

*MINUTES
PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
held at 5 Russell Square, High Street, Broadway,
on Thursday, 22nd August 2013, at 7.00 pm*

PRESENT: Councillor D. W. Folkes (Chairman), Councillors Dr. R. Clements, Miss D. Hardiman, N. Robinson, Mrs. R. Rogers, Mrs. S. Stephenson, Mrs. J. Stock, J. Williams

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

(1) APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Councillors R. Haslam, L. Keane, Mrs. A. Locker, F. L. Penny, Mrs. C.C.B. Wilson
P.C. Pegler/West Mercia Police

(2) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None

(3) POLICE REPORT:

In his absence P.C. Pegler sent a report which was read by the Clerk as follows :-

No problems had arisen during the Broadfest event;
The theft of a handbag from the Broadway Hotel had been reported;
Shoplifters had targeted Armstrongs.

The following issues were raised by councillors and forwarded to the Police for a response :-

Councillor Dr. Clements asked if the Police would pay attention to the trees in Station Road as they had been vandalised for a second time;

Councillor Williams requested an update on an incident which had occurred in Kingsdale Court;

Councillor Robinson wished for an update regarding the traders' early warning system;

Councillor Miss Hardiman asked for an update on the accident which had occurred at the Station Road/Cheltenham Road junction when the road signs were badly damaged and required removal.

The Clerk was instructed to forward these matters to P.C. Pegler for his attention so that updates could be included in his report at the next meeting.

(4) MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 26:06:13

Proposed by Councillor Miss Hardiman, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Stock, the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 26th June 2013 were unanimously approved, and were duly signed and dated as a true record.

(5) COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORTS:

A copy of County Councillor Mrs. Eyre's report was circulated to all councillors. A copy was available for reading in the Parish Council office, and would also be posted with the Minutes on the village website after approval at the next meeting. Councillor Mrs. Eyre summarised her report as follows :-

The library consultation had now ended, and several volunteers had come forward to form a community group.

An update was given regarding the proposed developments :-

(a) land west of Leamington Road where the main issues were :- the site was allocated for fifty-nine houses in the South Worcestershire Development Plan and not one hundred and twenty-five as proposed; the site was in the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and there were alternative sites outside the AONB, and the matter of surface water drainage had yet to be resolved. Having checked with the Case Officer, this application may not be looked into until September/October time and, possibly, even November.

(b) Kingsdale Court where the main issues were that the site is within the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty; land drainage; road congestion; poor infrastructure regarding sewerage/water drainage, and the proximity of a number of underground watercourses. Councillor Mrs. Eyre reported that there had been a previous application for this site, but because the application was flawed due to flooding issues it did not get any further than a pre-application, and the relevant information regarding this was being sought.

Regarding local flooding and highway issues :-

Flooding - a gabion basket headwall had been created by the turning circle at the mouth of the culvert in the upper high street so that the lengthsman could better access it for clearance work; an insurance announcement had resulted in further assurances for householders, and a newsletter regarding the flood alleviation scheme had been circulated with a date being sought for a meeting to update councillors.

Highways - progress was continuing to be made on new signage including entrance and brown signs; a new dropped kerb had been created at the back of the arcade; it was hoped that resurfacing work at the lower end of the High Street would take place before Christmas and that 'patching' work would take place from the War Memorial to the Leamington Road mini-roundabout. The Clerk asked if during this work the mini-roundabout and connected road markings could be repainted as several complaints had been received regarding this matter. The proposal for the extension of existing yellow lines up to Brook House in Station Road were still being prepared for consultation.

Councillor Mrs. Eyre was working with the traders on issues regarding applications for licences for tables and chairs on the highway, and additional parking spaces between 6.00 pm and 6.00 am.

Councillor Mrs. Eyre reported that a small divisional budget was available for small pieces of highway work, and councillors were requested to note and report any such areas where work was required.

