

*MINUTES
of PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
held at 5 Russell Square, High Street, Broadway,
on Thursday, 16th January 2014, at 7.00 pm*

PRESENT: Councillor D. W. Folkes (Chairman), Councillors Dr. R. Clements, Miss D. Hardiman, Mrs. A. Locker, F.L. Penny, N. Robinson, Mrs. R. Rogers, Mrs. S. Stephenson, Mrs. J. Stock, J. Williams, Mrs. C. Wilson
Also in attendance: PC Pegler/West Mercia Police, Broadway Trust

- (1) APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: County and District Councillor Mrs. Eyre
District Councillor B. Parmenter
- (2) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None
- (3) PRESENTATION / GRANT CHEQUES: At the last meeting it was agreed to award grants of £1,500 each to the Cricket Club and the Bowling Club, and the Chairman invited Mr. Bill Bailey from the Cricket Club and Mr. Steve Aldren from the Bowling Club to accept their cheques who gave their thanks to the Parish Council.
- (4) POLICE REPORT:
PC Pegler reported that since the last meeting there had been fifty-three incidents recorded in and around the village but only eight crimes which was a low figure as it included the Christmas and New Year periods when there was more potential for criminal activity. Crimes included two burglaries in dwellings at Bredon Court and the upper High Street (these form part of a series of burglaries in and around this area and Gloucestershire and investigations are ongoing), two non-dwelling burglaries (sheds, etc), two criminal damages, and the theft of a bicycle. There were two traffic collisions, one on Fish Hill and one outside The Swan.
Councillor Robinson raised an issue which concerned the late night shopping events when some attractions blocked the pavements and forced pedestrians into the road, and confirmed that this matter would be addressed for this year's events which would negate the suggestion of a road closure being effected.
There being no other questions the Chairman thanked PC Pegler for his attendance.
- (5) MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 12:12:13
Proposed by Councillor Miss. Hardiman, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Wilson, the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 12th December 2013 were unanimously approved, and were duly signed and dated as a true record.
- (6) CO-OPTION OF NEW MEMBERS: Eight applications were received for the two vacant positions (Ms. Amanda Peters and Dr. Joan Reading, and Messrs. Roger Bailey,

Gordon Franks, Antony Holmes, David Morys, District Councillor Barrie Parmenter, and Graham Smith). A separate vote was taken for each position resulting in the co-option of District Councillor Barrie Parmenter and Mr. Anthony Holmes. The Parish Council was very pleased and encouraged with the interest shown. The Clerk was instructed to notify all the applicants of the decision made, and to complete the necessary paperwork for the two successful applicants.

(7) COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORTS: County Councillor Mrs. Eyre's report was circulated to all members with a copy available in the Parish Office and on the website. Items included updates on planning, the library, local highway and flooding issues, and County Council finance. No issues were raised by councillors to pass on to Councillor Mrs. Eyre.

(8) CLERK'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE:

Acknowledgments and thanks were received from all organisations to which the Parish Council had sent annual donations. Evesham Volunteer Centre included an update on the benefits received by the parish during 2013 during which fifty seven people had used the community car scheme to make four hundred and twenty-one journeys to such destinations as hospital/doctors/dentists etc. and shopping trips. Five parishioners had also benefited through the Promoting Older People's Independence project which provides individual support and companionship through home visits to alleviate isolation and loneliness, and also provides the opportunity to attend a lunch club.

As instructed at the last meeting, the Clerk contacted the District Conservation Officer regarding restoration work to the war memorial which is a listed building, and was advised that there were no issues surrounding this matter. Subject to written confirmation from the Officer, the Clerk would contact the stonemason requesting the work to commence.

The District Tree and Landscape Officer had notified the Parish Council of a tree preservation order at Broadway United Football Club, Childswickham Road, concerning a group of ten horsechestnuts at the site - copy available at the Parish Office.

