

**MINUTES**  
**of MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL**  
**held at 5 Russell Square, High Street, Broadway**  
**on Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> March 2019, at 7.00 pm**

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**PRESENT:** Councillor B. M. Parmenter (Chairman), Councillors Dr. Clements, D. W. Folkes, G. J. Franks, Miss D. Hardiman, G. Love, Mrs. F.E.A. Phillips, F. Penny, N.D.A. Robinson (Vice-Chairman), Mrs. R. Rogers, Mrs. S. Stephenson

- (1) **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** Apologies were received and accepted from County & District Councillor Mrs. E. Eyre, District Councillor B. Thomas, Councillors A.A.L. Holmes and Mrs. Wilson, Broadway Business Association
- (2) **Declarations of Interest:**
- (a) Register of Interests: Councillors are reminded of the need to update their register of interests
  - (b) To declare any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests in items on the agenda and their nature
  - (c) To declare any Other Disclosable Interests in items on the agenda and their nature

Councillors who have declared a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest or an Other Disclosable Interest which falls within the terms of paragraph 12(4)(b) of the code of conduct must leave the room for the relevant items.

Failure to register or declare a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest may result in the commission of a criminal offence.

(3) **POLICE REPORT:**

PCSO Sessarego was unable to attend the meeting, but PC Lee, who has been a police officer in the Evesham Area for ten years, and currently covers Offenham, the Littleton, Cleeve Prior, Pebworth, Honeybourne and Bretforton, attended on her behalf and reported the following – since the last meeting there had been six burglaries, four highway incidents, three anti-social behaviours, two suspicious circumstances, three road traffic collisions, one make-off without payment, and two thefts within the Broadway area.

PC Lee reported that PCSO Sessarego had given the Clerk copies of some useful and informative leaflets regarding safety and avoiding burglary advice which were available within the office. PCSO Sessarego was running a Crime Prevention event on Saturday, 30<sup>th</sup> March, at Badsey Sports Club, starting at 10.00 a.m., and was also undertaking PACT surveys over the next week and would arrange a PACT meeting accordingly.

PC Lee confirmed that the new police officer for Broadway, PC Kirsty Tinsley, would be starting her new role on 8<sup>th</sup> April. PC Tinsley is an experienced officer and has undertaken a similar Safer Neighbourhood Team role previously in Warwickshire. The Chairman thanked PC Lee for this information and looked forward to meeting PC Tinsley in the near future.

PC Lee was aware that Broadway had not had a police officer since PC Lewis retired in October and asked if councillors had any questions/comments. The Clerk advised PC Lee of the ongoing issues regarding the noise and speeding of motorcycles on Fish Hill. PC Lee suggested that the Council liaise with PC Tinsley and the Safer Roads Partnership team regarding this matter, as through experience in his own area this had resulted in more speed

enforcement being undertaken. Councillor Parmenter asked if any enforcement could be taken regarding noise levels, and PC Lee replied that such enforcement would involve specialist teams, but this could be discussed with the Safer Roads Partnership team. Councillor Franks referred to the figures quoted regarding anti-social behaviour etc. and that the public should be encouraged more to report such crimes. PC Lee replied that residents sometimes did not report incidents for a number of reasons, but asked residents/councillors to be aware that policing of areas was determined by the number of incidents taking place and, therefore, if areas were not reporting anything then police presence could be limited.

The Chairman thanked PC Lee for the report and additional information given in response to councillors' questions/comments.

(4) MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 17:01:19

All councillors were sent copies of emails in relation to concerns regarding the Parish Council governance, and before the acceptance of the minutes of the previous meeting, the Chairman made the following statement -

At the meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> December there was a report within Item 8 relating to Broadway Youth Club in which it states that Councillors Folkes, Holmes, and Mrs. Phillips declared an interest and were not allowed to partake in the discussion or vote in relation to that item. This was an error, and having checked national procedures there was no reason for them to have declared an interest as none of them had a disclosable pecuniary interest and it was, in fact, the Chairman who indicated that they should declare such an interest, and not themselves which, again, was wrong, for which the Chairman apologised. The minutes of the meeting of 13<sup>th</sup> December described the Broadway Youth Club report as 'fully discussed' which was clearly not correct as not all information had been made available to councillors, and the word 'fully' should be deleted accordingly. The Chairman proposed, therefore, and it was unanimously agreed, that an addendum be attached to the minutes stating the above facts.

The Clerk would be attending a training seminar on Wednesday, 27<sup>th</sup> March, which would discuss 'preparing for the new council' which would include details on new councillors' induction, what they need to know about being a councillor, and about the council itself. The Clerk would ensure that all councillors, whether new or re-elected, would be issued with all the information and knowledge required to fully understand their role and responsibility of being a Parish Councillor. The chairman of the Parish Council is elected by his or her fellow councillors at the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council which is held in May each year for a term of one year, and with this in mind there is also a training seminar for councillors to be held on Thursday, 4<sup>th</sup> April, at County Hall, Worcester, starting at 6.30 pm, and if any councillor who would like to consider taking on the role of chairman, or for those who would like a refresher, please notify the Clerk accordingly.

