

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

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

Also in attendance: County & District Councillor Mrs. Eyre, District Councillor B. Thomas

(1) APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Apologies were received and accepted from Councillors Robinson and Mrs. Wilson and West Mercia Police

(2) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None

(3) POLICE REPORT: Both PC Lewis and CSO Schoenrock were unable to attend due to work commitments/off-duty, but had submitted the following report –

There had been fifty-five calls to the Police from Broadway residents resulting in the following offences being recorded - one burglary of residential property, two thefts of motor vehicles, one criminal damage, one theft, and two common assaults. The remaining calls related to concerns for welfare, highway incidents, etc. There were no underlying crime trends within the parish or neighbourhood areas, but the police reminded residents that the clocks go back at the end of the month and this can result in a spate of residential burglaries. It was suggested that residents review security and consider the use of timer lights, etc.

There were no questions or concerns raised by councillors to be passed on to the police.

(4) PRESENTATION / COMMUNITY BUS:

Mr. Mark Pickering gave a short presentation on the 'Nomad' Community Bus initiative, as follows:

The idea of this project started over three years ago when it was realised that residents/organisations were struggling to find suitable transport to get to regular activities/outings etc. A consortium of interested parties including the Youth Club, Churches and various OAP groups, met to find a solution to this problem resulting in the formation of the 'Nomad' community bus initiative. The consortium now lease a seventeen seater bus which member groups can hire using their own qualified driver and assistant, and launched the scheme in March this year. The annual cost to run this scheme was £7,200 to lease the bus and £1,300 for insurance, all of which needed to be raised through donations. Mr. Pickering reported that Councillor Mrs. Eyre had been instrumental in helping to set up the scheme and had obtained a £4,000 grant from the County Council. Looking forward, the scheme now needed to attract more groups and funding to guarantee its success, together with more volunteer trained drivers. The consortium was now looking to register as a charity which would help in obtaining additional funding/grants. In conclusion, Mr. Pickering asked if the Parish Council would consider financial support towards this project. In response, it was asked if an annual payment was to be requested or a one-off payment, Mr Pickering replied that any support would be gratefully received, but the commitment of an annual contribution would be very much appreciated to help with budgeting etc. and added that Broadway Business Association had recently agreed to donate an annual payment to the project.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Pickering for his presentation and asked councillors for their comments.

Councillor Holmes was of the opinion that this was a worthy community project and should be supported.

Councillor Love queried whether it was restricted to the groups/organisations within the consortium or whether it was open to other outside groups/organisations. Mr Pickering replied that it was open to the whole community but in order to hire the bus a qualified trained driver was required and as long as this requirement was met there would be no problem for an outside group to hire the bus.

Councillor Mrs. Stephenson reminded councillors that the bus service through Childswickham and Leedons Park was very limited, and asked if this community scheme could be utilised to organise a regular shopping service into Evesham. Mr. Pickering suggested that a group be formed of Childswickham/Leedons Park residents, together with a qualified driver. Councillor Mrs. Stephenson stated that such a group already existed called the 'Evergreens', and gave Mr. Pickering the contact details to take this matter forward.

It was unanimously agreed that the request for financial support would be put before the Finance Working Group at their next meeting, and Mr. Pickering was requested to provide a breakdown of costs, etc.

(5) MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 17.08.17

Proposed by Councillor Miss Hardiman, seconded by Councillor Folkes, the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 17th August 2017 were unanimously approved by those present, and duly signed and dated as a true record.

(6) COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORTS:

A copy of reports from County and District Councillor Mrs. Eyre and District Councillor Thomas had been circulated to all councillors. The Chairman asked both councillors to give a brief summary of each report.