Councillor Dr. Clements asked for assurances that the yellow lines would be continued up to the Station Road bridge when the station was opened. Councillor Mrs. Eyre stated that a further consultation would be required before any further extensions could be confirmed.

District Councillor Parmenter had requested the District Council for a further dropped kerb to be installed at the entrance to the central car park opposite the new dropped kerb in the arcade. Following several complaints received regarding the number of cars turning the wrong way out of the central car park, Councillor Parmenter had asked the District Council for clearer signage to be installed to ensure that cars turn right into Church Street.

Councillor Parmenter highlighted the Rural Fair Share campaign which supported the fight against proposed cuts to budgets in rural areas which would mean that rural areas would receive fifty per cent than urban areas, and asked councillors to sign a petition in support.

(6) **CLERK'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE:**

An invitation to both Clerk and Councillors was received from the Worcestershire County Association of Local Councils to attend a discussion on 24th September at County Hall, Worcester, from 7.00 to 9.00 pm on "Ways Forward for your Council". This was to include items such as budgets, localism and improvement of performance.

A letter of thanks for the cheques presented to them at the last meeting had been received on behalf of both Broadway Pilots and Broadway Youth Activities.

On behalf of the Parish Council the Clerk had attended St. Mary's Catholic Primary School speech day held on 15th July at St. Saviour's Church.

The repair work and painting of the posts and poles on the Green along Church Street was now complete, the cost of which would be shared with Broadway Trust.

The dead tree outside 63 High Street had now been removed by Highways, and it was hoped that it, along with two or three other trees in the High Street, would soon be replaced. This was a long standing issue which the District Tree officer was attempting to resolve as soon as possible with Highways.

The notices for the 2013 Community Award had been circulated to all interested parties and all councillors. The Clerk reminded all councillors to make every effort to nominate someone who they felt would deserve recognition for this annual award.

The Parish tree consultant, Andrew Woods, had advised the Clerk that four trees in Station Road had unfortunately again been vandalised. An attempt was made to repair the damage and it was hoped that all four trees would recover without the need for replacement. There were also four dead/badly damaged fruit trees in need of removal in the dog walking area next to the activity park. The Parish Council unanimously agreed that this work should be carried out.

As requested, the lengthsman had sanded and varnished two of the three benches by the telephone kiosks in the High Street, but the third seat was in need of repair before the work could be finalised, and a quotation had been received in the sum of £115.00 + VAT from Clarke & Cross (Builders) Limited. It was unanimously agreed that this quotation be accepted so that work could proceed. The seat by the post-box at the top of the Sands Estate had also been sanded and varnished to remove graffiti. The lengthsman had also repaired the damaged litter bins in the High Street and fitted new plastic inner bins as required.

The County Council had issued a notice regarding traffic diversion during the Abbey Bridge closure in Evesham which was currently planned for ten weeks from September. A copy had been circulated to all councillors and displayed in the Parish Office window.

The Clerk had written to the District Council to submit the Neighbourhood Plan area submission as requested. There was a Neighbourhood Planning seminar to be held at the Civic Centre, Pershore, on Tuesday, 22nd October, at 5.00 pm., and three representatives from Broadway's neighbourhood plan group would be in attendance.

The Clerk attended a meeting with Vic. Allison from the District Council to discuss changes to the New Homes bonus grant, details of which would shortly be forwarded to all councils. In addition, the Clerk had prepared an information sheet to be sent to all households in the village requesting views on the spending of the 2012 New Homes bonus grant.

The Clerk had been contacted by a resident complaining about a local party which had caused issues regarding noise and the lateness of the event. After discussion, it was suggested by the Clerk that an article be placed in the Broadway newsletter reminding all residents that neighbours should be informed if a party was to be arranged with consideration given regarding noise levels and appropriate finishing times.