The Chairman asked Mr. Leng, who had raised his concerns regarding the governance of the Parish Council, if he wished to make any comments in response. Mr. Leng introduced himself to the Council and made the following statement :-

"When I received the minutes of the meeting of the 13<sup>th</sup> December it was, as the Chairman stated, three councillors who were told that they were conflicted and they did not declare an interest. I had a meeting (15<sup>th</sup> February) with the Chairman, the Clerk, the deputy Chairman, and Councillor Holmes and he (Councillor Holmes) said he did not declare an interest, so the minutes were not inaccurate, they were wrong. I have a passion for governance and democracy that works for the people that elect the members, and correcting the minutes is one thing but it resulted in a debate not being held with the members who are mandated to look after the youth club and the interest of the Parish Council in it. So correcting the minutes has

to be done, but it doesn't address the issue that this matter was inappropriately handled by this council, and that is completely another matter. On the matter of conflicts of interest it's worth noting the following - the chairman of the school of governors of Broadway First School, who informed the parents surrounding other parents of the school that they would not give consent to the removal of the trees which would have allowed the building to take place on a rather difficult site, was also a councillor here and was also chairman of the tree committee, and if there was any conflict of interest it could well be that it was in that area. So, again, I reiterate that it is not just sufficient to correct the minutes and to move on. This is a material matter, the council did not, because of inability of your members who are given responsibility to speak, review this matter. So you are right to correct the minutes in my view but, it is not the whole story, and you should take on board what you plan to do about it. Thank you."

Acceptance of Minutes for meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> January 2019:

Proposed by Councillor Mrs. Rogers, seconded by Councillor Folkes, the minutes of the meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> January 2019 were unanimously approved by those present, and duly signed and dated as a true record.

(5) COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORTS:

Neither Councillor Mrs. Eyre nor Councillor Thomas were able to attend the meeting, but copies of both their reports had been circulated to all councillors. Councillors were asked to pass on any questions/comments for either Councillor Mrs. Eyre or Councillor Thomas to the Clerk. Councillor Mrs. Stephenson asked for an update on the entrance to Leedons Park. Councillor Parmenter also asked if the exit to the new car park could be improved as in his opinion it needed widening. Councillor Love asked for an update on the signage project, and also commended an item within Councillor Thomas' report whereby Wychavon had created an Urban Designer role within its Planning Department.

(6) CLERK'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE:

District and Parish Council elections take place on Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> May, and Broadway had places for thirteen councillors. If more than thirteen applicants apply, an election would be called, but if thirteen or less apply there would be no election and all those applicants were duly elected. Existing councillors retired on the fourth day after the election, but the existing Chairman remained in office until his or her successor was elected. Publication of the Notice of Elections was issued on Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> March, when the application forms and guidance for candidates were available. Receipt of nominations must be delivered by hand to Wychavon District Council by 4.00pm on Wednesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> April. Full details of how to complete forms and guidance were available within the application pack. The Clerk had produced a poster and leaflet for display in prominent locations around the village.

The Environment Agency had submitted an invoice for the local contribution of £312,000 for the Badsey Brook Flood Risk Management Scheme. The Clerk had requested the New Homes Bonus funding from the District Council, and funds from Childswickham Parish Council, together with the contributions from local residents/fundraising, and the agreed financial support from Broadway Parish Council to meet the amount required, and would forward the funds by the end of March as requested.

The latest issue of the 'Friends of Broadway Station' newsletter had been circulated to all councillors, and additional copies were available in the Parish Council office.

As previously reported, the Clerk had been actively seeking a replacement internal examiner follow the death of Mr. Ian Fraser, and having contacted a number of other councils, Mrs. Zoe Kirby, currently the Internal Examiner for Elmley Castle Parish Council, had kindly offered to undertake the role. It was unanimously agreed to accept the offer from Mrs. Kirby which would be reviewed by both parties accordingly.

The Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Clerk met with Mr. Mark Pickering, Chairman of the Nomads Community Bus, to discuss the project and the way forward. Mr. Pickering reported that the group was now fully funded until March 2020 and the governing committee would operate the bus until that time. The question now was does the community feel the bus was needed and supported, and to this end councillors were asked to use their connections with local organisations, clubs and groups, to ascertain if such groups would either become members and/or use the bus. The Nomads Group would also much appreciate a member of the Parish Council joining their committee.