Councillor Mrs. Eyre reported that most Worcestershire schools were performing above the material average. Social care had shown some improvements and a further £5.1M had been added to the budget. The Police and Crime Commissioner, following public consultation, had submitted a case to take over the running of the Fire Authority and would be talking to the Minister responsible shortly. Highways England Growth and Housing Fund had made available £8.5M worth of improvements to the five junctions surrounding Evesham. Councillor Mrs. Eyre gave an update on the Local Transport Plan 4 and was pleased to report that wording had been included within the plan which the County Council could hook onto, to enable funding of local rural projects including some in Broadway. Details/updates on local issues had also been listed in the report, a copy of which was available in the Parish Office. The Clerk reported that verbal communication had taken place confirming that the bridge repairs/closure of Station Road would not take place before Christmas, but that the Parish Council had not been directly notified of such work only by being copied in on emails to Councillor Mrs. Eyre. GWR also appeared to be more concerned with repairing the bridge rather than addressing the issue of stopping traffic hitting the bridge. After much discussion it was agreed that a meeting with officials from GWR be arranged to discuss the proposed bridge repairs/road closure and also plans for stopping future damage to the bridge. Councillor Dr. Clements asked if any funding was available for a crossing near to Broadway First School, and Councillor Mrs. Eyre confirmed that there was a dropped kerb outside St. Mary's RC Primary School, together with the services of a lollipop lady (funded by the School) and that a similar dropped kerb was to be sited outside Broadway First School, but that funding of approximately £60,000 was not available for a zebra-crossing in this location.

Councillor Thomas had recently attended, together with Councillor Mrs. Eyre, an event at Wychavon District Council where representatives from interested parties met to discuss ways of making Wychavon attractive as a tourist destination, where the shortfalls lay, and what could potentially be done to address these issues. Broadway, naturally, featured prominently in these discussions, as a key tourism gateway for Wychavon, but there was unanimous support that more needed to be done to improve transport links within Wychavon. Councillor Mrs. Eyre added that it was felt that the statistics provided were too focused on the urban areas (i.e. around Evesham, Pershore and Droitwich) and did not relate to the rural areas. There was, therefore, a real need to obtain proper data on Broadway in relation to tourism. Councillor Thomas highlighted that local plans needed to be reviewed every five years, and although the SWDP was only adopted in 2016, it was already planning to begin a review of the plan in 2018, and would keep the Parish Council updated as more information became available. The District Council had recently approved spending to explore the basis under which Wychavon could set up a property company to offer houses for private rent, but stressed that this was not social housing and was based on a model successfully deployed by numerous councils across the U.K. Councillors Parmenter and Love both questioned as to how Wychavon would manage its conflict of interest as both planning and housing authorities.

The Chairman thanked both councillors for their reports, copies of which were available in the Parish Office and on the website, together with the approved minutes of this meeting.

(7) CLERK'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE:

The latest Badsey Brook Flood Risk Management Scheme newsletter from the Environment Agency had been issued together with a notice advertising a Construction Open Day to be held on Wednesday, 25th October, between 2.00 and 6.00 pm at the site off West End Lane. Copies of both were circulated to all councillors and further copies were available in the Parish office. An article requesting consent to use the New Homes Bonus funding towards the flood alleviation scheme had been placed in the next issue of the Newsletter asking for responses by the end of November.

The Cotswold Conservation Board had forwarded a copy of its annual review 2016/17 along with its latest issue of the Cotswold Lion magazine, both of which were available in the Parish office.

Councillors had been invited to attend the AGM of Signpost which would take place on Monday, 13th November, at the URC Church, commencing with a short service at 7.30 pm followed by the business meeting at 8.00 pm. Refreshments would be available after the meeting together with an opportunity to meet the volunteers.

A quiz night would be held at the Lifford Hall on Friday, 8th December, to raise funds for a Doppler machine for Barn Close surgery, commencing at 7.00 pm for 7.30 pm start. The cost was £10 per person to include a Ploughman's Dinner with a maximum of six per team. It was agreed that the Parish Council would enter a team and those interested would contact the Clerk.