The latest Friends of Broadway Station newsletter had been received updating progress and future plans. A copy was circulated to all councillors with additional copies available at the Parish office.

CALC had been asked by the Head of Legal Services at the County Council to issue advice regarding winter weather by encouraging householders to be good neighbours and also to help keep highways safe by clearing snow and ice from public footpaths or pavements fronting their properties. The Council recognised that concerns over a compensation culture and possible legal liability discouraged this practice, but the legal team of the Council believe that this should not put people off provided reasonable care was taken - i.e. shovel to clear ice followed by an application of salt or grit as opposed to using hot water which may then turn to ice. Most household insurance

policies include a public liability option cover but, in the unlikely event that a householder was sued and was not covered by insurance, residents should contact the County Council for advice.

Details of the 2014 Wychavon Community Grant Scheme had been received. Grants were available for projects which include all aspects of community life, details of which are available on the Wychavon website or can be obtained from the Parish office. Application forms were required to be received by noon on Friday, 28th March.

The Clerk had contacted the Cresswell Bus Company regarding the early morning service to Evesham which was the only one affected by the County's subsidised bus review. Cresswells confirmed that the large number of passengers using this service did not warrant cancelling it despite the withdrawal of the subsidised support, but this may need to be reviewed should passenger numbers fall. This valuable service should continue to be supported.

The condition of Back Lane (unadopted) was deteriorating with a large number of potholes in evidence. The Clerk had discussed this matter with Councillor Mrs. Eyre who suggested that the Parish Council should write to her stating that it would repair the potholes by the lengthsman on this one occasion but would not take responsibility for any liability or further repairs. All councillors agreed to this suggestion.

(9) SETTING OF PRECEPT 2014/15:

After approval of the budget at the last meeting it had been proposed to increase the precept by £1,500 to £87,500. Proposed by Councillor Mrs. Stephenson, seconded by Councillor Penny, approval was unanimously agreed. The deadline for receipt of the precept to the District Council was the 31st January, but the Clerk would refrain from submitting confirmation of the precept until nearer the deadline date in case of any government intervention in policy. All councillors agreed that if such changes were received the Clerk would convene a finance working group meeting.

(10) REPORTS OF VARIOUS COMMITTEES AND GROUPS:

Library: The Community Group meet on a regular basis and were progressing well. Leaflets requesting support and donations had been distributed around the village and a good response had been received. Copies of the leaflet were available in the Parish office.

Activity Park: The Clerk suggested that the Play Inspection Company, who undertakes the annual inspection, also be requested to undertake the other three operational inspections. The cost of this would be £100 plus VAT for each inspection. It was unanimously agreed to this proposal.

It was also agreed that the unsold activity park t-shirts should be donated to a charity and the Clerk was instructed to put this matter in hand.

(11) PLANNING:

The land at Springfield Lane, due to be discussed at the planning committee meeting on the 9th January, was deferred for highways reasons prior to the meeting.

Parish Council comments:

MEETING: 16:12:13

Application W/13/02450/PP **MR. D. HUNT, 14 Mill Avenue**
Change of use from existing domestic garage to provide new disabled accommodation including bedroom, wet room and sensory area
The Parish Council raised no objections to this application

Application W/13/02203/PP **MR. & MRS. MAYMON, 29 Lifford Gardens**
Extension to provide disabled person's bed-sit and shower room
The Parish Council raised no objections to this application

Applications W/13/02415AA and W/13/02427/LB **FURLONG COTSWOLD LIMITED, Lygon Arms, 28 High Street**
Fascia sign
The Parish Council iterate previous objections made regarding this application

District Council approval:

Application W/13/02450/PP **MR. D. HUNT, 14 Mill Avenue**
Change of use from existing domestic garage to provide new disabled accommodation including bedroom, wet room and sensory area

Withdrawal:

MR. R. ALBUTT, land adj. to and Withybrook, Childswickham Road
Demolish existing dwelling/carport/stables and erect replacement dwelling with garage and altered vehicular access, parking and turning area and replacement stables for private use
Withdrawn 11:12:13

(12) SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS/RECEIPTS from 01:12:13 to 07:01:14

Payments:	verified by the Clerk together with two nominated signatories	<i>net of VAT</i>
Postage / cash		51.80
Milk/coffee/sugar / cash		9.54
Office supplies / cash		9.34
Worcestershire County Council / pension contribution		424.90
Unicom / telephone-internet		57.88
Wychavon District Council / refuse collection bin		73.03
Broadway Cricket Club / donation re Broadfest		400.00
Abbey Forestry / tree maintenance		90.00
Grassroots Garden Services / activity park maintenance		48.00
Justice Fire & Security / office security maintenance		135.75
K. Beasley / Clerk's salary / December		1,288.09
G. A. Tomkins / Asst. Clerk's salary -December		384.90
HM Revenue and Customs / P.A.Y.E.		1,020.61
EBC Group (UK) Limited / Photocopier charges		17.85
Receipts:		
Worcestershire County Council / contribution to signage		1,000.00
Signpost / contribution to electricity		61.65
Lloyds Bank / gross interest		4.21
Lloyds Bank / interest re Fixed Term Deposit		120.99

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

Councillor Mrs. Stephenson reported that a stretch of roadside vegetation etc. had been cut back just after the railway bridge towards Childswickham exposing a roadside ditch which posed a potential danger to road users should a vehicle skid off the road. The Clerk would contact Highways to request extra warning posts to be erected to cover this area.

Councillor Dr. Clements asked if the Parish Council had been notified of a start date for the consultation regarding yellow lines in Station Road. The Clerk replied that no date had been received but would investigate further. Councillor Ms. Hardman asked if repairs to the roadside verges would be undertaken before any yellow lines were installed, and the Clerk would contact Highways and ascertain the situation regarding these matters.

Councillor Penny reported a pothole in Bloxham Road at its junction with Sands Close, and the Clerk would notify Highways of this matter.

Councillor Mrs. Locker asked for an update on the New Homes Bonus regarding the flood alleviation scheme, and the Clerk reported that an item was being placed in the next edition of the Broadway Newsletter giving information on this matter and asking residents to forward opinions/comments to the Clerk.

Councillor Robinson reported that various concerns had been raised regarding the proposed 2014 Broadfest event. The Clerk suggested that a meeting should be organised to discuss this matter with all concerned parties, and all councillors were in agreement that a meeting should be arranged.

Councillor Mrs. Wilson stated that following the meeting at the Lygon Arms regarding the proposed Fire Station closure, a number of residents had suggested that the precept should be increased to help cover the cost of retaining the station within the village. The Clerk replied that any substantial increase in the precept required a referendum to be held, and suggested that a decision on this matter be deferred until after the consultation had ended and a decision on the closure had been received from the Fire Authority.

Councillor Mrs. Wilson also requested that monies from County Councillor Mrs. Eyre's minor highway repair fund be used to make the cobbled area between the Swan carpark and the Swan Hotel more user-friendly. The Clerk was instructed to contact Councillor Mrs. Eyre accordingly.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 7.30 pm and opened the PUBLIC INFORMATION SESSION:

Mrs. Friedli reported that an article in the Evesham Journal stated that drivers no longer needed to enter registration numbers in District Council car parking machines following an overview and scrutiny report by the District Council, and questioned why, in a time of supposed cost cutting, such a report was not undertaken before the installation of these machines rather than now having to install completely new machines at yet more cost.

Mr. Vincent of the Broadway Trust reported that a Civic Liaison Group was being formed by the District Council in order to work and liaise on major planning applications and planning strategy. The Group would consist of the Civic Societies of Evesham,

Pershore and Droitwich, and the Broadway Trust had accepted an invitation to represent Broadway. The Clerk requested Mr. Vincent to report back on such meetings to the Parish Council.

