in Smallbrook Road had been forwarded to the District Council, who confirmed that this had now been forwarded to BT for consideration, and the Clerk was instructed to report back accordingly. A letter of thanks had been received from the residents of Smallbrook Road and the Clerk would keep them updated as requested.

Childswickham Parish Council was proposing to install white gates at the entrances to the village in an attempt to alleviate speeding. One of the sites recommended by Highways was near to the 30mph sign close to Tuck Mill which was in the parish of Broadway. Councillors raised no objections to this proposal and also felt that this proposal would be beneficial to Broadway. It was proposed by Councillor Dr. Clements and seconded by Councillor Penny and unanimously agreed that the Clerk investigate the proposal and obtain quotations for similar white gates at all entrances to the village.

NALC had confirmed that PKF Littlejohn LLP had been appointed external auditors for Worcestershire Parish and Town Councils for a period of five years from 1st April 2017.

Broadway First School had asked for the use of the Green for maypole dancing on a Friday in May yet to be confirmed. The maypole would slot into a base and would not cause any damage to the green. In principle, subject to confirmation of the date and satisfactory completion of a hiring application form, councillors were in favour for this event to take place.

(8) **SETTING OF PRECEPT AND BUDGET 2017/2018:**

The Finance Working Group met on Tuesday, 17th January, when the Clerk, as Responsible Finance Officer, produced the ¾ year financial accounts to the 31st December 2016, together with the proposed budget figures for 2017/18, copies of which were circulated to all councillors. The accounts and budget were fully explained by the Clerk and discussed. The Group would like to recommend the approval of the Budget for 2017/18 and the setting of the precept at £89,000, an increase of £1,500 on last year's figure.

Proposed by Councillor Mrs. Stephenson, seconded by Councillor Folkes, and carried unanimously, it was agreed to approve the recommendation of the group.

(9) **REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND GROUPS:**

Finance Working Group:

A meeting was held on Tuesday, 17th January, at the Parish Office, when, in addition to the items dealt with in Item 8, the Group recommend that the £600 received from the film company in relation to the film "Unforgotten" be split equally between the Youth Club and the Activity Park.

Councillor Folkes and Councillor Holmes declared an interest as members of the Youth Club Committee, and took no part in any discussions or voting. Proposed by Councillor Mrs. Stephenson, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Rogers, and carried unanimously by those eligible to vote, it was agreed to approve the recommendation of the group.

Broadway Youth Club:

It was agreed at the last Parish Council meeting to form a committee to discuss the future of the Youth Club building. The following indicated they wished to be members - Councillors Dr. Clements, Folkes, Franks, Holmes, and County & District Councillor Mrs. Eyre. The Clerk would arrange an initial meeting and it was agreed that other people would be invited to join the committee.

Broadway Business Association:

Mr. Peter Reading, Chairman of the Association, gave a brief report as follows:

Late Night Shopping Events:

Thanks were given to the Parish Council for its grant towards the purchase of additional Christmas lights. The new sets of LED lights were used in the trees outside the library/Leamington Road and were a great success. These type of lights, although more expensive initially, use less electricity and give more durability. It was hoped that next year the trees at the entrances to both the Central and Shear House car parks could also be illuminated. The Christmas tree located outside the arcade was much improved this year and well received by locals and visitors. Car parking and traffic congestion had again been an issue, but thanks to the Lygon Arms and Cotswold Hunt for use of their facilities and better signage, management and communication, this was an improvement on previous years, and allowed traffic to flow and be better parked. Thanks to a grant from the District Council and the hiring of additional generators there was improved lighting in all car parks. Evesham Round Table also helped and were given a £200 donation by the Business Association. A collection outside Cotswold Trading raised £750 towards the cost of the Christmas lights, which was much appreciated. Mr. Reading stated how important it was to have a group of people to organise steward litter picking etc., at an event such as the late night shopping from both an organisational and risk assessment point of view, and appealed to anyone, or any organisation, that could be of assistance in this respect.

Other Matters:

Mr. Neil Hilton had stepped down as organiser of the Vintage Car Event and unless someone was willing to take over the role, this event would not take place in 2017.

It was also confirmed that there would not be an Italian Market or Bike Night Event in 2017, but there was a possibility that a major bike event could be running through Worcestershire, and possibly Broadway, but this was yet to be confirmed.