(7) REPORTS OF VARIOUS COMMITTEES AND GROUPS:

Activity Park: Following the recent annual inspection, all the suggested repairs were now completed apart from the removal of the balance beam which had deteriorated and

needed replacing. As discussed at the previous meeting, G4S had agreed to fund the purchase of a new piece of equipment and, having investigated a suitable item, the recommendation was for a sand-pit to be sited in place of the balance beam. Several councillors were concerned that a sandpit would attract animals, and suggested the possibility of a cover. The Clerk was instructed to investigate other possible pieces of equipment before a final decision could be made and this would be referred to the Finance Working Group.

As agreed at the last meeting the bollards had been installed at the entrance to the dog walking area to stop parking in the gateway. 'No Parking' signs had been placed on the gate which seemed to alleviate many of the parking problems.

An e-mail had been received congratulating the council on the activity park which the Clerk was pleased to read to the meeting.

P.A.C.T: A meeting was held on the 23rd July at the Parish office when no major issues were raised following twenty-two surveys taken by the Police in the village, but speeding concerns in many areas were discussed. The next meeting would be held on the 4th November at the Parish Office commencing at 7.00 pm.

Library: An informal feed-back meeting was held on the 1st August following the recent consultation on options for the library and an update had been circulated to all councillors. A formal meeting was scheduled for Monday, 30th September, commencing at 6.00 pm at the library for members of the County Council to meet members of the local community who had expressed an interest in forming the community group.

Broadfest: This food and music festival was held on the weekend of the 27th/28th July. The Parish Council had agreed to underwrite the event but due to outstanding income and expenditure the final figures were not yet available but would be reported as soon possible. Mr. Gary Thompson, who organised and co-ordinated the event, gave a summary as follows, first thanking the major stakeholders – the Parish Council, the Traders' Association, the Football and Cricket Clubs, and the GWR.

It was estimated that over the week-end period over seven thousand people, both residents and visitors, attended Broadfest. Much positive PR was received and the village 'really shone'. The event got off to a good start on Saturday, although the rain fell on proceedings in the evening but many people stayed on to see various artistes on the stage including the headline act for the evening of past X-Factor winner Steve Brookstein. The weather on Sunday improved when food demonstrations by chefs from local businesses Luke's Restaurant and Pregos were well received. The event culminated with a show-stopping performance by Vince Freeman of 'The Voice' fame. Mr. Thompson concluded there were some issues of concern which would need addressing for any future event as it was generally felt that some of the stalls may not have been appropriate for the village. This was due mainly to the short period of time (three months) in which Mr. Thompson had to organise the event. The Chairman said that several people had asked whether the event would be held next year, and Mr. Thompson stated that he hoped that this would be the case and had already had provisional discussions with the Clerk to reserve the Green for early July 2014. The

Chairman thanked Mr. Thompson on behalf of the council for the organisation of the event.

(8) QUARTERLY FINANCIAL STATEMENT:

A copy of the first quarter's financial statement had been circulated to all councillors.

(9) PLANNING:

Parish Council comments:

MEETING: 17:06:13

Application W/13/01031/LB **MR. C. BOWLER**, 1 Russell Terrace, Lower Green
Replacement of front roof tiles with new natural slate
The Parish Council raised no objections to this proposal

Applications W/13/00951/PP **MR. F. MONTERO**, The House on the Green, Church Street
and W/13/01032/LB New laundry and conservatory – revision to schemes approved under
application numbers W/10/02476 and W/10/02477
The Parish Council raised no objections to this proposal

MEETING: 01:07:13

Application W/13/00589/PN **MISS C. BARNES**, Portway Farm, Cheltenham Road
Agricultural building
The Parish Council raised no objections to this proposal

Application W/13/01033/PP **MR. I. CRICHTON**, 105 High Street
Proposed demolition of existing garage and erection of replacement garage
The Parish Council raised no objections to this proposal but requested the District Council to note that this property is a listed building

Application W/13/01086/PP **MR. & MRS. S. HOUGHTON**, 3 Priors Green, Leamington Road
Single storey extension to rear elevation and loft conversion to main roof with three dormer windows and dormer window above garage
The Parish Council raised no objections to this proposal

Application W/13/01241/ET **MR. D. PORTER**, Stoneyroyd, Station Road
Extension of Time application of planning approval W/10/01125/ET for new bungalow adjacent to Stoneyroyd
The Parish Council object to this Extension of Time since the original application was approved in 2007 with work still to be commenced. No further Extension of Time should be granted.