Mrs Bromley had asked the Parish Council if it would be possible to have a memorial bench in the High Street or on the green in memory of her late mother, who, although she did not live in the village, regarded Broadway as her 'favourite place in the world'. After discussion, it was felt that there were no further spaces available for benches on the green, but there was a need for a bench on the Leamington Road corner which was badly in need of repair. It was agreed, therefore, that the new bench be placed in the High Street, in line with the family's request, and the bench already located there should be used as a replacement for the one in Leamington Road. The Clerk would order a new bench and organise its installation.

(7) REPORTS FROM VARIOUS COMMITTEES AND GROUPS:

**Visitor Management Group:**

A meeting was held on Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> March, at the Parish Office, when the following matters were raised and discussed:

It was confirmed that the Church Close toilet block would be refurbished in Spring/early Summer, and water fountains, including a drinking fountain, would be fitted at the toilets. The Church Close car park exit signs on the road surface would also be repainted within six weeks.

A progress report was given on the proposed new A2 maps leaflets and A0 maps for the car parks. A number of suggested improvements and additions would be forwarded to the designers and it was hoped that these could be incorporated and be ready for printing etc. by Easter. The A0 maps would be installed on the existing map boards, and four additional boards with maps would be needed.

There would be a new signboard for Kennel Lane, which it was hoped would reduce the 'A' board problem.

The map board on the wall outside Croft Villa would no longer be needed as a map board, and it was suggested that it become the Parish Council Noticeboard replacing the one near Broadway Deli. Councillors were of the opinion that it would be a more visible location and that the suggestion should be accepted. The new noticeboard would need a Broadway Parish Council nameplate, and the Clerk would organise this accordingly.

'A' boards – Mr. Jim Burgin had contacted Upton Town Council, who had taken a positive approach to this issue. They are the arbiters of what is acceptable and what is not, and the action they took was to remove them and return them back to the business or organisation who had put them there. They invited the person/business concerned to use the licencing and planning system if they wished to have an 'A' board. They recognised they are doing this without any powers or policy, but took the view that illegally placed boards – e.g. on the pavement without permission – should not be tolerated. When there are issues the District Council Street Scene Team at Malvern are contacted, to seek a strong line with persistent offenders. It was suggested that the Clerk should arrange to have an informal meeting with the Upton Town Council Clerk to discuss this matter further. It was felt that Broadway was in a good position with work already done to be even more effective than Upton appeared to be. Concerns were raised about legal issues to ensure Broadway Parish Council would be acting within the law. The belief was, however, that as long as any boards were

returned to the owners and not destroyed, no law would have been broken. It was believed that both the District and County Councils would respond in a similar manner to Malvern Street Scene team and be supportive.

The date of the next meeting would be Monday, 3<sup>rd</sup> June, at the Parish Office commencing at 10.00 am.

**Neighbourhood Plan:**

Councillor Franks, Chairman of the Steering Group gave a brief update to the Council as follows – since the last update, Councillor Franks was pleased to inform the Council that the plan was progressing well, the group had now starting to look at the core policies, the chapters should be completed by the end of March, and it was hoped that the draft plan to date would be sent to the District Council for a health check in April. It was planned to hold an exhibition/consultation of the Neighbourhood Plan in the Lifford Hall in May, and it was hoped that information etc. from this event would then be exhibited in the Library and/or the Parish Office. Councillor Franks suggested, that prior to the exhibition/consultation event, the Steering Group meet with the Parish Council to share the draft Neighbourhood Plan to date, so that all councillors are aware of principal points/focus and are in agreement with the overall plan.

There being no further questions/comments, the Chairman thanked Councillor Franks for the report.

**Library:**

Councillor Miss Hardiman gave an update on the library and the ongoing consultation regarding the its future.

A meeting was held on Wednesday, 27<sup>th</sup> April at the Parish Office, attended by representatives from the County Council Library Services, the Parish Council, the Broadway Community Library Group and Councillor Mrs. Eyre. General discussion was held regarding the background to the budgetary cuts required within Library Services, but the point was made very strongly that it was not the intention to close any libraries in Worcestershire. Broadway library is one of three libraries that have the building/maintenance costs taken on by a local community group. Broadway Community Library Group have a five year lease on the building and meet all the costs involved in the running/maintenance of the building and also hire the building to other local group etc. to help fund the costs, and is financially supported by the Parish Council by means of an annual grant. The majority of the library costs related to staff costs and it became clear that this was where savings would need be made by reducing hours/opening times etc. The group suggested that Broadway's attendance figures could be increased by changing opening times to afternoon rather than being opening mornings when attendance was lower, which would allow, for instance, more children to use the library. The group were very disappointed and angry that the three libraries, including Broadway, which help the County Council budgetary figures by meeting the running/maintenance costs of the buildings were not given any credit for such a commitment. The group were informed that following a Library Needs Assessment all libraries had been ranked, and the top six performing libraries would see no cuts in their budgets, Broadway ranked 16<sup>th</sup> out of 23. All of the points were noted and would be reported back to the County Council, who would notify the group/local library when any decisions were reached.