Discussions were taking place between the organisers of the Food Festival Event and the Business Association and more details would be forthcoming.

The Business Association was exploring the possibility of aligning itself with a chosen charity to help raise funds through various charitable events.

The members of the Parish Council thanked everyone involved with this year's Christmas Lights, which were the best they had ever been and really made the village look so wonderful for the benefit of both locals and visitors.

Concerns were raised again that no accounts etc. had been received from the Business Association in respect of the village party and bike night, and that no funds had been received in respect of 'pitch fees' for the above events and also the late night shopping events. The Parish Council and Broadway Trust would follow up these matters with the Business Association and report back accordingly.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Reading for the report.

(10) PLANNING:

Cotswold District Council has prepared focussed changes to the Cotswold District Local Plan 2011/2031 which will form an Addendum to the Local Plan submission draft and which will be available for a statutory period of public consultation from 16th January until 27th February 2017. Copies of the Addendum are available to view at the District

Council offices in Cirencester and Moreton-in-Marsh, and also at all libraries within the district and on a CD Rom available from the Parish Office. It was agreed that this matter would be discussed at the next Planning Meeting and any comments forwarded accordingly.

Parish Council comments:

MEETING: 19:12:16

- Application W/16/02863/PN **STYLE & CODRINGTON FAMILIES**
Land adjacent to Springfield Cottage, Springfield Lane
Erection of five dwellings with landscaping, vehicular access and associated works as approved under permission W/16/02100/PN but without compliance with Condition 2 to allow change in roof materials
The Parish Council raised no objections to this application
- Application W/16/02795/PN **STYLE & CODRINGTON FAMILIES,**
Land adjacent to Springfield Cottage, Springfield Lane
Erection of five dwellings with landscaping, vehicular access and associated works as approved under permission W/16/02100/PN but without compliance with Condition 1 (to amend list of approved drawings and design of house on plots 4 and 5)
The Parish Council raised no objections to this application
- Applications W/16/002750/PP **MESSRS. DAKIN AND ROGERS**
and W/16/02751/LB Russell House, Lower Green
Refurbishment and renovation, partial removal of boundary wall to rear, demolition of car port at Russell House and reinstatement of railings to front of Russell House and Russell Court, and repair/replacement of windows and rear kitchen door
The Parish Council raised no objections to this application
- Application W/16/02746/LB **MR. BEALE**
Unit 1, Russell Square/20 High Street
Retrospective consent for advertising sign, lighting and CCTV camera domes
The Parish Council object to this application as follows:- the proliferation of signage spoils the character of the building and is extraneous to that applied for. The Shop Front Design Guide states that signage should be limited to no more than one projecting sign which should not exceed 0.35 sq.m. in area. In this case, neither of these guidelines has been adhered to. The Guide also states that the wording on the fascia sign should be limited to name of trade and business, but in this case one of the signs either side of the door refers to acceptance of credit cards.
- Application W/16/02779/PN **SPITFIRE PROPERTIES I.L.P**
Land at Leamington Road
Residential development, a community well-being building, new vehicular access, landscaping and public open space as approved on W/13/00680/PN but without compliance with Condition 2 (to amend list of approved plans, to reduce total number of units to 124 and amend the design of plots 106 – 118.)
The Parish Council raised no objections to this application
- Applications W/16/02796/PP **MR. R. DUDLEY**
and W/16/02797/LB Lugges Hall, Springfield Lane
Repairs to roof lantern, provision of 5000L diesel storage tank, replacement of velux roof light with dormer window
The Parish Council raised no objections to this application
- MEETING: 16:01:17**
- Application W/16/02959/LB **LYGON ARMS, 28 High Street**
Internal works to form bathrooms to Rooms 43 and 11
The Parish Council raised no objections to this application

Wychavon Approvals:

Application W/16/02387/LB	TRUSTEES OF LUCY'S TRUST , 74-76 High Street Remedial works to prevent/repair stone deflection to front elevation
Applications W/16/02522/PP and W/16/02523/LB	MR. & MRS. PLEWS Kylsant House, 16 Church Street Demolition of existing conservatory and creation of new conservatory, replacing 1960's metal casement windows, replacing timber front door and fitting wall lights either side of front door.
Application W/16/02660/PP	MR. A. PATEL , Swallow Cottage r/o Halfway House, 89 High Street Single storey side extension
Application W/16/02428/PP	COTSWOLD OAK LTD. , Kamesthorne, Springfield Lane Alterations and extensions to property. New dry stone wall and gate at driveway entrance.