MEETING: 15:07:13

Application W/13/01141/CU **MTM SKILLS TRAINING LIMITED**, Tudor House, 65 High Street
Change of Use from Class A1 Retail to mixed use of Class A1 Showrooms and Class D1 Training Centre
The Parish Council raised no objections to this application

Application W/13/01316/AA **TUDOR HOUSE BROADWAY TRUST**
Tudor House, 65 High Street
Display of external signs
The Parish Council raised no objections to this application

Applications W/13/01348/PP **MRS. F. TIBBITTS**, 87 Pond Close Farm, High Street
and W/13/01394/LB Erection of garden/machinery store and greenhouse
The Parish Council raised no objections to this application

Applications W/13/01222/PP and W/13/1236/LB **MR. R. TABE**, Abbots Grange, Church Street
Renovation of existing staff annexe including single storey extension.
Alteration to access and erection of summerhouse

The Parish Council raised no objections to this application

Applications W/13/01332/AA and W/13/01333/LB **FURLONG COTSWOLD LIMITED**, Lygon Arms, 28 High Street
Fascia sign and temporary hoarding

The Parish Council object to this application on the grounds of visual intrusion, overbearing impact, and being harmful to listed buildings and their setting

MEETING: 29:07:13

Application W/13/0-1347/PP **MR. N. TABOR**, Lybrook Farmhouse, Snowhill Road
Alterations and two storey extension – amendment to scheme approved under application W/08/00367/PP and W/11/00519/ET

The Parish Council raised no objections to this application

Application W/13/01373/PN **GLOUCESTERSHIRE WARWICKSHIRE STEAM RAILWAY PLC**
The Railway Station, Station Road
Construction of three Broadway railway station buildings to replace originals demolished by British Railways.

The Parish Council raised no objections to this planning application as presented, but the following points have been raised and need to be addressed: (a) the opinion is that trees carrying a Preservation Order have been interfered with; (b) the opinion is that bats and owls are resident in this area; (c) questions have been raised regarding adequate screening, indeed, it is felt that local residents would very much appreciate extra screening on the boundaries of the site by the planting of additional trees and hedging, and (d) assurances regarding on-road parking restrictions (double yellow lines) must be confirmed.

MEETING: 12:08:13

Application W/13/01540/CU **MR. W/ HALL**
Barnfield Mill, Childswickham Road
New chalet park as approved under planning permission W/12/00841/ET but without compliance with Condition 6 (restricting the development to holiday use only) and Condition 10 (requiring the mobile units to meet the definition of a caravan).

The Parish Council object to Conditions 6 and 10 being lifted regarding this application and would reiterate the comments forwarded to you in December 2008

Applications W/13/01318/PP and W/13/1319/LB **MR. A. DAKIN**
Russell Court, Lower Green
Installation of iron electric gates; new house sign; retention of stone wall, and demolition of existing wall adjacent to garage

The Parish Council raise no objections to this application

Applications W/13/01411/LB and W/13/01316/AA **TUDOR HOUSE BROADWAY TRUST/
BROADWAY PARISH COUNCIL**
Tudor House, 65 High Street
External signs for new Ashmolean Museum

The Parish Council raise no objections to this application

Application W/13/01520/LB **MRS. A. GORTON**,
Broadway Tower, Middle Hill
Alter main entrance door and provide new glass inner door

The Parish Council raise no objections to this application

Application W/13/01493/PN **ONE PROPERTY GROUP**
Land off Kingsdale Court
Construction of thirteen dwellings including new access and associated works

The Parish Council object to this application as follows: the site is within an Area of Natural Beauty and should not be built upon if there are viable alternatives; access to the site is through an existing housing estate where roads are narrow in places due to on-street parking; the proposed housing does not address the need for affordable housing in the

village; there are concerns regarding flooding and drainage issues which would add additional pressure to the existing infrastructure, there were concerns also regarding the abrupt ending of the access road which could possibly suggest further development(?)