Councillor Miss Hardiman thanked the Parish Council for its continued financial support towards the upkeep and maintenance of the library building. All councillors were very supportive of making every effort to ensure that Broadway maintains its library services for the foreseeable future.

## (8) PLANNING:

## PARISH COUNCIL COMMENTS:

MEETING: 14:01:19

Application 18/02538/IIP

**MR. & MRS. WONG**

Middle Hill House, Middle Hill  
 New entrance drive gateway with stone piers including additional stone pier to terminate existing estate railings

The Parish Council raised no objections to this application

Application 18/02567/FUL

**MR. R. THOMPSON**

Stoneyroyd, Station Road  
 Demolition of existing dwelling and redevelopment of site with three detached dwellings plus shared access drive and other associated works – as approved under planning permission 17/00722/FUL but not in accordance with conditions 3, 15 and 16 to incorporate variations to plot designs

The Parish Council raised no objections to this application, but would like it noted that the contractors are constantly parking on the grass verge outside the site and also, despite a recent reminder, the amount of mud left on the road and pavement should be cleared more regularly

Application 18/02423/FUL

**MR. P. AND DR. J. READING**

Cowley House, 7 Church Street  
 Demolition of existing garage and construction of one new dwelling along with all associated works.

The Parish Council object to this application as the proposed development does not comply with the requirements of (a) SWDP6 or (b) SWDP24, as stated in the report of the Conservation Officer. It was felt that the site was being over-developed

Application 18/02562/HP

**MR. P. COCKLE**

Rickfield, Station Road  
 Two storey extension to match existing house built to the north west side elevation. Elevations and roof materials and windows to match existing property

The Parish Council object to this application as the proposed extension is overly dominant and does not comply with the South Worcestershire Design Guide Supplementary Planning Document.

Application 18/02649/HP

**MRS. M. SHARP**

Byefields, Leamington Road  
 Proposed single storey rear extension, replacement single garage and associated alterations to provide additional living accommodation.

The Parish Council raised no objections to this application

MEETING: 28:01:19

Application 18/02685/FUL

**MASCOLI PROPERTIES LIMITED**

The Cotswold Design Centre, Kennel Lane  
 Redevelopment of existing butchers at Cotswold Design Centre consisting of single 1.5 storey new build retail and residential first floor flat as drawing 18.30.007  
 PL010B

The Parish Council wish to object to this proposal which contravenes SWDP21 stating that development proposals must complement the character of the area and should respond to surrounding buildings and distinctive features or qualities which contribute to the visual and heritage interest of the local area. It was also noted that there are no allocated parking spaces within the boundary lines of the proposed development. There was additional information within the application which referred to a much larger redevelopment of the entire site, and the Parish Council wish to confirm that it focussed solely on the proposed development within the red boundary lines marked on the plans when making the above objection

Application 19/00009/HP

**MR. & MRS. PARMENTER**

8 Lifford Gardens  
 Creation of porch to allow enlargement to hallway

The Parish Council raised no objections to this application

Application 19/00047/HP

**MR. N. SMITH**

14 Phillips Road  
 Demolition of conservatory at rear of property and construction of one storey extension

The Parish Council raised no objections to this application

Application 18/02690/LB                    **MR. R. DUDLEY**  
Luggers Hall, Springfield Lane  
Re-roofing – listed building consent  
The Parish Council raised no objections to this application, subject that the Conservation Officer agrees with the replacement tiles

Application 19/00034/LB                    **MR. L. TANKARD**  
St. Michael's Cottage, 19-21 Church Street  
Single storey rear extension to form garden room  
The Parish Council raised no objections to this application

Application 18/02689/FUL                    **EDEN STOW PROPERTIES LIMITED**, Agricultural  
Plots 5 and 15 Milestone Ground, Childswickham Road  
Proposed medical centre with on-site parking, cycle and refuse storage and new access onto Station Road  
The Parish Council strongly support the principal of the proposed new medical centre, but would suggest that a meeting be arranged with the developers together with County Councillor Mrs. Fyre and representatives of the Parish Council and Broadway Trust to discuss modest changes which would make the design more in keeping with Broadway. The recent public consultation highlighted concerns regarding the design, as the second highest response within this consultation raised concerns regarding the architecture of the proposed building

Application 19/00090/IIP                    **MR. N. SUMNER**, 16 Bloxham Road  
Single storey extension  
The Parish Council raised no objections to this application

**MEETING: 11:02:19**

Application 18/02691/HP                    **MR. & MRS. M. GREEN**, The Hollow, Pennylands Bank  
Add steep pitched roof with dormers to existing bungalow  
The Parish Council raised no objections to this proposal