Councillor Love stated that the planning committee had previously objected to an application to erect a two storey dwelling in the garden of Cotsall House, Leamington Road, and it was understood that the application was referred to the District Council Planning Committee, and Councillor Love asked if this was an indication of approval or refusal. District Councillor Thomas confirmed that he had requested that the application be referred as the original application had been refused because it was seen to cause harm to the adjoining building which was of architectural and historic importance, but the new application for a slightly smaller dwelling was recommended for approval. District Councillor Thomas stated that he would argue that the size of the building was immaterial as it was still causing harm to the adjoining building as stated in the original refusal.

(11) SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS/RECEIPTS: from 01:12:16 to 31:12:16

<i>Payments:</i>	verified by the Clerk together with two nominated signatories	<i>net of VAT</i>
Cash -Postage		26.61
Cash -Milk/Coffee/Sugar		12.79
Cash - Office Supplies		1.25
Cash stationery		2.99
Worcestershire County Council / pension contribution		474.28
Unicom / telephone-internet		57.71
Grassroots Garden Services / activity park maintenance		36.00
Harrod / activity park maintenance		75.60
Maurice Parkinson / lengthsman scheme		195.00
Cotswold Building Supplies / grant		835.00
A. T. Woods / trec maintenance		225.00
Justice Fire & Security / office security maintenance		146.90
Broadway Trust / refund re planning – housing objections		1,200.00
Springfield Lane Association / refund re planning – housing objections		832.00
K. Beasley / clerk's salary – December		1,253.29
G. A. Tomkins / assistant clerk's salary – December		485.23
HM Revenue and Customs / PAYE		1,196.73

Abbey Forestry / tree maintenance	166.25
Vale Press Limited / stationery	26.20

Receipts:

Lloyds Bank / gross interest	4.43
Lloyds Bank / interest re fixed term deposit	99.73
Signpost / contribution to office electricity	64.61
Signpost / contribution to office alarm system	73.45
Worcestershire County Council / lengthsman scheme	295.00

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

Councillor Mrs. Stephenson asked if, following the news that the post office facilities are relocating from Shopwright to the Budgen store in Russell Square, it was possible to have a post box installed outside Budgens. County Councillor Mrs. Eyre replied that a requested had been made for a post box either near to or inside Budgens.

Councillor Mrs Rogers reported that streetlight no.104 in Cheltenham Road was working intermittently, the Clerk would report the matter to the County Council.

Councillor Holmes reported that the guttering on the Youth Club building was in need of repair and as part of the lease agreement, between the Parish Council and the Youth Club, the Youth Club was obliged to maintain the building to a reasonable standard. The Clerk requested that quotations be obtained for the work and the matter would then be referred to the Finance Working Group for consideration.

Councillor Franks reported that the Lifford Hall had now obtained its licence to operate a cinema on the premises and it will be launched in March with the programme of films to be shown. Councillor Franks thanked the Parish Council for its support of this project.

Councillor O'Brien thanked the Parish Council for obtaining permission for a grit bin at the entrance to Lifford Gardens, but raised concerns that following the recent frosts over the Christmas/New Year period no gritting of the pavements in that area was undertaken, resulting in the pavements being very dangerous to walk on. It was agreed that the Clerk contact the County Council / lengthsman to ask if a plan could be put in place to undertake gritting work over such bank holiday periods, but the Clerk added that anyone can use grit from the bins provided as long as it is only used on the public highway, which includes pavements, but must not be used for private driveways etc.

Councillor Dr. Clements, Head of the Governors at Broadway First School, reported that the school had recently been inspected by Ofsted and had obtained a 'good' rating, which was particularly pleasing as the previous inspection was rated 'improvement required'. The governance was particularly praised, but the school were looking to recruit two new governors, Councillor Dr. Clements asked if anyone was interested in Education, or was aware of a suitable person, to contact her or the school.