The Clerk was asked at the last meeting to investigate a number of issues –

- The pothole outside Barn Close surgery had now been repaired
- After contacting Highways regarding a mirror opposite the entrance to Leedons Park a reply was received stating that traffic mirrors installed on the highway were not non-prescribed traffic signs which require Department of Transport authorisation. This was because national experience had shown that mirrors were problematical and installation could increase collision rates. The major problem associated with mirrors included reversed image and difficulty in judging speed, and could also be adversely affected by mist, rain, frost, etc. The Department of Transport would consider

applications from highway authorities where visibility is virtually nil, or there is no scope for improvement by removal of hedges or fences, or speeds are high (not within 30 mph speed limits). Submission of an application for this site would, therefore, not be approved. Councillor Mrs. Stephenson, a regular user of this road, asked if a 'concealed entrance' sign could be installed as this was a very dangerous junction.

- Having contacted the appropriate authority it was confirmed that the broadband box on the junction of Cheltenham Road and Station Road was live with fibre despite there not being a sticker on the box which must have been removed.
- Concerns were raised that when maintenance work took place on the gravel/black tarmac was continually used despite previous objections. The Clerk had referred the matter to the County Council and its Street Works Inspector but to date had not received a definitive answer.
- Councillor O'Brien had raised concerns regarding the general unkempt state of roads/pavements in the High Street. The Clerk contacted the District Street Scene Officer who confirmed that Broadway is litter-picked every day, mechanically swept Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, and the small pavement sweeper once a fortnight. The Officer stated that if any of the above were not undertaken to a satisfactory standard, or were not being carried out, the Clerk should notify the District Council accordingly.
- As requested, the Clerk contacted Royal Mail asking if an additional post box could be located in Russell Square, but a reply has yet to be received.

The white gates at the entrances to the village had now been installed by the lengthsman, which indicate to vehicles that they are entering a residential area. A number of other villages which had installed white gates had also placed notices on the gates requesting vehicles to drive carefully through the village. After discussion, and with reference to the signs placed on the gates at Wickhamford which appear to be causing a distraction, it was agreed not to install such signs on the gates in Broadway.

The Lloyds Bank mobile van had now been up and running for a while. One or two complaints had been received regarding (a) the siting of the van near to the War Memorial and (b) the limitation of the services provided. The Clerk contacted Mr. Kevin Spencer, Lloyds Bank Local Performance Manager for the Cotswold Group, to discuss the concerns raised, and after discussion it was agreed to park the van sideways so that any fumes emanating from the van's generator would not be directed towards any nearby shops. Regarding the changing of the location of the van no immediate solution could be found because it would simply move any problems from one location to another, and there was no evidence to suggest that the van was blocking the drive-through and did not hinder deliveries being made. With regard to the services provided there were limitations which included a maximum cash deposit of £5,000 together with a maximum of five complete bags of coins, but there was no limit on the cheques deposited. Cash withdrawals were subject to a daily limit of £300, or £1,000 if forty-eight hours' notice was given. Account opening was not available via the mobile branch, together with some services which were subject to Wi-Fi coverage. The reasons for many of these limitations was, of course, security. After discussion, it was agreed that turning the van around was a sensible solution and that the van should remain in its current location. The Parish Council urged residents and businesses to continue to support the mobile service despite the initial teething problems, as otherwise the service could be withdrawn.

The residents of Smallbrook Road had suggested a number of ideas for the use of the telephone box recently adopted by the Parish Council, the preferred option being a location for a book-swap, posters and, at this time of year, the sale of surplus apples, etc. The Parish Council raised no objections to any of these ideas.

The Clerk had notified councillors regarding the 2017 Community Award and the lack

of interest in submitting nominations which had occurred over recent years. After discussion, it was agreed that all attempts should be made to continue with this worthy Award, and the Clerk would attempt to produce a list of suitable candidates from sources within the village for consideration. It was agreed that the winner of the Broadway Community Award would be put forward for the District Diamond Jubilee Community Recognition Award as in previous years.

(8) HALF YEARLY FINANCIAL STATEMENT:

A copy of the accounts for the first half of the year, together with the half yearly bank reconciliation statement, had been circulated to all councillors. No questions were raised.

