

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
NORTON-JUXTA-KEMPSEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
THE 25th MARCH 2010 AT NORTON PARISH HALL, LITTLEWORTH**

Public question time discussions are included as Appendix 2.

1. Apologies for Absence: A. Bennett, K. Fincher, D. Lucas, P. Richmond.
Attending: H. Turvey (Chair), Mrs. C. McGovern, Mrs. D. Hewison, M. Reeves, G. Dyer, Cllr. Adams (District & County Cllr) Mrs. J. Greenway (Clerk/Responsible Finance Officer).

2. Changes to Membership

The Clerk confirmed that a notice has been placed in the spring Parish Council Newsletter advertising the co-opted Councillor vacancy.

3. Declarations of Interest - None

4. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Held on 25th February 2010

It was proposed by Cllr. Mrs. McGovern, seconded by Cllr. Mrs. Hewison **and all were in agreement** that the minutes of the 25th February be approved.

5. 2010/46 Reports

a) Cllr. R.C. Adams (District & County Councillor)

Cllr. Adams arrived at 8.35pm, during agenda item 6 below. No report was given, but contributions were made as detailed within individual agenda items.

b) Planning

(i) In the absence of Cllr. Richmond, the Clerk summarised the current applications:

Approvals

Grange Farm, Hatfield Lane Steel framed building for storage of farm machinery.
Ref: W/10/00275 Parish supports.

Wits End Stables, Broomhall Block of 5 free standing kennels with attached free standing
Ref: W/09/02772 runs for the use of housing stray dogs. Parish supports with conditions.

Hatfield Court, Hatfield Bank Domestic extensions plus amendment of deletion of proposed
Ref: W/10/00142 garage and replacement with car port. Parish supports with conditions.

Refusals - None

Awaiting Decision

Woodside, Hatfield Lane Demolition of bungalow and redevelopment of three no.
Ref: W/09/02055 dwellings plus various amendments. Resubmission of Ref: W/09/00042. Parish does not support.

8 Toulouse Drive, Norton Conversion of integral garage into living space with bay
Ref: W/10/00247 window. Parish supports with conditions.

19 The Hidage, Littleworth 2 x solar panels (retrospective). Parish does not support.
Ref: W/10/00252

20 The Hidage, Littleworth Conservatory to rear (retrospective). Parish supports.
Ref: W/10/00379

Internal Consultation – None

Other - None

Cllr. Turvey provided an update on landscaping and planting at SMH which has now been completed to the satisfaction of Wychavon DC. The Clerk reported on correspondence from SMH advising that road sweeping of Church Lane is now being undertaken as discussed with Highways and that HGV lorry movements will mostly cease within 3-4 weeks; a final full road clean will be undertaken once work is complete. It was noted that following heavy rain on 25th March, Church Lane road cleaning had not been effective and the Clerk will contact SMH to notify.

(ii) In view of the recent retrospective planning applications received, it was agreed to place a notice in the next Parish Council Newsletter providing residents with contact details for Wychavon Planning and suggesting that contact is made if home improvements are being considered to establish if planning permission is necessary.

(iii) Upon receipt of the paper copy of the Wychavon DC Draft Residential Design Guide Supplementary Planning Document, the Clerk will circulate this for comment to the Planning Councillors. After referral to Cllr. Richmond and Cllr. Turvey, the Clerk will ensure submission of a summary response before the deadline of 28th May.

c) Allotments

Cllr. Mrs. McGovern advised that dogs being allowed off leads and roaming on the allotments is the main issue and will be discussed under agenda item 14. Cllr. Turvey commented that the parish plan survey included requests for smaller plots. Cllr. Mrs. McGovern confirmed that some plots have already been split and further half plots will be available once the ground has been prepared following the French drain work which should be undertaken shortly.

d) Playing Fields

The Clerk provided an update on repair of the line marking machine with Graham Yarnold. It was noted that following heavy rain, a puddle has formed in the goal mouth nearest to the front entrance to the Hall. This will be monitored and consideration given to remedial work if this continues to be a problem. See agenda item 15 regarding pest control.