(Application W/13/01203/CU – Mr. Davies, Northwick Farm, Fry Lane – proposed conversion of storage building to single dwelling. The District Council approved this application in the absence of the Parish Council's comments which was due non-receipt of plans by the Parish Council and therefore not put up for discussion).

Application W/13/01542/PP **MR. R. COLDICOTT,**
11 Smallbrook Road
Alterations and extension to existing property

The Parish Council raised no objections to this application which was discussed after the Parish Council meeting held on the 22nd August,

Wychavon Approvals:

Application W/13/01031/LB	Mr. C. Bowler, 1 Russell Terrace, Lower Green Replacement of front roof tiles with new natural slates
Application W/13/00757/CU	Mr. N. Tabor, Lybrook Farm, Saowshill Road Change of use of office to cottage including addition of adjoining stable to form extra bedroom
Applications W/13/00951/PP and W/13/01032/LB	Mr. F. Montero, House on the Green, Church Street New laundry and conservatory – revision to schemes approved under applications W/10/02476 and W/10/02477
Application W/13/00921/CU	Mrs. J. Ruddy, 4 Bibsworth Lane Change of use of existing two-storey detached garage to provide unit for holiday letting including use/conversion of garage space to provide additional living accommodation
Application W/13/01033/PP	Mr. I. Crichton, 105 High Street Proposed demolition of existing garage and erection of replacement garage
Application W/13/01086/PP	Mr. & Mrs. S. Houghton, 3 Priors Green, Leamington Road Single storey extension to rear elevation and loft conversion to main roof with three dormer windows and a dormer window above garage
Application W/13/00589/PN	Miss C. Barnes, Portway Farm, Cheltenham Road Agricultural building
Application W/13/01141/CU	MTM Skills Training Ltd., Tudor House, 65 High Street Change of Use from Class A1 Retail to mixed use of Class A1 Showrooms and Class D1 Training Centre
Applications W/13/01222/PP and W/13/01236/LB	Mr. R. Tace, Abbots Grange, 5 Church Street Renovation of existing staff annexe including single storey extension.
Application W/13/01241/ET	Mr. D. Porter, Stoneyroyd, Station Road Alteration to access and erection of summerhouse. Extension of Time application of planning approval W/10/01125/ET for new bungalow adjacent to Stoneyroyd
Applications W/13/01394/LB and W/13/01348/PP	Mrs. F. Tibbitts, 87 Pond Close Farm, upper High Street Erection of garden/machinery store and greenhouse
Application W/13/01316/AA	Tudor House Broadway Trust, Tudor House, 65 High Street Display of external signs

(10) SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS/RECEIPTS from 01:06:13 to 31:07:13

<i>Payments:</i>	verified by the Clerk together with two nominated signatories	<i>net of VAT</i>
Cash / milk, coffee, sugar		18.10
Cash / postage		50.90
Cash / stationery		4.95
Worcestershire County Council / pension contribution		424.90
Unicom / telephone-internet		54.68
Wychavon District Council / Broadfest expenses		85.00
Colwyn Thomas / activity park maintenance		236.25
Running Imp International / vintage car expenses		32.95