(9) REPORTS OF VARIOUS COMMITTEES AND GROUPS:

Neighbourhood Plan:

Councillor Franks gave an update and confirmed that the plan was progressing well to date. The questionnaire survey had been completed with a 30.5% return, which was regarded as good for a postal survey, and a report of the survey results was now being produced. Wychavon District Council had been commissioned to undertake the Housing Needs Survey which would be sent shortly to all residents and a report on the results was expected during December. The Business Survey was being drafted and Mr. Joe Aspey, chairman of Broadway Business Association, had joined the steering group to help and liaise with local businesses. The Village Design Statement was currently being updated by Broadway Trust. The next stage would be to gather all the information/evidence from all the surveys etc., start to formulate the policies for the plan, and then to produce a draft plan, hopefully by the early part of 2018. There were initial problems with the website, but these had now been resolved and more information could now be added as available.

There being no further questions/comments the Chairman thanked Councillor Franks for the report and thanked the steering group for its continued work and commitment.

Business Association

As the Parish Council representative, Councillor Mrs. Rogers attended a recent meeting and gave a brief update confirming that the Association was to restructure its constitution, and the chairman was keen to reorganise the format of the committees by having one main committee and two sub-committees. The sub-committees, consisting of one to organise events etc. and the other to act in an administrative role to include increasing membership, relaying information etc., would report back directly and be responsible to the main committee. The Association was working closely with GWR towards the opening of the Broadway line and station at Easter, and wanted to increase the number of events in the village to encourage visitors. The preparations for the Christmas late-night events were progressing well and the lights were currently being installed.

There being no further questions or comments the chairman thanked Councillor Mrs. Rogers for the report.

(10) PLANNING:

At the last meeting Councillor Love gave details of the summary of the Shop Front Guide produced by Broadway Trust which was put forward to the District Council for further discussion. A copy of the reply had now been received, and Councillor Love confirmed that the Broadway Trust had amended the first paragraph so that it stated "it was the Trust's considered view as to what was likely to be reasonably acceptable to Broadway", but had left in the section stating the size of signage because although this was not included in Wychavon's shopfront guide it had been included in a number of other such guides issued by other councils throughout the U.K. There were no adverse comments in terms of its accuracy and compliance

from the District Council, but it would not support this summary guide produced by the Trust because it had produced its own guide. District Councillor Thomas, who had attended the meeting at which the proposed guide was discussed, confirmed that there appeared to be no problems regarding the content but it must be ensured that if there was any doubt as to what is allowed or is not, the District Council as the planning authority have the final say. After much discussion it was unanimously agreed that the Parish Council would support the Broadway Trust's summary guide, and the Trust would liaise with the Business Association regarding presenting the guide to its members.

Earlier in the year representatives from the Parish Council and Broadway Trust met the Reverend Ward, the Churchwardens of St. Michael's Church, together with the Archdeacon of Worcester, to discuss the possible sale of thirty-two acres of glebe land beyond Station Road Bridge in Evesham Road. All parties objected to this proposed sale. The Reverend Ward had been notified that following a meeting of the Diocesan Glebe and Investments committee that the matter would be referred to the Church Commissioners for a ruling. The Parochial Church Council was notified of this decision at a meeting held on Tuesday, 17th October, and unanimously agreed to reiterate its objections to this proposed sale. It also confirmed it would notify both the Parish Council and Broadway Trust of the current situation so that both parties could register objections. After much discussion, during which Councillor Love pointed out that the area of land in question did not comply with any of the criteria with regards to planning consent for housing, it was agreed that both the Parish Council and Broadway Trust would send letters of objection to the Church Commissioners via Worcester Diocese.