e) Public Rights of Way

Cllr. Turvey advised that some PIP items remain outstanding and that these are being followed up. Worcs CC are considering categorising Public Rights of Way which may be used to prioritise funding for maintenance/improvements. Worcs CC has a statutory responsibility for maintenance in the event of safety issues and this would be unaffected by any categorisation. Circular routes within parishes may receive higher categorisation. Cllr. Turvey reported on damage to trees planted by the Parish Council along the Radley bridleway which appears to be caused by horses in a neighbouring field. The Clerk will write to the land owners for assistance in reinstating the affected trees. The 2010/11 P3 Scheme application has been received for completion, but due to budget constraints it is envisaged that the grant may be reduced (£850 in 2009). Use of volunteers is being suggested by Worcs CC as means to reducing costs. The Clerk will contact the volunteer path walkers to seek their continued assistance this year.

f) Finance

(i) The current account balance was £10,190.63 on 18th March with the deposit account balance at £35,667.44 on 3rd March (less £5k transferred to the current account on 11th March), plus Treasury Stock of c. £15k.

(ii) No queries were raised regarding the monthly accounts circulated with the agenda. The Clerk reported on a predicted draft year end position which should show a surplus due to delayed work such as allotments land drainage and plot splitting/ground preparation.

The change in funding to the Lengthsman Scheme for 2010/11 was noted, although this has a minimal effect on funding for this Parish. It was agreed by all to continue as a member of the Lengthsman Scheme for the 2010/11.

g) Parish Hall Management Committee (PHMC)

No queries were raised regarding the monthly accounts circulated with the agenda. Any suggestions for changes to the report format or content will be provided to the Clerk to be forwarded to the PHMC Treasurer before 12th April.

h) West Mercia Police

PC Woods nor CSO Fogwill was able to attend. The Clerk will contact PC Woods to ask that if they are unable to attend they could provide a brief report to the Clerk.

i) Brockhill Recreation Area

The Clerk is awaiting an update from Persimmon/Taylor Woodrow and will chase for a response before 31st March (when Parish Council representatives are meeting with the SWJCS Team).

j) Parish Plan

Cllr. Turvey advised that slow progress continues. Some sections of the report are now written and it is hoped that a full draft will be available by the end of May, with the final report being published during July. The survey response rate was 49.6% which is slightly higher than was achieved for the Honeybourne Parish Plan which Wychavon DC has identified as a good Plan. Cllr. Turvey will arrange for the stats from the survey to be circulated to Parish Councillors and cop-opted members for information.

k) Parkway Station

See Appendix 2.

6. 2010/47 Standing Orders, Financial Regulations, Complaints Procedure & Scheme of Delegation

The Clerk explained that the model Standing Orders document has been revised by NALC and that this has been reviewed by the Clerk. It was agreed for the Clerk and Cllr. Turvey to liaise to produce a draft document for consideration and approval at the April Parish Council meeting. The Financial Regulations, Complaints Procedure & Scheme of Delegation were readopted.

Cllr. Adams arrived at 8.35pm.

7. 2010/48 Annual Risk Assessment and Review of Fixed Asset Register

Following review, it was agreed by all that the annual risk assessment and Fixed Asset Register circulated with the agenda should be approved.

8. 2010/49 EnviroSort

In the absence of Cllr. Lucas, the Clerk advised that the minutes of the Liaison Group meeting of 3rd March have been received and these will be circulated to Parish Councillors and co-opted members for information. The Clerk highlighted that with regard to the Permit Operators licence for 5 HGV's, the intention is to park only one HGV at the Woodbury Lane site, with the cab and trailer parked in the yard on the right hand side of the plant.

Cllr. Adams advised that following reports of litter problems by Stoulton Parish Council, this is being investigated and will be progressed via the Liaison Group. It was agreed that the Clerk will write to EnviroSort highlighting the issue and seeking clarification that all of its vehicles have waste fully enclosed.

It was suggested that residents may be interested in a report from the Liaison Group in the next Parish Council newsletter which could include contact details for reporting any vehicles that appear not to be using the correct routing. The Clerk will discuss with Cllr. Lucas. It is understood that Cllr. Lucas is arranging a further visit to the facility.

9. 2010/50 South Worcestershire Joint Core Strategy (SWJCS)

Cllr. Turvey advised that a meeting has been arranged with the SWJCS Team for 31st March. Discussions will include the proposal for a green gap and what this could be used for, the impact of the Transport Strategy and the decision not to dual the Southern Link Road, the impact of the more progressed West Worcester development and the Malvern Hills supplementary planning guidelines regarding green space provision. The new Land Allocations Plan will be requested to confirm that the Cricket Club area is no longer being looked at as a development area. It is also hoped to gain more commitment about the content of the document that will be presented to the District Councils for approval.