Vale Press Limited / Broadfest expenses	380.00
Abbey Forestry / tree maintenance	283.70
Cotswold Building Supplies / activity park maintenance	54.76
Vale Press Limited / Broadfest expenses	55.00
Orchard View Nurseries / planters	68.85
Play Inspection Corporation / activity park annual inspection	150.00
K. Beasley / Clerk's salary / June	1,201.38
G. A. Tomkins / Asst. Clerk's salary – June	606.60
HM Revenue and Customs / PAYE	1,116.91
Metcalfes / insurance expenses re claim	79.20
Gary Thompson / Broadfest expenses	33.21
Grassroots Garden Services / activity park maintenance	48.00
K. M. Anderson / Broadfest expenses	175.00
Pro-Productions Limited / Broadfest expenses	2,000.00
Wychavon District Council / refuse collection bin	316.00
Worcestershire County Council / pension contribution	424.90
Unicom / telephone,internet	54.11
GBD (Evesham) Limited / mowing contract	661.20
EBC Group (UK) Limited / photocopier charges	18.41
Cotswold Building Society / vintage car expenses	107.38
Steve Brookstein / Broadfest expenses	650.00
K. M. Anderson / Broadfest expenses	175.00
I. Barnes / Broadfest expenses	250.00
Gary Thompson / Broadfest expenses	173.27
K. Beasley / Clerk's salary / July	1,201.38
G. A. Tomkins / Assistant Clerk's salary / July	599.80
Cotswold Security / security contract	89.00
Maurice Parkinson Contracts / lengthsman scheme	49.00
GBD (Evesham) Limited / mowing contract	631.20
Wychavon Sport / parish games entry fees	69.00

Receipts:

Lloyds TSB / gross interest	4.20
Lloyds TSB / interest re fixed term deposit	73.64
Cash / dog foul bag donations	25.00
Cash / rent from annual fair	27.50
Broadway Trust / donation re tree maintenance	523.75
Colwyn Thomas / ice cream sales	52.10
Sketts & Co / donation re market	50.00
Signpost / contribution to office electricity	104.87
Various / donations re Broadfest	660.00
Various / donations re Broadfest	180.00
Lloyds TSB / gross interest	4.07
Worcestershire County Council / lengthsman scheme	28.00
Various / donations re Broadfest	585.00
Sketts & Co / donation re market	50.00
Various / donations re Broadfest	240.00
Various / donations re Broadfest	170.00
Cash / donations re Broadfest	632.00

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

Councillor Mrs. Stephenson firstly raised concerns regarding the number of pot-holes/general road deterioration of sections of Back Lane. The Clerk stated that the lane

was unadopted and was not the responsibility of Highways but, possibly, that of private landowners of adjoining properties, and the Clerk would contact the footpath officer for guidance; secondly, vehicles were still parking on the footpath and adjoining land next to Cotswold Trading. The Clerk reported that he had previously contacted the Footpath Officer who, having investigated the matter, stated there was still sufficient space for walkers to use the footpath; and thirdly, weeds were growing on the footpath and roadside along Childswickham Road from the football club up to Tuck Mill. The Clerk had already contacted the lengthsman who confirmed the work would be undertaken shortly.

Councillor Williams stated that the Planning Committee had raised concerns regarding parking and access issues in connection with the planning application for Kingsdale Court, which had been highlighted by a recent incident in Colletts Gardens when a police car was unable to access a property due to a parked vehicle blocking the road. Both District Councillors Mrs. Eyre and Parmenter would follow this matter up.

Councillors Mrs. Rogers and Dr. Clements had both been contacted by residents concerned with overgrowing trees along Cheltenham Road. Question of ownership of the trees was queried and Councillor Mrs. Eyre stated that as she knew the details of the owner she would forward the information to the Clerk.

Councillor Robinson asked if there was anything further to report on the restoration of the war memorial. The Clerk stated that the grant application to the War Memorial Trust would be under discussion at a meeting of the trustees to be held during September, but under the terms of the application work could not commence until funding was granted. The Clerk would report back accordingly.