Councillors Penny and Love raised concerns regarding the removal of trees / hedgerow on the Leamington development site, particularly as some of the trees which had been removed were marked on the land management plan as trees to be retained. District Councillor Thomas replied that the District Council Enforcement Team had been instructed to investigate and would report back accordingly. Councillor Penny added that

wooden fencing had been erected at the entrance, and also opposite the entrance, and asked if this matter could also be investigated.

Councillors Mrs. Wilson raised concern regarding speeding traffic from the entrance/exit to Budgens to the High Street. The Clerk would discuss this matter with both Highways and the police and report back accordingly.

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

Mr. Michael Gordon-Smith, voluntary Chair of the Hereford & Worcestershire Motor Neurone Disease Association gave a short presentation on MND and the adoption of the MND Charter, highlighting the following facts about the disease. MND is a fatal and rapidly progressing disease that affects the brain and spinal cord; it attacks the nerves that control movement so muscles refuse to work; a third of people with MND die within a year of diagnosis, and more than half within two years; it kills six people per day in the UK, and affects up to five thousand adults at any one time. There is no cure. The Patron of the Association is Professor Stephen Hawking, who is the longest surviving sufferer of the mild form of the disease. Currently, in the Hereford & Worcestershire area, there are fifty known cases including one in Broadway, and the number of cases is growing with eleven new cases expected during 2017.

Mr. Gordon-Smith asked Broadway Parish Council to support the MND Charter, which is a statement of respect and support which people living with MND and their carers deserve and should expect. The five points of the Charter are: (a) the right to an early diagnosis and information; (b) the right to access quality care and treatments; (c) the right to be treated as individuals and with dignity and respect; (d) the right to maximise their quality of life; and (e) carers of people with MND have the right to be valued, respected, listened to and well supported. Adopting the Charter means that the Parish Council support the basis of the rights, but does not mean that the Parish Council is committed legally. The Hereford & Worcestershire Motor Neurone Disease Association is currently raising funds for lifts, hoists, wheelchairs, breathing apparatus and all communications, together with time and money to care for the families, carers and volunteers, and research into the background of the disease. It was unanimously agreed to support the Charter.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Gordon-Smith for the presentation, and informed him that the Parish Council could provide funding for locally related capital projects if such a request was received.

There being no further questions / comments from members of the public the Chairman finally closed the meeting at 9.00 pm

*Date /Time Next Meeting: 16th March 2017, at 7.00 pm
followed by the Annual Parish meeting at approx. 8.00 pm*

Broadway COUNTY and DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT, January 2017

Cllr LIZ EYRE

A Happy New Year to you all. A good number of local items to discuss this New Year.

1. Severn Trent including Drain cover

One part of the problem – we all need to get the message out

I have been working with Severn Trent over the last few years to unpick the many sewage problems we have in Broadway. We are getting closer to understanding the problems. There seem to be three avenues our investigations are taking.

One of our key problems is fat mixing with items that should not be in the sewers.

Whilst carrying out recent investigations into sewerage problems within the area, Severn Trent identified a number of issues that may cause blockages in our area. They would appreciate your help in preventing future problems.

They have also found that items are being flushed down the toilet that shouldn't be, such as sanitary products, baby wipes and nappies.

This is alongside liquid fat, oil and grease.

Fat, oil, grease may not appear to be a problem when it is poured down the sink, but can harden like concrete when it hits the walls of the cool sewer (even if you pour hot water down with it).

Over time this builds up, causing blockages, potentially leading to overflows coming out of drains, sewers and into homes.

I'm sure you would agree that preventing these types of problems is far preferable than trying to rectify a blockage and the mess that can also sometimes occur; not to mention the distress experienced by the people affected.

These blockages can remain undetected for some time. The build-up of fat in sewers can also attract rats and other vermin to the area.

A way to prevent this happening is to only use the sewers to dispose of just normal waste as sewers are not designed to remove other items.

Please collect and dispose of fats, oils and greases responsibly. Wait for fat to cool after cooking and pour it in to an empty margarine tub or other suitable container.

Clearing of sewer blockages can be expensive, time consuming and can cause traffic disruption. Should an incident occur on your private drainage system any expense becomes the responsibility of you the householder.

Drain cover – needs short term solution and long term fix – short term solution being discussed possibly a narrowing of the road

2. 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.
- We have had partner pre-meetings to discuss the contributions further.
- Bradley and I have supported Childswickham's NHB bid of £5,000 to the scheme.