Following revisions, the provisional Village Categories within our Parish are Norton 2, Littleworth 3 and Hatfield within 4. The Persimmon/Taylor Woodrow proposal for c. 50 houses on land adjacent to the Garden Centre will also be raised as this size of development is understood to be the guideline number of houses for developments within category 2 villages and the need for more will be questioned. It was suggested that the focus of affordable house development within the Parish should be more towards shared ownership rather than rented as there is currently a much higher proportion of rented properties within the Parish. All of Rooftop's properties within the Parish are rented and the nature of the Housing Association accommodation in the Barracks is being investigated.

It was agreed to hold a further public meeting regarding the SWJCS after the General Election as the outcome of this may impact upon the nature of the SWJCS.

10. 2010/51 Flooding Issues

The Clerk advised that the ground at the allotments still remains too wet to start work. It is likely that ground conditions will delay the work until mid/end April. The surveying work in the field where the ditch reinstatement is proposed has confirmed that there is very little fall in the land levels which will hinder flow. Wychavon DC Officers are considering options available, including increasing the capacity and flow further down the watercourse around the railway lines. Suggestions and recommendations are awaited from Wychavon to progress the proposals.

11. 2010/52 Norton Pre-school Proposals

The Clerk advised that Pre-School is awaiting drawings which will allow submission of the planning application hopefully w/c 29th March. The Clerk advised that information has been gathered regarding leases given by Parish Councils which states that leases over 7 years are considered to be a disposal of the land and as such various criteria must be met. The need for specialist legal advice was also highlighted. It was suggested that the term of any lease should correlate with the period of time that planning permission is granted for, which is considered likely to be for 5 years. It was agreed to wait for a planning decision, by which time it is hoped that the long term plan requested from Pre-School will be available, enabling the proposal to be considered further.

12. 2010/53 BBQ Area at the Parish Hall

The Clerk reported that Zurich Insurance has advised that installation of the concrete base is considered the better option rather than installation of a BBQ too. This would require members of the public to bring their own BBQs and hopefully take them away or dispose of them, rather than having a structure in place that could be misused and left in a poor state. Problems encountered with provision of a just concrete base for use as a BBQ area are considered less likely. Zurich would need to be advised if the Parish Council proceeded with this proposal and no increase in premium is envisaged. After further discussion, it was agreed not to progress at this time due to cost and the perceived demand for the facility.

13. 2010/54 Maintenance of Public Rights of Way/Grass Verges

The Clerk reported on the two quotes received to cut the small grass verges at Brockhill. After discussion it was proposed by Cllr. Reeves, seconded by Cllr. Mrs. McGovern and agreed by all to

instruct Day-2-Day Gardening Services at a cost of £360 p.a. for 12 cuts, billed on a quarterly basis. The Clerk will arrange and request that an additional grass verge in Mandalay Drive is also cut. The Clerk advised that contact has been made with Worcs CC to investigate reimbursement of, or a contribution towards, these costs as the highways are adopted.

The Clerk reported on one quote received for maintenance of specified Public Rights of Way which was compared to costs for the same work in 2009 undertaken by a different contractor. It was noted that the quote received includes clearance work to footpath NJ543 (old FP20) which is undertaken by a separate contractor. The Clerk will seek a reduction in the quote to reflect the reduced work. On the basis that the quote is substantially less than the cost per cut in 2009, it was proposed by Cllr. Reeves, seconded by Cllr. Mrs. McGovern and agreed by all to instruct Simon Skeys to undertake one cut at a cost of £375. The Clerk will also request a copy of the contractors Public Liability insurance to ensure that this is up to date and adequate.

14. 2010/55 Dogs Roaming on Allotments

The Clerk provided details of complaints received regarding dogs being allowed off leads to roam over the allotments. Advice from the Wychavon DC Dog Warden is to contact identified offending dog owners and to increase or modify signage if possible. It was agreed that the Clerk will write to the dog owner identified advising that the path from the main gate through the allotments is not a public right of way and that the allotments are private property. Whilst dogs may be walked along the footpath at the back of the allotments running from The Hidage to behind the houses along Wadborough Road, they must be kept on leads and not allowed to roam onto the allotments. It was agreed to purchase and install a new sign on the main allotments gate advising that the allotments are private property and that dogs are not allowed. The Clerk will liaise with Cllr. Mrs. McGovern and Cllr. Turvey to progress. The Clerk will also arrange for the 'Dogs on Leads' sign at the entrance to the allotments to be moved to the entrance to the Public Right of Way by the gate to the field next to Coppice Cottage. In response to correspondence from an allotment holder, the Clerk will obtain a quote for consideration for installation of a post and rail fence with wire netting and a gate to run between the Public Right of Way at the back of the allotments and the allotments plots. The Clerk will respond to the allotments holders.