The Chairman finally closed the meeting at 7.45 pm

*Date /Time Next Meeting: Thursday, 20th March 2014, at 7.00 pm
followed by the Annual Parish Meeting at approx. 8.00 pm*

**Broadway Parish Council Report County and District - Councillor Liz Eyre
January 2014**

Summary of the month

Planning:

Springfield Lane has been deferred for highway reasons.
Leamington Road- the application coming forward will show design changes but flooding still remains as a real issue.

S106 – monies for the benefit of clubs and community projects have been approved, in principle, in relation to the Kingsdale Court application.

New Homes Bonus – The Parish Council is consulting on its decision to support the Badsey Brook flood defence scheme

Broadway Library. CIPFA statistics which show that our libraries cost £1.93 a visit compared with a national average of £3.36 and that visits to libraries were up 8.4% and issues of books were up 8.9%. The community steering group appears to be progressing well. I await the item coming to Cabinet to finalise a community approach. I have secured an undertaking that after the initial period the community group will be able to renew its arrangement in respect of a peppercorn rent should they wish to.

LOCAL HIGHWAY AND FLOODING ISSUES

Flooding:

New flood storage area - following the Severn and Wye Regional Flood and Coastal Committee (RFCC)'s support for the scheme a meeting is to be held with Wychavon 10/2 concerning the next steps especially in terms of planning. Fund raising is still continuing locally.

Work in Progress: Sewage and water quality issues with Severn Trent

Culvert

Crew in in 2 weeks
Will sink hole in verge and put chamber in with manhole
Will camera under National Trust land – another camera
Local group next meet in April

Station Road proposal for yellow lines progressing - Option 2

Working with traders on issues

- Applications for Licences for tables and chairs on the highway

- Additional parking spaces between 6.00pm and 6.00am
- Broadband

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

Oct request to the Parish Cllrs to rank small pieces of highway work needed – nothing received yet. Carriage way and footway repairs – delegated budget 2013/14 and 14/15

I have around £1890 to spend this year and next. Could the parish council please identify and prioritise its small areas needing work in the light of the information below?

- footway reconstruction to 100m depth - 50 sq. m costs around £1700
- footway reconstruction to 250m depth - 50sq m costs around £1890
- carriageway reconstruction to 100m depth – 95sq m costs around £1700
- Carriageway reconstruction to 650m depth - 65 sq. m costs around £1700.

I have also asked officers for the planned works schedule for my Division.

Tight financial constraints

The County Council is considering 1.94 per cent council tax rise, adding an extra £19.88 on a band D household. This money would if agreed be used to support children's social care.

Other proposed cuts

- Ringway - £3 million of cuts to bus services, affecting 88 services on 43 routes and Worcester's two park and rides at Perdiswell and Sixways
- staffing,
- workforce training
- management roles,
- more use of volunteers/outside bodies,
- better use of property,

But Councillor budgets retained £10,000

Bus Services consultation finishes tomorrow

Fire Service Consultation: still presenting case for retention.

Future Lives reduction of budget consultation continuing.

Bus offer extended until the Abbey Bridge link is re-opened The half-price bus fare offer in Evesham town centre has been extended as a result of delays to the

Abbey Bridge work. The promotion, funded by Worcestershire County Council, has been operating since September and applies to single, return, day and weekly tickets.

Technology park ready to give a boost A new technology park which will create thousands of jobs and pump hundreds of millions of pounds into the economy is a step closer to reality. Worcester Technology Park, which is set to be located next to junction 6 of the M5 motorway got the green light at a recent cabinet meeting...

£20m windfall for county's schools. Worcestershire County Council is getting £19.9 million from the Department for Education to help schools fund extra class places for pupils. It follows years of major pressure on the council to increase pupil numbers due to a steady baby boom since 2000. The cash, which will go to primary schools, will apply between this September and 2017.