Application 19/00040/FUL                    **MR. WHEELER**, Springfield Farmhouse, Springfield Lane  
Demolition of stables and erection of dwelling  
The Parish Council raised objections to this proposal as it does not comply with the strategic policies within SWDP2C

**MEETING: 25:02:19**

Application 18/02708/CLL                    **MR. B. WRIGHT**  
Land at Cheltenham Road  
Application for lawful development certificate for an existing use to store stone and other building materials  
The Parish Council raised no objections to this application

Application 18/02423/FUL                    **DR. J. & MR. P. READING**  
Cowley House, 7 Church Street  
Demolition of existing garage and construction of one new dwelling, along with associated works  
Additional information/amendment – omission of single storey sitting room from north facing elevation and general reduction in size of proposed dwelling.  
The Parish Council raised no objections to this application

Application 19/00204/HP                    **MRS. S. McGORRIGAN**  
17 Lifford Gardens  
Single storey ground floor side and rear extension; with new vehicular access arrangements incorporating new dropped kerb  
The Parish Council raised no objections to the proposed extension, but concerns were raised that the second vehicular access will cause fragmentation of the grass verges.

Application 19/00216/HP                    **MRS. K. STOCK**  
Gaydon, Colletts Fields  
Proposed single storey extension to provide dining/garden room  
The Parish Council wished to make the following comments – the proposed extension does not comply with the South Worcestershire Design Guide Supplementary Planning Document 8.3.3.

Application 19/00270/HP **MRS. E. SIMS**  
Coachmans Cottage rear of, 22 High Street  
Single storey lean to extension and minor interior alterations  
The Parish Council raised no objections to this application

Application 19/00320/HP **MR. & MRS. M. KELLY**  
Rose Cottage, Back Lane  
Kitchen extension - reduced scheme omitting garage from approval  
The Parish Council raised no objections to this application

**Wychavon Approvals:**

Application 19/00033/HP Mr. L. Tankard, St. Michael's Cottage, 19-21 Church Street  
Single storey rear extension to form garden room  
Application 18/02649/HP Mrs. M. Sharp, Byefields, Leamington Road  
Proposed single storey rear extension, replacement single garage  
and associated alterations to provide additional living accommodation  
Application 17/02538/HP Mr. & Mrs. Wong, Middle Hill House, Middle Hill  
New entrance drive gateway with stone piers, including additional stone pier to  
terminate existing estate railings  
Application 18/02480/FUL Mr. and Mrs. Jenkins, Hillview, Springfield Lane  
Replacement dwelling as approved under 17/00708 but not in compliance with  
Condition 11 (so as to amend the list of approved plans and to change the  
position of a window, add new window, and rooflight)  
Application 19/00047/HP Mr. N. Smith, 14 Phillips Road  
Demolition of conservatory at rear of property and construction of one storey  
extension  
Application 18/02690/LB Mr. R. Dudley, Luggers Hall, Springfield Lane  
Re-roofing (LB consent)  
Application 18/02562/HP Mr. P. Cockle, Rickfield, Station Road  
Two storey extension to match existing property built to the north west side  
elevation. Elevations and roof materials and windows to match existing  
property.  
Application 18/02423/FUL Mr. P. and Dr. J. Reading, Cowley House, 7 Church Street  
Demolition of existing garage and construction of one new  
dwelling with all associated works.

**Wychavon Refusal:**

Application 19/00040/FUL Mr. Wheeler, Springfield Farm House, Springfield Lane  
Demolition of stables and erection of dwelling

**Appeal Decision:**

Application 18/3213004 Mrs. N. Harrison, land adjacent to Two Jays, Station Road  
Appeal dismissed 18:02:19

(9) SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS/RECEIPTS: from 01:01:19 to 28:02:19

<i>Payments:</i>	verified by the Clerk together with two nominated signatories	<i>net of VAT</i>
Wychavon District Council / Refuse Collection Bin		178.00
Worcestershire County Council - Pension Contribution		540.21
Unicom - Telephone/Internet		82.79
Unicom - Office Electricity		54.75
Cotswold Security Group / security contract		89.00
Grassroots Garden Services / Activity Park Maintenance		48.00
Abbey Forestry / tree maintenance		256.25
K. Beasley / expenses re Neighbourhood Plan		63.00
Campden Home Nursing / Community Award donation		100.00
K. Beasley / Clerk's Salary / January		1,303.56
G. A. Tomkins / Assistant Clerk's Salary / January		492.62
Worcestershire County Council / pension contribution		540.21
Unicom / telephone, internet		95.07
Unicom / office electricity		60.66