15. 2010/56 Pest Control on Parish Hall Playing Fields

The Clerk provided details of advice and two quotes received. It was agreed by all to instruct Red Kite Pest Control at a cost of £100. An annual contract will be considered in the future if necessary. The Clerk will arrange.

16. 2010/57 Use of the Playing Fields by NJK CE First School PTA/Norton Pre-School

The Clerk reported that the PTA has advised that the suggested event involving a circus tent is currently on hold due to other activities planned. The concerns regarding damage to the field and the required guarantees were noted and will be raised for discussion at a future PTA meeting. The PTA will contact the Clerk if it wishes to proceed. The event on 4th July will be summer fete for Pre-School only along the lines of past events.

17. 2010/58 High Park Notice Board

The Clerk advised that despite alternative contact details, no response has been received from Pershore High School. After discussion it was agreed that the Clerk will gather information and costs from a number of suppliers, obtain a quote from Mr. Narburgh and also contact Mr. Corbett (Head Teacher, Pershore High School) to confirm whether or not the School can assist.

18. 2010/59 Parish Council Newsletter

The Clerk advised that digital printing cost information is awaited and this will be chased. The Clerk highlighted that during the printing process, the closing date on the number puzzle was changed to 15th March (from April) which is prior to the newsletters being distributed. In view of this, it was agreed that the spring competition will not be run but any correct entries received will be added to the draw for the summer puzzle. The Clerk will notify any entrants received.

19. 2010/60 Parish Emblem/Logo

Agreed to carry forward to the April Parish Council meeting.

20. 2010/61 Finance

a) It was proposed by Cllr. Mrs. Hewison, seconded by Cllr. Mrs. McGovern **and all were in agreement** that the accounts detailed below be approved for payment/confirmation.

Accounts for Confirmation:

Creditor	Detail	Amount £
NJK CE First School	Donation towards annual transport costs for swimming lessons	525.00
Southern Electric	Regiment Close street lighting - February 2010 (continuous supply) & July 2009 to February 2010 (dawn to dusk supply)	153.87
Security Patrol Services	Locking of Parish Hall gates 8/2/2010 to 21/2/2010	57.58
OHMS Ltd	New mower	440.63
Norton Parish Hall	Reimbursement of changing room fees collected	375.00
	TOTAL	1,552.08

Accounts for Payment:

Creditor	Detail	Amount £
Mrs J. Greenway	Honorarium March 2010	476.53
Mrs J. Greenway	Expenses March 2010	31.79
Fleet (Line Markers) Ltd	Line marker	17.48
P. Skeys	Lengthsman work Feb and March 2010	315.00
R. Pullen	Mowing (March – 2hrs) plus petrol	18.11
	TOTAL	858.91
	GRAND TOTAL	2,410.99

b) The annual CALC subscription has not yet been received.

21. 2010/62 Correspondence for Information

See Appendix 1 for a list of correspondence received.

a) Cllr. Turvey offered to review the NALC Development Strategy and Business Plan 2010-2015 consultation documents and it was agreed that Cllr. Turvey will draft a response before the end of April if felt appropriate.

The Clerk summarised the reply from NJK CE First School advising that the balance of the transport costs for swimming lessons is shared between the Year 3/4 pupils by way of contributions from parents.

The Clerk highlighted correspondence received regarding Co-opted Councillors. It was agreed that the Clerk will respond outlining the standard process and advise that it is believed that the last Parish Council election was held during the 1970s.