Parish Council comments:

MEETING: 29:08:17

Application W/17/01658/CU

MR. GLEAVE, Sargeat House, Lower Green
Conversion of existing single storey barn to holiday let – as approved W/15/03236/CU, but without compliance with Condition Nos. 5 and (to amend approved plans and requirements relating to stone walls)

The Parish Council raised no objections to this application

Application W/17/01708/LB

MR. GLEAVE, Sargeat House, Lower Green
Change of Use of stone barn to form holiday let without compliance with Condition No 6 of listed building consent W/16/03010/LB to make amendments to include omission of the roof overhang on east elevation, new porch on north elevation, amended window design to living area and stone wall on east elevation in lieu of brick

The Parish Council raised no objections to this application

Application W/17/01702/S106

MR. & MRS. MAYMON, Coach House Farm, Cheltenham Road
Application to discharge planning obligation dated 20:12:02

The Parish Council raised objections to the modification/discharge of the original covenant and wish the following obligations from the Register of Land charges to remain – (a) the development will be inextricably linked and auxiliary to the use and occupation of the land as an agricultural holding; (b) the development shall not be sold, leased, or otherwise disposed of in any way separately from the land; and (c) the development shall not be occupied by anyone other than a qualified occupier and any dependant of such a person residing with either him or her

Application W/17/01172/HP

MR. R. THOMPSON, Cleve, Springfield Lane
Relocation of driveway to centre of site, replace fence and gate with drystone wall and timber gate

The Parish Council raised no objections to this application

Application W/17/01519/HP

MR. D. LYON, 4 The Old Bakery, Cheltenham Road
Single storey rear extension to form dining area off kitchen and fill in existing open porch to front

The Parish Council raised objections in line with comments submitted by neighbours regarding issues concerning (a) parking – lack of space, and (b) the proposed plans do not tally with the application as no mention is made of the lounge on the existing plan being converted to a garage on the proposed plan

Application W/17/01593/HP **MR. & MRS. P. SLATTER**, The Knoll, Springfield Lane
First floor extension to existing three-bay garage to provide ancillary accommodation upstairs
The Parish Council raised no objections to this application

Application W/17/01709/FUL **MEETING: 14:09:17**
BT PAYPHONE, Paved Area off the Green, The Green
Installation of kiosk providing ATM service
The Parish Council raised no objections but would suggest that bollards should be put in place as a protective measure.

MEETING: 02:10:17
Application W/17/01332/FUL **MR. A. ELMAGDOUB**
Hallam, Evesham, Road
Demolition of existing property and erection of new dwelling
The Parish Council raise concerns that the new dwelling is much larger than existing and is not in character with other properties in the road, and will dominate the neighbouring properties on either side.

Application W/17/01130/HP **MR. & MRS. A. FLINT**
Rosewood, Station Road
Construction of two-storey side extension, single storey rear extension, porch and internal alterations
Parish Council raise no objections to this application The

Application W/17/01846/LB **LONDON & REGIONAL PROPERTIES Ltd**
Lygon Arms, 28 High Street
Proposed glazed door for Lygon Bar and Grill
The Parish Council raise no objections to this application.

Application W/17/01764/LB **MR. & MRS. TAEF**
Abbotts Grange, 5 Church Street
Change of use of garage to ancillary residential accommodation
When permission was granted for this garage the Parish Council was of the opinion that change of use to a residential accommodation was inevitably the next step – and now it has come to fruition

Application W/17/01797/LB **MR. S. BADGER**
Cruck Cottage, 39 Bury End, Snowhill Road
Retrospective application to replace decayed and rotten timbers on existing on-shut conservatory
The Parish Council raise no objections to this application, although it was aggrieved that this is yet again another retrospective application.

Application W/17/01541/HP **MRS. R. OTTIGNON**
Meadow Cottage, Back Lane
Various new windows and French doors, demolition of single storey WC, replacement conservatory
The Parish Council raise no objections to this application

Wychavon Approvals:

17/01359/LB **Lloyds Banking Group**, 37 High Street
Removal of external signage
17/01134/HP **Mr. J. Williams**, 9 The Sands
2 x storey extensions to south and east elevations of existing two storey detached dwelling
17/01142/HP **Mr. & Mrs. Hill**, 35 Smallbrook Road
Proposed new porch and extension to create additional bedroom, improved internal circulation
17/01199/LB **Mr. R. Dudley**, 6 The Green
Fit conservation rooflight 550mm x 440mm in roof void left by removal of existing defective rear elevation chimney
17/00371/FUL **Mr. R. Young**, Kites Nest Farm
Replacement of existing timber pole section of agricultural building with new portal frame including extension. Part demolition of curtilage listed stone wall.
17/01285/HP **Mr. A. Andrews**, Smallbrook Bungalow, Leamington Road
Single storey extension
17/01229/FUL **Mrs. D. Rowlands**, Pencisely, Springfield Lane
New semi-detached cottage

17/01246/HP	Mathews Planning and Design , 3 Lifford Gardens
17/01172/HP	Rear extension to create enlarged diner/lounge and enlargement to driveway Cotswold Oak Limited , Cleeve, Springfield Lane
17/01326/FUL and 17/01327/LB 17/01182/HP	Relocation of driveway to centre of site, replace fence and gate with drystone wall and timber gate Mr. R. Dudley , 6 The Green
17/01708/LB	Change of use to A3 Tea Shop Mr. & Mrs. J. Parker , Extension to dwelling and erection of garden room
17/01658/CU	Mr. Gleave , Sargent House, Lower Green Change of Use of stone barn to form holiday let, without compliance with Condition 6 of listed building consent W/16/03010/LB to make amendments to include omission of roof overhang on east elevation, new porch on north elevation, amended window design to living area and stone wall on east elevation in lieu of brick and use of natural stone tiles
17/01593/HP	Mr. Gleave , Sargent House, Lower Green Conversion of existing single storey barn to holiday let as approved by permission 17/00180/CU but without compliance with Condition 9 to amend the approved list of plans Mr. & Mrs. P Slatter , The Knoll, Springfield Lane
	First floor extension to existing three bay garage to provide ancillary accommodation upstairs

Wychavon Refusals:

17/01702/S106	Mr. & Mrs. Maymon , Coach House Farm, Cheltenham Road Application to discharge planning obligation dated 20 th December 2002
17/01473/LB and 17/01474/HP	Miss J. Wintersgill , 113 High Street New entrance through existing stone wall for car and pair of oak gates

Wychavon withdrawals:

17/01338/HP	Mr. & Mrs. Maymon , 29 Lifford Gardens Extension to provide disabled persons bed-sit and shower room Withdrawn 15 th August 2017
17/01440/CLPU	Messrs. Keyte & Keene , 55 Sandsroft Avenue Application for lawful development certificate (proposed) – single storey rear extension Withdrawn 5 th September 2017

(11) SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS/RECEIPTS: from 01:08:17 to 30:09:17

<i>Payments:</i>	verified by the Clerk together with two nominated signatories	<i>net of VAT</i>
Worcestershire County Council - pension contribution		529.61
Unicom / telephone-internet		71.07
Unicom / office electricity		83.38
Avon Planning Services - neighbourhood plan		225.00
Smart Cut Limited - mowing contract		334.00
R J Agricultural Services / millennium garden		100.00
Maurice Parkinson - lengthsman scheme		105.00
Smart Cut Limited - mowing contract		334.00
K. Beasley / clerk's salary - August		1,275.15
G. A. Tomkins / assistant clerk's salary - August		589.40
Avon Planning Services - neighbourhood plan		210.00
E-ON - office electricity		25.67
Water Plus / office water		84.45
Worcestershire County Council - pension contribution		529.61
Unicom - telephone/internet		72.38
Unicom - office electricity		81.35
Signs R Us / neighbourhood plan		150.00
Smart Cut Limited - mowing contract		334.00
C. Thomas - activity park maintenance		210.00
Maurice Parkinson - lengthsman scheme		410.00