ProCom Services/ computer maintenance	146.66
Avon Planning Services / Neighbourhood Plan	1,005.00
Society of Local Councils / annual subscription	175.00
Association of Local Councils / annual subscription	40.00
LexisNexis / books	110.99
Starboard Systems Ltd. / computer licence	347.00
Wychavon District Council / Refuse Collection Bin	148.50
Grassroots Garden Service / activity park maintenance	84.00
Maurice Parkinson / general maintenance	250.00
Maurice Parkinson / Lengthsman Scheme	578.00
RJ Agricultural Services / Millennium Garden	100.00
Colwyn Thomas / activity park maintenance	280.00
Broadway Visitor Management / grant	800.00
Worcestershire County Council / 2016/2017 Lighting Initiative charge	9,406.96
K. Beasley / Clerk's Salary / February	1,303.56
G. A. Tomkins / Assistant Clerk's Salary / February	394.05

*Receipts:*

Lloyds Bank / gross interest	8.09
Lloyds Bank / gross interest	8.67
Signpost / contribution to office water	21.87
Signpost / contribution to office electricity	63.91
Broadway Food Festival / village green hire charge	750.00
Worcestershire County Council / Lengthsman Scheme	64.00

**(10) COUNCILLORS' REPORTS AND ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA:**

Councillor Mrs. Stephenson reported that the hedgerow near to Tuck Mill, Childswickham Road, was in need of cutting back, and the Clerk would contact the owner accordingly.

Councillor Mrs. Rogers reported that a number of official looking Neighbourhood Watch signs had appeared around the village, and asked if Broadway was now part of the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme. The Clerk was instructed to investigate this matter and report back accordingly. Councillor Mrs. Rogers also reported that she had received a number of queries asking when the newly diverted footpath around the flood alleviation scheme would be open. The Clerk replied that he had contacted the Environment Agency and had received the following reply – "The public footpath is due to be diverted from its current route to a new route around the outside edge of the reservoir which will avoid the need to walk through the reservoir and minimise the risk to the public before, during and after flood conditions. Now the construction works are complete the aim is to re-open the footpath in Spring 2019 once the grass has become suitably established. We will continue to monitor the situation. The footpath will be very sensitive to foot traffic over the winter and we have experienced long term maintenance issues on other schemes by opening footpaths too quickly."

Councillor Franks again raised concerns regarding the parking problems on the Sands Estate, particularly along Morris Road. It was agreed that this matter should be referred to both County and District Councillors at the next meeting.

Councillor Love reported that the village had thankfully been de-cluttered of unnecessary signage, but reported that the new car park opposite the railway station had two signs within close proximity of one another both indicating the entrance to the car park, and queried as to whether it was necessary to have two signs. The Clerk would query this matter with highways and report back accordingly. Councillor Love asked if there was any update

regarding the replacement/updating of wooden finger posts in the High Street. The Clerk replied that this matter was being discussed within the Visitor Management Group and would obtain an update following its next meeting in June.

Councillor Folkcs asked if there was any update regarding the village clock, which was still not working. The Clerk replied that it was understood that there was an electrical problem and it was hopefully being resolved shortly.

Councillor Penny had noticed that yet again there had been an incident on the sharp bend on Leamington Road just before the Fish Hill roundabout. The owners of the property just beyond the bend had erected a new wooden fence and within days a vehicle appears to have misjudged the bend and damaged the fencing. Councillor Penny asked if this matter could be referred to Highways and suggested that chevrons be installed warning vehicles of the approaching bend. The Clerk was asked to contact Highways and report back accordingly.

Councillor Mrs Phillips reported that she had sent a complaint directly to County/District Councillor Mrs. Eyre regarding the unacceptable state of the verge cutting on the approach/entrance roads to the village. All councillors were supportive of the complaint and awaited a response from Councillor Mrs. Eyre.

Councillor Dr. Clements advised the Council that she would not be seeking re-election, but would be happy to remain as Parish Tree Officer, if councillors were agreeable.

Councillor Miss Hardiman asked if the Council could further discuss the request for a post box in Russell Square which was, in her opinion, important for many residents. It was understood that Councillor Mrs. Eyre had raised this issue with the local MP, but it was agreed to raise this issue again with Councillor Mrs. Eyre as there was no mention of the subject in her report.

Councillor Parmenter reported that the drain near to the Lifford Hall was blocked yet again. The Clerk would report the problem again to the County Council and would raise the Council's concerns regarding drain clearance for the whole village in general with the County Council Senior Highways Liaison Engineer.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.10pm and opened the PUBLIC INFORMATION SESSION:

Mrs. Emma Foss, who was a prospective candidate at the forthcoming District Council elections for Broadway and Wickhamford Ward, introduced herself to the Council.