The Clerk advised that following correspondence sent regarding hedge trimming, as agreed at the February Parish Council meeting, three responses have been received; one phone call via the Worcestershire Hub querying which hedge/bush required trimming (believe resolved), one visit acknowledging the need for maintenance work but reporting cars regularly parked on pavements in Mandalay Drive which obstructs pavements and a final phone call from an resident objecting strongly to the letter being sent and requesting a follow up letter from the Parish Council (followed by a phone call to advise that the work has been completed). After discussion of the points raised

it was agreed that the Clerk will place a notice in the next Newsletter reminding residents not to park on pavements and will respond with a follow up letter as requested confirming that comments have been passed to the Parish Council and expressing appreciation for assistance with hedge maintenance.

22. 2010/63 Clerk's Report on Urgent Decisions since the Last Meeting

The Clerk advised that there was nothing further to report other than those items already discussed during the meeting.

23. 2010/64 Items for Update to Local M.P.

Nothing further to report at this time. The Clerk advised that concern has been expressed by Cllr. Lucas regarding the report from Peter Luff M.P. for the last Parish Council newsletter and comments regarding the EnviroSort facility which he considers to be inaccurate. After discussion it was agreed that reports will not be vetted for accuracy as we may not have full information available to be able to do this and some points may be subjective. It was also agreed that the Parish Council will not raise this matter with Peter Luff, but if any individual wishes to pursue this then they are at liberty to do so in a personal capacity. As detailed within agenda item 8 above, Cllr. Lucas will be invited to include a report from the EnviroSort Liaison Group in the next Newsletter.

24. 2010/65 Councillors' Reports and Items for Future Agenda

In response to a query regarding mobile speed signs, Cllr. Adams confirmed that he is investigating the possibility of being able to share a sign.

Cllr. Mrs. Hewison gave her apologies and left at 10.05pm.

Cllr. Turvey advised that Whittington Parish Council may be pursuing the issue raised regarding the Public Right of Way around Whittington Tump and news is awaited. Data from the traffic count on Crookbarrow Road and Norton Road has been received which will be reviewed and reported to a future meeting. Notification should be received within the next week or so to advise which Schools will be included within the 20mph zone initiative.

The Clerk advised that Bill Denman has passed away and as an ex-Parish Councillor a card of condolence has been sent to Mrs. Denham.

25. 2010/66 Annual Parish Meeting – Thursday 22nd April 2010

The draft agenda circulated was agreed. Cllr. Turvey and Cllr. Mrs. McGovern confirmed attendance and the provision of reports. The Clerk will establish whether Cllr. Richmond is able to attend and provide the Planning and Playing Fields reports.

26. 2010/67 Date of Next Meeting:

Annual Parish Meeting – Thursday 22nd April 2010
Parish Council Meeting - Thursday 29th April 2010

The meeting closed at 10.15pm.

Correspondence Received for 25th March 2010 Parish Council Meeting	
Sender	Subject
Age Concern	Request for local information
CALC	Updates on various matters, Area Meeting agenda and reports, 3 rd Worcs CC Parish Conference (30 th March), NALC Draft Development Strategy and Business Plan 2010-2015 (comments by end April).
Clerks & Councils Direct	Magazine March 2010
Community First	E-bulletin: funding alerts, events, jobs, news. Wellness Works e-bulletin.
CPRE	Campaigns Update
CSO Fogwill	Confirmation of visit to SMH to advise that road needs to be cleaned further.
Glasdon	Product brochure
Jo Manuschka & Chris Morag	Dogs on allotments and suggestions to ease the problem
Mr. Bear	Wychavon DC tree felling Vimiera Close/Brockhill Lane and wall implications
Mr. Watson	Co-opted Councillors
NALC	Local Council Review Spring 2010, Direct Information Service Updates
NJK CE First School	Swimming transport costs
NJK Our Future	Summary of last meeting.
P. Skeys (Lengthsman)	Copy of current Certificate of Public Liability Insurance (expires Nov 2010)
Pershore Volunteer Centre	Motivating and Retaining Volunteers workshop 26 th March 9.30-12.30 at Pershore Volunteer Centre
Rural Outreach Project, Droitwich CVS	Funding information
Rural Services Network	Weekly Rural Focus, Parish News
Safe & Sound Playgrounds	Product update
Simon Skeys Gardening Services	Quote for maintenance of Public Rights of Way
Smart Cut Ltd	Newsletter
SMH Fleet Solutions Ltd	Update on infill work and road cleaning
Society of Local Council Clerks	Cemetery Course, The Clerk magazine March 2010, Worcestershire Branch Newsletter Feb 2010, Playground safety course
Spinal Injuries Association	Newsletter advert
SWJCS	Event information from consultants
WMRA	RSS Update Feb 2010
Worcs CC	2010/11 Lengthsman scheme
Worcs CC	Community Green Space Team – Annual Report 2009
Worcs CC	Future credits by BACS Direct Credit
Worcs CC	Parish Lengthsman Scheme – increased funding for 2010/11 plus a changed funding formula based upon £1,500 plus £20 per km of highway within Parish boundary.
Worcs CC	Pershore Area Forum – 11 th March, 7pm, Pershore Town Hall
Worcs CC	Worcester Parkway - Demand Forecasting & Economic Appraisal: Final Report
Wychavon DC	Planning Approval Notices: - W/10/00142 Hatfield Court, Hatfield Bank: Domestic extensions - Grange Farm, Hatfield Lane: Steel framed building (storage of farm machinery)
Wychavon DC	Copy letter sent to Mr. Smith, Pound House Farm re land drainage maintenance Radley bridleway
Wychavon DC	Game On newsletter March/April 2010
Wychavon DC	Notification and consultation – Draft Residential Design Guide Supplementary Planning Document. Responses by 28 th May.
Wychavon DC	SHM planning approval W/08/02902 landscaping and planting schedule
Wychavon DC	Standards Committee meeting agenda: 18 th March, 6.15pm, Civic Centre, Pershore
Wychavon DC	Update on flood alleviation proposals and surveying work undertaken
Wychavon DC	Wychavon Community Grants 2010. Closing date noon on 28 th May 2010
Wychavon Sport	2010 Wychavon Parish Games