Councillor Miss Hardiman reported a number of areas in Station Road were in need of repair. The Clerk was instructed to contact Highways accordingly. Concerns were also raised regarding the poor condition of trees on land next to Sheiks, the Indian Restaurant in High Street, and the Clerk would report this matter to the District Tree Officer.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 7.50 pm and opened the PUBLIC INFORMATION SESSION:

Mr. Barry Hancox reported that vegetation etc. was overhanging the footpath along Snowhill Road and requested it to be cut back as pedestrians were being forced to walk in the road. The Clerk replied that instructions had already been given to the lengthsman to rectify this matter.

Mr. Hancox also wished to make comments on the recently held Broadfest event – firstly, he stated the concept was a good idea and should be commended but felt it had caused some division in the community/trader community suggesting, for example, that some traders did not benefit. Mr. Hancox asked if it would be possible to move the event to, say, the Hunt Field, and a charge be made for entrance?

Mr. Gary Thompson responded by saying there were issues with some of the

stalls set up by Sketts which, unfortunately, had competed with some traders, which was never the intention and would be addressed at any future event. Mr. Hancox stated that he felt that Broadway was a "quality" village and some of the stalls did not reflect this. Regarding the location, the concept was to engage the High Street and the event was staged for not only locals but to attract visitors to the village which was evidenced by the number of people attending the event. Looking at the bigger picture, it was hoped that such visitors would return again and again. Mr. Thompson stated that there was only three months to organise this first event, and in a perfect world would have liked only local businesses/suppliers, but due to different reasons several were unable to attend and Sketts, therefore, were drafted in to enhance the number of stalls.

Mrs. Dottie Friedli stated that residents would never, and should never, be expected to pay to attend such an event, adding that this was the very first Broadfest and similar adverse comments were received after the first Christmas late-night shopping event which had since proved to be very popular to the extent that it was now held over two separate week-ends.

Councillor Mrs. Eyre felt that any future event should be of more benefit to Broadway businesses.

After discussion, it was suggested that a committee be formed involving Mr. Thompson and local traders to organise/discuss the next event.

Councillor Robinson had contacted Chris. Brooks, Chairman of the Visitor Management Group, to request that an independent survey be undertaken to gain an insight into the views of local businesses/residents regarding Broadfest.

Finally, Councillor Miss Hardiman proposed a vote of thanks be given to Mr. Thompson for all his efforts and dedication in organising the event, and all councillors showed their appreciation.

The Chairman finally closed the meeting at 8.10 pm

Date /Time Next Meeting: Thursday, 24th October 2013, at 7.00 pm

**Broadway Parish Council Report County and District: Councillor Liz Eyre
August 2013**

Summary of the month

With two major planning applications to investigate and respond to: Land West of Leamington Road and Kingsdale Court, the Cabinet Member Challenge: Cabinet Members challenging the strategy and delivery in Directorate's other than their own and the run up to the public opening of the Ashmolean In Broadway it has been a particularly busy July/August.

Key items of interest

- The Government is investing £140 million in a Managed Motorway Scheme on the M5, between Junction 4a and Junction 6 – firstly the remodelling of Junction 6 a junction is operating at and beyond its design capacity, secondly some resurfacing which will address noise for local residents.

Broadway Library the consultation continues – the key points are that professionals will be at the heart of the service supported by volunteers to achieve the hours needed. Building costs will be reduced if the community steps forward to run the building as a charity.

Reminder: Buses for young people in education - anywhere for £2 or less a day.

We are stretching our service to do more for youngsters. A cheap fare scheme, based on a pay-as-you-go scheme deal with county bus operators has been launched for 11 to 19-year-olds. Young people in education will be able to travel to anywhere in Worcestershire for £2 under a development of the current Severn Card. Flat rates of £1, £1.50 or £2 have been achieved for youngsters making a single trip. The scheme will be promoted over the coming months ahead of a September launch.