School places Parents in Worcestershire have less than two weeks to apply for primary school places for children. Applications can be made through Worcestershire County Council's online applications service 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Conservation charities benefit from first Cotswolds Visitor Giving Scheme awards The Cotswolds Visitor Giving scheme was created by the Cotswolds Conservation Board to raise funds through voluntary donations collected from visitors via tourism businesses, which go towards a range of landscape and environmental projects across the Cotswolds Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

For further details of the scheme go to www.cotswoldsaonb.org.uk/visitorgiving.

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

Summary of the month

Planning: Kingsdale Court application was disappointingly approved. However Leamington Road and Springfield Lane have both been deferred. I am lodging more objections on highway grounds to Springfield Cottages and responding re Leamington Road.

S106 – monies for the benefit of the village have been approved, in principle, in relation to the Kingsdale Court application.

New Homes Bonus – The recent Chancellors announcement was a sigh of relief – no top slicing - councils get to keep their new homes bonus.

Broadway Library. A feasibility group is meeting. I am trying to clarify points for them and assist re fund raising.

LOCAL HIGHWAY AND FLOODING ISSUES

Flooding:

New flood storage area in Broadway – a meeting has taken place to update all parties. The proposed scheme, a flood storage area upstream of the Cheltenham Road, currently estimated to cost approximately £3 million will have its costs reviewed following the completion of detailed design in March 2014.

The Severn and Wye Regional Flood and Coastal Committee (RFCC) showed their continued support for the scheme by providing indicative local levy funding for the next two years, although this will be confirmed in January 2014. They decided to commit further local levy money to the bid, £222,500 in 2014/15 and £222,500 in 2015/16, to maximise chances of receiving the national grant in aid money.

Fund raising is still continuing locally. Council is producing a newsletter to residents.

Work in Progress: Sewage and water quality issues with Severn Trent

Culvert following meeting 8th October agreed action points:

- DVD of 15/11/12 camera survey to National Trust.
- (County Council to construct manhole to allow camera access under NT land and to deal with the blockage under the verge: start January, complete manhole and remove blockage by March/April.
- County Council to assess the costs of alternatives to the existing culvert, namely a) an open ditch (b) twin 900 mm pipes parallel to existing culvert. Timescale: by March/April before next meeting March /April.

Station Road proposal for yellow lines Option 1 and 2 awaiting Council's decision

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Worcestershire County Council is considering a 1.9 per cent increase from April, adding around £29.49 to a band D household.

Bus Services

Almost 88 bus services in county (43) routes are facing their bus subsidy being removed. With a £100 million saving plan over the next 3 years the subsidy of £3 million is unaffordable. This is the start of the process. There is a consultation. Please feed back to me any thoughts around any routes that affect you. It is worth noting only 20 per cent of bus services in Worcestershire are subsidised, 80 per cent are commercial. This link will lead you straight to the best site for a response: <http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/cms/transport-and-highways/transport-review.aspx>
Let me have your views?

Fire Service Consultation: to bring to the attention of the Council that neither the MP nor myself have received any letters on this subject. I have received a few emails but no additional information from the service to present a case on their behalf.

Quality children centres

Two popular children's centre in the Vale, the Orchard and Spring Vale Children's Centre in Evesham and the Blossom Vale Children's Centre in Pershore, have been rated 'good' in Worcestershire's first ever group Ofsted inspection. The group inspection, which also included WANDS Children's Centre in Droitwich, was one of only five nationally to achieve this grade since the inspection framework was introduced in April. Managed by Worcestershire County Council, the centres provide a range of activities and support services for families with young children.

Homelessness I am looking at the homeless provision beds and support in the County for Children and young people assuring myself reduction in funding will align stream of work rather than reduce services.

Minerals Local Plan out for consultation: please let me have your views.

Xmas Parking Measures to help traders at this time: Parking in short stay car parks in Evesham, Pershore and Broadway is free after 3pm, or 20p on selected festive dates.