Grassroots Garden Services / activity park maintenance	72.00
Grant Thornton UK / external auditor's fee	400.00
Valc Press Limited – stationery	14.95
UK Safety Management / PAT Testing	149.44
Orchard Furniture / new benches	700.00
Westcotec Ltd. / VAS Sign maintenance	80.00
Cash / postage	49.98
Cash – milk/coffee/sugar	16.29
Cash – stationery	1.70
Cash – general maintenance	11.58
<i>Receipts:</i>	
Lloyds Bank / gross interest	4.14
Worcestershire County Council – lengthsman scheme	190.00
L & C Wassell / fair rents	27.50
True North Productions / donation re filming	250.00
Lloyds Bank / gross interest	4.11
Wychavon District Council – precept	40,851.00
Wychavon District Council – grant re precept	3,648.00
Lloyds Bank / interest re fixed term deposit	47.87
Worcestershire County Council – lengthsman scheme	105.00
Worcestershire County Council – lengthsman scheme	410.00

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

Councillor Mrs. Stephenson was disappointed that a mirror was not feasible at the entrance to Leedons Park and questioned why there were a number of other mirrors located within the area, and had the appropriate permissions been sought for these mirrors? As an alternative, Councillor Mrs. Stephenson asked if a 'concealed entrance' sign could be located at the approaches to the junction.

Councillor O'Brien asked if the Parish Council had a policy for (a) electric charging points and (b) Broadway being a carbon neutral village. No such policies were in place but the Clerk would investigate further and report back accordingly. Councillor O'Brien also raised concerns regarding the state of the wall on the Cheltenham Road/High Street junction, and the Clerk would notify the owner of the Parish Council's concerns.

Councillor Love reported that the area on the High Street/Leamington Road turning next to Priors Manse was unkempt and in need of attention. The Clerk would ask the lengthsman to attend to this matter.

The Chairman had recently attended a CCTV meeting at the District Council offices in Pershore and notified councillors that the village now had up-to-date cameras in both High Street locations, but picture quality would still be an issue at night-time due to the street lights being only footway lighting. A question was raised whether CCTV cameras within shops, or private security cameras elsewhere in the village, could be used to identify any incidents, but it was pointed out that such cameras could only be used for internal use or within the curtilage of the property.

(13) The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.05pm and opened the PUBLIC INFORMATION SESSION:

As there were no questions from the public the Chairman finally closed the meeting at 9.06 pm.

Date /Time Next Meeting: 14th December 2017 at 7.00 pm

Councillor Liz Eyre Broadway COUNTY and District COUNCIL REPORT Oct 2017

Key focus

Good education results in County – League tables show most Worcestershire schools are performing above the material average. Introduction of the Progress 8 measure, which shows a student's progress between Key Stage 2 and Key Stage 4 across eight key subjects make it not possible to compare this year with other years. The measure shows whether students have performed to expectation, based on a value-added measure using Key Stage 2 English and Maths as a baseline.

Social care – a weakness the inadequate judgement still remains but there have been some improvements. A further £5.1m has been added to the budget.

Police and Crime Commissioner has confirmed that his Fire Governance Business Case was submitted to the Home Office on Friday. The Business Case and supporting public documents is now published on his website:

<https://www.westmercia-pcc.gov.uk/working-together/west-mercia-fire-governance-consultation/>

Highways England Growth and Housing Fund (GHF) Round 3

CC submitted "Expression of Interest (Eoi)" towards GHF3. Asking for £4.25m towards £8.5m worth of improvements to the 5 junctions surrounding Evesham. The balance is to come from developers as part of S278 and/or S106 planning obligations. The improvements are to mitigate the effects of additional trips linked to the SWDP, and mainly involve capacity enhancements. These are not part of the longer term improvements associated with the A46 Expressway concept. Midlands Connect are about to commission a 12 month study into the options and priorities for the entire corridor. The corridor is vastly becoming a key focus for improving connectivity for UK PLC and not just the Midlands, in addition to its potential to alleviate the issues around the Birmingham Box.

Local issues

Drains cover Childswickham Road The sustainable schemes team (Lynsey Keir) are looking at this. They will report back to Gerry once they have reviewed the matter and recommended a plan of action. Chased 16/10

Severn Trent update required re 2 year capital modelling & planning re sewer flooding. Awaiting an update chased Sept.