Update on Open for Business: a 10 year project that is two and a half years in. Worcestershire for business: the one stop shop was launched 6 months ago. 30% of the funding came from business rates from across the county. There is a golden thread through the organisation supporting Open for Business. A number of key factors have been identified:-

- The Skills gap for level 3 and above Apprenticeships
- County exports are at 17%, 7% lower than national average
- Local businesses tend to be inward looking
- There are high Employment levels in County but lower than average wages.
- There is a need for good quality development land, Game Changer sites have been identified within County.
- Many residents live in county but work outside county?
- We are working on provision for a Parkway Station and talking with Network Providers to encourage them to stop. Electrification around Bromsgrove will help enable this.
- We are looking at the Retail experience and the role of the High Street in Worcester and other key towns
- The role of the Worcestershire LEP and that of the neighbouring LEPS. Worcestershire LEP is working well; it is a true partnership with the support of the Council leaders. Wyre Forest is very supportive of the Worcestershire LEP but see the importance of membership of the Black Country LEP. Bromsgrove has a relationship with the Greater Birmingham LEP

DEVELOPMENT

Land West of Leamington Road

The main issues are:

- The site was allocated for 59 houses in the SWDP not 125
- It is in the AONB – there are alternative sites outside the AONB
- Surface water drainage has yet to be resolved.
- The Extra Care (Home Care) proposed for older people creates even greater challenges in terms of local population growth and lack of jobs, bus services, school places.
- Numbers – exceeding a sustainable increase.

Kingsdale Court

The main issues are:

- Location AONB
- Land Drainage
- Road congestion
- Poor infrastructure in terms of sewage/water drainage
- Proximity of a number of underground watercourses.

LOCAL HIGHWAY AND FLOODING ISSUES

Flooding:

Clearance of the culvert head Upper High St: A gabion basket headwall has been created by the turning circle with access to the mouth of the culvert for community cleaning.

Insurance: An insurance announcement has resulted in further assurances for householders.

New flood storage area in Broadway – a newsletter has gone out and a date is being sought for a councillor update. (including Childswickham /Trust /Resident Group reps as appropriate.

Working on Sewage and water quality issues with Severn Trent

HIGHWAY AND OTHER

AONB: exciting new venture at Northleach by the friends of the AONB – café /Escape/HQ for the AONB

Ashmolean – official soft opening to public Friday Sept 7th

Brown Signs Proposal re the entrance signs to the village coming to the Parish. Design, locations and costings for the brown signs have been prepared.

Dropped kerb - back of arcade for mobility scooter done – looking at access to the car park.

Leamington Road mini roundabout – site visit – still not done

High Street Resurfacing All being well work is to proceed between now and Xmas on the resurfacing of lower end of the High Street: War Memorial to Cheltenham Road where drainage has been completed. The stretch to the Leamington Road still needs work on that section of drainage.

Speed lines end Springfield – no petition will come off the list

Station Road still awaiting the proposal for yellow lines

Working with traders on two issues

- Applications for Licences for tables and chairs on the highway
- Additional parking spaces between 6.00pm and 6.00am

For any proposal consultation would follow and the views of the Parish Council would be sought.

Request from Parish to rank small pieces of highway work needed

Evesham's Abbey Bridge regular communications come to Parish

Food waste collections could be on scrapheap: Eighty-seven per cent of residents are prepared to lose service to help save cash.

New drink and drug support group

A new service (G3) will support people with drink and drug problems. The service is supported by Wychavon District Council.

Jobs boost as fast internet gets support Worcestershire County Council's Cabinet named BT as its preferred supplier of the service as part of its commitment to make superfast broadband available to to nearly 55,000 rural homes and businesses (90 per cent of residential and business) places by 2016. It signed the £20 million deal in the knowledge that more than a thousand jobs could be created over the next five years as a result of its introduction. It builds on BT's on-going commercial fibre rollout which will reach more than 176,000 premises across the county by the end of Spring 2014. Worcestershire County Council is contributing up to £8.5 million, with an additional £3.35 million coming from the from the Government's Broadband Delivery UK (BDUK) funds. BT is also contributing £8.9 million towards the overall cost of the Superfast Worcestershire deployment. **I am looking at earlier improvements with a number of businesses in September**