Notes from the Public Question Time Prior to the Parish Council Meeting

Charles Ives attended to provide an update following a recent meeting with Worcs CC regarding the Worcester Parkway Station proposal. This meeting was also attended by Parish Councillor Mike Reeves and District and County Councillor Rob Adams.

Mr. Ives provided background information and highlighted continued concerns regarding enabling development and increased traffic through the Parish.

He referred to a new report 'Demand Forecasting & Economic Appraisal: Final Report' produced by Halcrow for Worcs CC and also the Revised Worcester Transport Strategy, which now details the Parkway Station as a post 2016 project.

The Parkway was previously seen as a key scheme by Worcs CC, but now appears to have reduced in terms of priority due to the lack of interest by rail operators in adding an additional stop to journeys and also the report submitted by Worcs CC to the Government Transport Department has been rejected at this time.

It is understood that the amended timescale also reflects that some or all of the Rail Franchises are due for renewal in 2014. Rail operators do not support an additional stop at a Worcester Parkway as there are already stops in the area, it would incur further costs, impact upon timetables and reduce 'contingency' time within the schedules which may result in problems at critical journey points e.g. Birmingham New Street.

Funding of the project would be requested from Central Government which, at an estimated cost of £15m, may be a low priority in the current financial climate. In addition, high speed rail links between major centres appears to be the main rail development objective and the Parkway Station proposal doesn't appear to fit with this.

Mr. Ives advised that the Halcrow document reports that only 22% of predicted users of a Parkway Station would have switched from car use, which equates to around 80 cars a day off the road. The remainder of users would have switched from another local station. By 2026, based on forecast trips data, 93 cars are predicted to be taken off the roads. The criteria used to predict the forecast daily trips was questioned as this may be generous. Possible stops at the Parkway are the Birmingham trains (with potentially 5 trains stopping between 7am-10am) and London trains (potentially 2 trains in the same period). The Bristol Parkway and Warwick Parkway Stations are understood to have significantly higher usage figures than is predicted for the Worcester Parkway.

The Worcester Transport Strategy 2011-16 includes extensive redevelopment of Shrub Hill Station as a transport hub/commuter interchange and therefore it is unlikely that this station would be closed in favour of a Parkway Station.

It is understood that the Gloucester Parkway Station proposal is now less likely or perhaps has been abandoned, feedback differs.

Worcs CC are planning to resubmit the proposal to Central Government on the basis that it believes there is scope to reduce recovery (contingency) time within the timetables to allow for an extra stop.

The overall feel is that the Parkway Station is unlikely to progress in either the short or medium term. The proposal is considered to have a 'medium value for money economic case' within the Halcrow document.

Once Worcs CC has received a response from Central Government, a further meeting will be arranged with Worcs CC for an update. A request has been made for Cllr. Adams, as the local Member, to be kept informed of any developments.