Badsey Brook Scheme: work has started- I understand – community event 25th October. Note update newsletter

White Gates – work in progress - clerk

GWR and Bridge damage – system to address costs around 17k – discussing with GWR 7/7. Repairs need road closure. Dates for closure putting opening date for railway back?

Seat needed near where R4 bus stops: corner off Sandscroft/ Sheldon Avenue - outstanding

Parking for the chemist requested - outstanding

Pennylands bank – drainage problems – a spring. Not always present. Will review again this winter.

Leamington Road ditch clearance – one side done by developer. I am still requesting WCC follow up on other side.

Cheltenham Road speeding changes – need to review with clerk

Lifford Gardens yellow lines – problem getting more complex. Meeting with the 2 home managers. Problems pursuing with parking enforcement. Council officers reporting back.

Gravels – 1450 sq. feet have been measured. To make affordable not pavement slabs, kerbing stone, car bays – not Lyon area. Either plane to 30ml if ok to do so or new surface – brown material as before but better quality. Replace bollards for better ones. Cost 100-150 – pressing for a date

Parking posts on private land enforcement IN/17/00221 Jane Phelps 565409

Orchids and mowing! In part resolved - officers meeting with BNHS

Above turning circle: parish to clear footway, following this trees to be cut back, then street sweeper to be requested.

High street potholes – outstanding

Motor Bikes on Fish Hill – report to police

Bottom of Pennylands – stop sign requested

Footway 17/18 – officers reviewing my list

Highways – entrance to Bloxham Road

Dropping kerbs just above Sandscroft and outside catholic school

Considerable work around GTC Medium Pressure gas pipeline, and also a Wales and West High Pressure gas pipeline connected with new development and the avenues.

Report from District Councillor Bradley Thomas

After the summer period when Wychavon related meetings were busy we are back into a busy period again.

Wychavon Partner Together – Tourism

Recently I attended (Liz also) an event at Wychavon which brought together various stakeholders from across Wychavon – local businesses, council officers specialising in tourism and economic development, charities and non-profits as well as councillors and Nigel Huddleston our Member of Parliament – to discuss what makes Wychavon attractive as a tourist destination, where our shortfalls lie and what could potentially be done to address these.

Naturally, Broadway featured prominently as a key tourism gateway for Wychavon, stressing its appeal to the wider public, but after Nigel Huddleston MP quoted that the vast majority of international visitors stay within the M25 there was near unanimous support amongst delegates that more needs to be done to improve transport links within Wychavon to facilitate the wider benefits of tourism across the district – particularly public transport links. Obviously the GWR steam railway link to Broadway will see a further influx of visitors to Broadway – something beneficial to the local economy – and we also discussed how we can get visitors from nearby Stratford upon Avon to visit Broadway. With the value of tourism to the Stratford upon Avon economy being north of £10M per month – we need to make greater efforts to capitalise on even a small amount of that.

South Worcestershire Development Plan

Following the government paper titled “Fixing the broken housing market” issued in February of 2016 it was detailed that all local planning authorities will be required to undertake regular reviews of their local plans at five year intervals. You will note that we only adopted the South Worcestershire Development Plan as our local plan in February of 2016, however we will be beginning (albeit the very early stages) of reviewing the plan starting in 2018. I will update you all as more information becomes available and as we get into detailed policy areas as this review is undertaken.

Potential Wychavon housing company

The district council recently approved the spending of funds to explore the legal and financial basis under which Wychavon can set up a property company which would offer houses available for private rent.

It’s important to note that this isn’t social housing and would be a direct intervention in the private rental market due to the disparity between residential property prices in Wychavon and the average wages in the district, and if in the future this were to be set up the company would see Wychavon as the sole investor and shareholder of the company which would see council owned land transferred into it for the building of future housing.

The company would be ran by a management team comprising senior Wychavon officers, with democratic oversight in the form of a shareholder committee made up of five councillors to monitor company performance.

This is a model which has been successfully deployed by numerous councils across the UK.

Bradley Thomas - October 2017