

BROADWAY PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES
of ANNUAL PARISH MEETING
held at 5 Russell Square, High Street, Broadway,
on Thursday, 21st March 2013, at 8.00 pm**

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

Also in attendance: County and District Councillor Mrs. E. Eyre,
Mr. J. Vincent/Broadway Trust, Evesham Journal

(1) **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** District Councillor B. Parmenter,
Councillors L. D. Keane and Mrs. A. Locker

(2) **MINUTES OF ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON 22:03:12**
Following a proposal from Councillor Penny, seconded by Councillor Mrs.
Wilson, and unanimously agreed, the Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 22nd
March 2012 were signed and dated as a true record.

(3) **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:**

The Chairman welcomed all present and reported as follows :-

"2012 has been a year for celebrations nationwide, and Broadway joined in with
the Queen's Jubilee celebration in June and the Olympic torch relay in July.

"A vintage car rally was held on Saturday, 3rd June, which attracted over thirty
vehicles on the village green. Many thanks must go to Mr. Neil Hilton for organising
such a fantastic and well supported event.

"The Proms on the Green held on Sunday, 4th June, was a major event when
several local artistes took part, culminating in the event on the stage by opera singer,
Kirsty Anderson and the headline act 'Journey South', and a huge firework display closed
the evening. I would like to thank everyone who helped to organise this event which was
well attended despite the awful weather, especially all the artistes; all the organisations
which provided the food and drink; Guy Warner of Budgens; and all those who put
hours of preparation into making the event the success it was. Special thanks go to Mr.
Gary Thompson, Mrs. Caroline Cooper, Mrs. Tracey Sone, and to our Clerk, Kevin
Beasley. The Parish Council made donations to the Football Club, the Cricket Club and
GWSR in recognition of their help during the celebrations.

"It was a great honour for Broadway to be part of the Olympic Torch relay route,
and on Sunday, 1st July, the torch came through the village. Thousands of people,
residents and visitors alike, lined the route from Station Road, up the High Street, and

along Leamington Road, for a once-in-a-lifetime chance to see the Olympic flame as it was carried through the village

“The major issue of the proposed developments within the village came to a head in the autumn when the ‘Save Broadway Campaign’ was launched following a packed meeting held in the Lifford Hall, and an update by the Chairman of the group, Mr. Gordon Franks, together with Mr Michael Gordon-Smith, follows this report.

“Another major concern was the future of the library services within the village and a committee was set up in an attempt to resolve this issue. Good progress is being made to keep a library service operational at its current location.

“It is hoped that everyone has noticed that the approach roads into the village have been very much enhanced by the addition of planters under the entrance signs along Leamington Road, Station Road, Cheltenham Road and Snowhill Road, and thanks must go to Mrs. Penny Valender for her help in this matter.

“There are three new benches in the village – one in the activity park donated by Mr. Bert Humphreys in memory of his wife who spent many happy hours there with her family and grandchildren – one outside Prego, the new Italian restaurant in the High Street, donated by Mr. Bill Blundell in memory of his great friend Mr. David Jelfs – and one by the Cheltenham Road junction donated by County Councillor Mrs. Eyre. It was also agreed to purchase a new much needed light column next to this bench to illuminate the path.

“PC Emma Burrows had informed the Parish Council that she was standing down, and PC Les Pegler has now taken over. I would like to thank Emma for all her help, and to Les for his continuing support.

“The winner of this year’s Community Award was Mrs. Joan Parfitt – a worthy winner for organising the village entries into the Parish Games which she has been involved with for the past twelve years. As Broadway’s nomination she was also awarded a Certificate of Commendation from the District Council regarding the 2012 Diamond Jubilee Community Recognition Award.

“The Ashmolean Museum of Art and Archaeology in Oxford is working in partnership with the County Council, the Keil family, heritage groups, and other local stakeholders to transform Tudor House in the High Street into a new museum – “The Ashmolean at Broadway”. A progress report by Councillor Mrs. Eyre follows this report.

“The toilets in the Activity Park were opened in September when I, together with representatives from the County and District Councils, Rooftop Housing, and the building contractors, attended a short ceremony to officially declare them open. This now completes the overall project which I hope you will agree is a fantastic attraction and brings many visitors to the village.

“Annual donations are given by the Parish Council to St. Michael and All Angels Church for the upkeep of the graveyards, Evesham and Pershore Neighbourhood Watch, Signpost, Broadway Tourist Information Centre, Evesham Volunteer Centre, and

Wychavon Citizens' Advice Bureau. Also supported are Broadway Newsletter, the Community Award, and entry into the Parish Games. Grants have also been made to the Arts Festival, the Youth Club, both village schools, and the Ashmolean at Broadway. As you can see, we have supported a number of projects over the last twelve months and any organisation within the village is welcome to make a grant application.

"I would like to thank all councillors for their support and commitment at Parish Council meetings and the numerous additional committee meetings throughout the year.

"Finally, I would like to thank our Clerk, Kevin, and Assistant Clerk, Gwen, for all their hard work in keeping the wheels of the Parish Council turning, as without them the office would not run so smoothly and efficiently".

Report on "Save Broadway Campaign":

The Chairman of "Save Broadway Campaign", Gordon Franks, gave an update on the progress of the Campaign highlighting the fact that over a thousand replies to a leaflet circulated throughout the village had been received in support. Two public meetings had been held, and regular newsletters had been circulated keeping the villagers informed of progress. The Parish Council, Broadway Trust, and the Save the Campaign group were working closely together, and he emphasised that the whole village needed to support the campaign in order to make a real difference. He stated that the campaign was not for zero tolerance as it recognised the need for affordable and social housing in the village. The next step would be to formulate a neighbourhood plan, and Michael Gordon-Smith was asked to update the Council regarding progress. He circulated details about what a neighbourhood plan was, the costs, the development, and why Broadway should have a plan, and highlighted just how complex, costly and time consuming this process was (a minimum of two years) which was very necessary as it would shape the future of the village regarding planning. The government had set aside monies to help fund neighbourhood plans, but speed was of the essence to ensure that Broadway did not miss out on any grants available.

Report on Ashmolean at Broadway:

County and District Councillor Mrs. Eyre gave a short presentation. The Ashmolean Museum of Art and Archaeology in Oxford was working in partnership with the Worcestershire County Council, the Keil family, heritage groups and other local stakeholders to transform the seventeenth century Tudor house in the High Street into a museum – the Ashmolean at Broadway. The project had been made possible by Mr. John Keil, who had generously offered Tudor House on a fifty year lease in order to open it to the public. The museum would display objects from the seventeenth to the twenty-first century and would take the visitor through different periods of the history of the building. There would also be gallery space dedicated to rotating exhibitions. Councillor Mrs. Eyre thanked the Parish Council for its donation towards the cost of a display cabinet, and stressed the importance of Broadway being the location of such a prestigious museum which would attract many more visitors.

(4) REPORT ON AUDIT OF COUNCIL ACCOUNTS TO 31:03:12:

The Clerk reported that the accounts to 31st March 2012 had been approved by the Parish Council on 17:05:12 (page 996 item 15 of the Minutes) and audited. Clement Keys, the auditors, had indicated their approval on 23:07:12 (page 1010 item 8 of the Minutes dated 23:08:12) and the Clerk had displayed the customary statement on the notice board. A copy of the audited accounts was available for inspection at the Parish Council office.

(5) ANY OTHER MATTERS RAISED BY ELECTORS:

No other matters were raised.

There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.25 pm