As there were no further matter raised by the public the Chairman finally closed the meeting at 8.15pm

*Date /Time Next Meeting:  
Annual Meeting of the Parish Council, 16<sup>th</sup> May, at 7.00 pm*

**Broadway Parish Meeting March 2019**  
**Cllr LIZ EYRE COUNTY and DISTRICT COUNCILLOR**

**The County is a million pound a day organisation and budget challenges remain tough. We are still £3m short to be found by the end of the financial year. We have been here before I remember that in 1998 we could not pay for the Broadway bypass exactly when we needed to.**

**Where are with the County budget for 2019/20?** The Administration listened to concerns re the budget following extensive consultation:

- o The reduction of highways spend by £500k, which could have resulted in reduced line painting and kerb work, was deleted.
- o The proposal to charge for parking at the Countryside Centre in Worcester was also deleted.
- o The proposal to reduce archives and archaeology budget by £400k was softened by £150k. It is felt that by charging Archives and Archaeology can become sustainable.
- o £23m has been added for regeneration and infrastructure providing headroom for opportunities: tackling congestion, cycle and walking improvements.
- o Some capital monies are to be made available for local members (around 43k) to prioritise works locally. This adds to the £10k revenue money per member.
- o A reduction in the libraries savings was made to ensure that no library would close.

**As well as controlling costs of course we have to plan for growth.**

Millions of pounds will be spent on tackling congestion, improving town centres and upgrading railway stations across the county.

- £2.5million will now be invested into town centre improvements in Evesham, Redditch, Stourport and Worcester.
- An additional £5m will be spent, in the next three years, in Bromsgrove and Evesham town centres, Kidderminster and on the A38 near Upton to relieve congestion.
- £4m will be spent on a new footbridge across the River Severn in north Worcester and to refurbish Sabrina Bridge in the city to support walking and cycling.
- An additional £5m is to be invested into the upgrading of railway stations and funding extra parking.
- Worcester railway arches project, to create a new city gateway and a hub for creative businesses, will receive £3m from the cultural development fund towards the full £4.5m cost.

**District Budget** – pleasingly the finances of the district are in a better place but we must remember much of this is down to the additional council tax from additional housing. We must balance right houses in the right place with the right design factors.

The promises for next year, read your council tax bill information and your latest Wychavon magazine, are really well thought out.

**In terms of economic development** it is good to see that the Worcestershire 5G consortium, led by the County Council and Worcestershire LEP, has launched the first-ever British 5G factory trials at the Worcester Bosch factory. The trials mark the start of Britain's

historic journey to reap the benefits of 'Industry 4.0', and will see smart factories being created. Worcestershire will be at the heart of the technological advance.

**Much of our financial challenge comes because we have responsibility for children and older people**

SEN Worcestershire is updating its Graduated Response guidance to support children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND). Parents, carers and professionals working with children and young people with SEND have shaped the document: a tool for schools, settings and partner agencies working with them. It should also be an information source for parents, carers and young people to inform and guide in relation to the education of children and young people with SEND.

**Assistive technology** Devices like Alexa is being used by Worcestershire County Council to enable people to live as independently as possible to assist tackle pressures within adult social care. We are one of a few Councils, in the country, investing in this type of technology. Investment in assistive technology averages just £7 per week, saving the council around £90 a week compared to home care. Where the technology prevents residential care, the saving rises to £140 a week. Worcestershire County Council, working Worcestershire Telecare, is piloting a range of different technology as part of a person's care package.

**Planning is always a concern of residents**

I have tried by organising a meeting with developers to get improvements in the design of the proposed medical centre.

I am waiting for the Broadway Fire Station planning application to come through.

**The Emerging Minerals Local Plan is in its final stages. It proposes:**

- a preference for mineral development within site allocations, including "areas of search"; these areas of search are defined in the Minerals Local Plan, based on known mineral resources which have passed viability, environmental and amenity tests
- five large "strategic corridors" which contain the areas of search; locally appropriate priorities are set for each of the strategic corridors to help coordinate how mineral working and restoration will maximize benefits to the environment, the economy and communities
- policies to enable a sufficient supply of minerals for Worcestershire.
- policies to guide the assessment of minerals planning applications, covering issues including health, well-being and the natural, built, historic and water environments
- policies to safeguard important mineral resources, mineral sites and supporting infrastructure for the future

**SWDP and NP**

I am delighted to keep abreast of how the neighbourhood plan is coming on. I take my hat off to the sturdy souls pushing it forward. It's particularly important as the SWDP marches on to a new reiteration and the call for sites has already yielded worrying swaths of blue wishes – see SWDP layers in their website.

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### Highways, footways, buses are always high on the agenda

It was good to see the RAC foundation has placed the County amongst the best at repairing potholes. We aim to repair within 5 days but I agree there is more to do.

**The congestion is a concern to us all:** Highways England is investing more than £7 million in a series of schemes to improve journeys, generate jobs and help unlock plans to build homes. This funding boost comes from Highways England's Growth and Housing Fund budget. Almost £3 million will be spent on junction improvement schemes around the M42 and M5 in Worcestershire.