3. Broadband : Subject to securing funding from the European Regional Development Fund and Broadband Delivery UK, Worcestershire County Council is currently exploring options to extend superfast broadband coverage for the benefit of more of Worcestershire's businesses. Currently just over 90% of Worcestershire's businesses can access superfast broadband. We are aiming to increase this number and improve the county's connectivity to help ensure Worcestershire remains Open for Business.

4. NEW HOMES BONUS

Update on council tax referendum principles and recent Government announcements on New Homes Bonus. The reduction in the number of years for which New Homes Bonus payments are made will affect the final years of parish/town New Homes Bonus allocations. Once we have published the updated figures on our website we will let you know so that you can see what the changes mean for the parishes in your ward. In the meantime, I have a diagram below to help in understanding the changes.

New Homes Bonus

Impact of reforms on annual payments

NHB Year	For homes built & occupied from October	Payable from 1 April during financial year									
		2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21
Year 1	2009 - 10	£	£	£	£	£	£				
Year 2	2010 - 11		£	£	£	£	£				
Year 3	2011 - 12			£	£	£	£	£			
Year 4	2012 - 13				£	£	£	£			
Year 5	2013 - 14					£	£	£	£		
Year 6	2014 - 15						£	£	£	£	
Year 7	2015 - 16							£	£	£	£

From 2017/18 the Government is implementing some changes to the New Homes Bonus scheme including reducing the number of years

for which New Homes Bonus payments are made from six years to five years in 2017/18, and from six years to four years from 2018/19.

The red boxes in the diagram above indicate the payments affected by these changes.

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

5. New issues

Diversion route re A46 drainage work

Proposed drainage maintenance scheme on A46 between Hinton Cross and A46 Evesham junction, scheduled for work start on 06 Feb 2017.

The proposed works will require full closure between Hinton Cross junction to A46/Cheltenham road junction. The proposed duration of scheme is 3 weeks and all works will be done during night time.

The scheme is approximately 1610m in length and includes both northbound and southbound verges. The scope of the work comprise of mainly maintenance work to existing drainage network including minor patch repairs to pipes, jetting, CCTV of pipe network, root cutting, rebuilding of headwall on SB (including all associated works), clearing of vegetation from ditches and re-profiling the existing ditches and overgrown vegetation clearance.

I have ensured signs are posted on the M5, two on NB and two on SB before the exit slips at Junction, advising HGV's that the A46 is closed at Teddington hands and to stay on the motorway but they cannot direct.

Please send me information – full details- if the hgv movements or other cause problems.

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, giveaway signs 29/9
- Lifford Gardens yellow lines ordered – in first quarter
- 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 Leamington Road opposite spitfire devpt
 - Trees and hedges being investigated

Report from District Councillor Bradley Thomas – January 2017

Enforcement scrutiny & improvements

An Overview & Scrutiny Team at Wychavon performed a detailed scrutiny of the performance of the Enforcement Service, presenting their findings in September of 2016. As a result of this several recommendations were made to improve the quality of the service going forwards.

As a result of the report the Executive Board have digested the content and formulated a response which was presented and agreed upon last Wednesday, 11th January.

The main outcomes of the investigation, and subsequent response from the Executive Board are that a new Enforcement Support Office has been recruited immediately and is in post. This is a role which will support the Enforcement Officers, particularly from an administrative point of view. The role will be responsible for ensuring communications targets are met, ensuring that communications into the department are responded to and generally alleviating some of the administrative burden faced by Enforcement Officers. This will better enable Officer time to be freed up and spent investigating cases rather than being slowed down by bureaucracy etc.

Wychavon is also setting up an Enforcement Scrutiny Panel, which will be formalised at the next full council meeting in a few weeks time. This panel will have a remit of scrutinising procedure followed in completed enforcement cases to identify best practice and any areas for improvement in future. It will comprise five members, three of whom will be from the Oversight & Scrutiny Committee and two of whom will be drawn from the Planning Committee. Crucially we have also set up a system whereby an individual ward councillor can ask for the Portfolio Holder for Planning in conjunction with the Head of Housing & Planning to make the final decision on the course of action to be followed relating to any live enforcement cases. This is expected to be an exception rather than the norm.

Collectively, these changes to the service are expected to deliver improvements to the quality of Enforcement Service for all stakeholders: the public, councillors and the council as a whole.