**The A46:** The major scheme has been split into four investment packages. Ash church to Stratford 'our' stretch" will be the second tranche to be addressed. WSP have been appointed to pursue the business case. WCC meets Highways England on a monthly basis. Local junction improvements at Hinton Cross, Sedgberrow to improve access and resolve issues will come from a different pot. Sadly these enhancements dried up for the foreseeable future. I continue to maintain pressure on this important issue.

**Travel Review** including school spend (£12-13m) will go out for consultation in June 2019. A response to the Travel Plan and Consultation will come to Cabinet November 2019. I do hope all residents and parish councillors will engage with this important matter.

### Local issues high on my list

- A crossing on Station road and Leamington Road for the elderly and school children.
- Bikers on Fish Hill – spring came earlier than the police were expecting so capacity to help was challenged and the terrible escape lane which needs refurbishment
- Village Signage /Policies are still a significant problem
- I think county should now start tidying up West End Lane Broadway from Cheltenham Road to West End View Farm

.\* Recycling I am bin funding a bin near the deli for plastic bottle recycling.

- **Back Lane** unfortunately Back Lane is an un-adopted stretch of road. As such, it is a private street and not the responsibility of the County Council as Highway Authority. There is a public footpath which runs along Back Lane, however we would not require a tarmac surface for a public footpath and presume that the tarmac surface was laid at some point to aid access to the properties along the lane.

The primary responsibility with regard to Back Lane rests with the residents and other properties adjacent to the lane, such as the Lygon Arms. If they were able to raise enough funds, we would consider resurfacing the road to bring it up to an adoptable standard and maintain it thereafter. I would support such an approach. However, the costs of such works which would require full reconstruction of the lane are not insignificant and would be likely to be well in excess of £20/£30k and may well be more than this. We would need to complete an engineering assessment to provide a more accurate estimate.

- **No17** – not an issue for a public meeting
- **S016** for clubs – on going

### Full steam ahead for new car park

Broadway Railway Station Car Park officially opened on Tuesday 5 March.

The investment of £650,000 in the car park on land provided by the GWSR will meet the demand for visitor parking at the station. It is also designed to discourage parking on the main road and provide safe parking for those having a day out on the steam railway. The investment also provides a good financial return for Wychavon taxpayers.

A total of 85 spaces have been created, along with a pleasant grassy area next to the line that can be used for picnics. Later this year, electric vehicle charging units will be installed.

The parking charges are from 50p for half an hour up to £5.00 for 10 hours. Those purchasing a £5.00 parking ticket can receive a £3.00 refund from GWSR against the purchase of one train ticket on that same day. Pay and display parking tickets can be purchased with cash or by using the RingGo app, as provided in other Wychavon car parks.

### Wychavon Promises 2019

The Council have adopted the below promises as priorities for the following year to further improve quality of life in Wychavon.

People	<b>Work with partners to increase levels of cycling and walking by supporting the delivery of new routes in Evesham and the development of cycling and walking plans for Droitwich Spa and Pershore by 31 March 2021</b>
	<b>Work with partners to improve social mobility across the district and invest a further £200,000 over three years to support and improve outcomes for free school meal eligible children and their families.</b>
	<b>Work with partners to reduce the crimes most affecting our district through supporting communities, delivering education and awareness campaigns, coordinating community days of action and property marking events.</b>
Place	<b>Install at least 20 additional electric vehicle charging points in car parks across the district and publish a plan setting out how we will encourage businesses, developers and communities to install more charging points across the district by 31 March 2021.</b>

	<p><b>Invest £200,000 over the next two years to improve play areas, equipment and paths in our parks.</b></p>
	<p><b>Work with partners to promote and support delivery of the emerging Worcestershire Pollinator Strategy including the creation of new and improved habitats for bees, butterflies and other insects in council managed green spaces by 31 March 2021.</b></p>
	<p><b>Create a new urban designer role to lead work on delivering well designed, high quality and locally distinctive development.</b></p>
Prosperity	<p><b>Build small business units for rent and create a Wychavon business hub to pilot providing support to at least three businesses at key stages of their development by 31 March 2021.</b></p>
	<p><b>Work with partners to help transform and revitalise our town centres so they are fit for the future and establish an initial seed-fund of £150,000 to help develop masterplans for our three towns by 31 March 2021.</b></p>
	<p><b>Deliver the first phase of our tourism action plan through producing a targeted marketing plan, arranging business networking events and planning a familiarisation event for journalists and group travel organisers by 31 March 2021.</b></p>
	<p><b>Deliver a three year programme of funding, mentoring and advice to strengthen and improve a range of community-led rural transport options.</b></p>

### District Council Elections

As you will all be aware, district council elections are taking place on 2<sup>nd</sup> May. Whilst I will be a candidate I won't be standing in Broadway. I fully endorse both Elizabeth Eyre and Emma Sims and would like to thank the residents of Broadway for their support over the last four years. I will of course continue to be a friend of Broadway!