

MINUTES OF MEETING OF BROADWAY PARISH COUNCIL
held at the Parish Office, 5 Russell Square, High Street, Broadway,
on Thursday, 18th January 2024, at 7.00 pm.

PRESENT: Councillors R.W.G.Bennett, S. Garner, Miss. D. Hardiman, , L. Jones, Mrs. B. Phillips, Dr. Reading (Vice-Chair), Mrs. R. Rogers, Mrs. E. Sims (also District Cllr), and Dr.Wilks (Chair)

ALSO PRESENT: County Cllr Mrs. E. Eyre

Eight members of the public.

(1) To receive and approve apologies for absence:

Apologies were received and approved from Councillors Mrs. A. Loveridge, N.D.A. Robinson and District Councillor Emma Kearsley.

Apologies also received from West Mercia Police.

(2) To receive declarations of interest under the Council's Code of Conduct related to business on the agenda.

Members should disclose any interests in the business to be discussed and are reminded that the disclosure of a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest will require that the member withdraws from the meeting room during the transaction of that item of business.

(3) To receive report/update from Local Policing Team:

Due to work commitments PC Ben Trowman is unable to attend this meeting but has submitted the following report/update:

There had been an attempted burglary to a property on Snowhill Road, no items were taken as the intruders were disturbed by the owners. The police wished to remind everyone to ensure that their properties are secured i.e. all doors and windows locked, even when at home. No issues were reported from the Boxing Day NCH meet in the village. There were no other reported crimes in the village. All retail businesses in the village had now signed up to the Neighbourhood Matters Shop Watch Scheme, which would enable all businesses to have contact with the police so that crime prevention advice and any suspected offenders could be forwarded and visa-versa any information can also be sent to the police. The local PCSO Karen Kempton was now taken up the role of Senior PCSO for Wychavon, covering Evesham, Malvern and Droitwich. PC Trowman wished to remind all councillors and residents to sign up to the Neighbourhood Matters, which will allow everyone keep up to date with local news and events in the Broadway area.

Several councillors were concerned that there had been no police presence at the last two meeting prior to this meeting. The Clerk responded that the police were not mandated to attend, and that PC Trowman had submitted reports for each meeting he was not able to attend but would pass on this concern to him.

There were no further matters for the Clerk to raise with PC Trowman.

(4) **To receive and approve for signature the minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on 24:10:23:**

Copies of the draft minutes had been circulated to all councillors, and it was proposed by Councillor Mrs. Sims, seconded by Councillor Miss. Hardiman, that the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 24th October 2023 be unanimously approved by all present at that meeting, and they were duly signed and dated as a true record.

(5) **Co-option of New Councillor:**

An application had been received from Mrs. Elizabeth Stevens, a copy of which had been circulated to all councillors. Mrs Stevens, who had been invited to this meeting, introduced herself and reasons why she wished to join the Parish Council, and what were her skills and interests, and answer any questions from councillors.

The Clerk invited Mrs. Stevens to remain for the rest of the meeting if she wished to and asked councillors to consider the application and notify the Clerk of their vote as to whether Mrs Stevens should be co-opted or not by Wednesday 24th January and would notify Mrs. Stevens accordingly.

Post Meeting:

Following the receipt of the councillors' votes, Mrs Stevens was duly co-opted onto the Parish Council. The Clerk notified her accordingly and requested her to completed and sign all the necessary forms, and also would notify the District Council of the co-option.

(6) **To receive reports/updates from County and District Councillors:**

A Copy of **County Councillor Mrs. Eyre's report** had been forwarded to all Councillors - a full copy of which is attached to these minutes.

The report highlighted the following items:

County Council – (a) the 2024/2025 Budget – update on the current situation – the Council was significantly overspending as a result of demand and costs pressures around Childrens Social Care, Home to School Travel and Adult Social Care and these show no signs of abating, so to set a balanced budget for 2024/25 the structured deficit must be addressed as well as making reasonable provisions for growth in demand and cost during the next financial year. The Government are actively encouraging Councils to use reserves, but these can only be used once. The current package will mean an increase in Council tax of 2.99% - the final budget will be sent in February – but the important task is for the Council to remain financially sustainable, protect and improve services that are rightly expected; (b) VAS Data – there is a need to analyse the data obtain to improve road safety; (c) Environment Act 2021 resulted in significant new responsibilities for protection and enhancement of the natural environment, and local councils must prepare a local habitat map identifying the most valuable existing areas for nature, and specific proposals for creating or improving habitat – many of these important issues and options will be put out for consultation – please ensure local residents/groups have their say; and (d) a reminder to make use of the one-network system for details of planned roadworks and traffic restrictions.

Local Issues – updates on the (a) Gravels – there was a need to refurbish the gravels to not only improve the gravels but to make changes so that the street scene looks better and Councillor Mrs. Eyre wished to form a small group to explore this further, Councillor Jones agreed to join this group as a representative from the Parish Council; (b) A-boards – Councillor Mrs. Eyre reported that due to the lack of the rules being followed, the County Council are considering the introduction of licencing; (c) CCTV – this is a District Council matter, but the two cameras in the High Street would be included in the Wychavon

upgrading scheme and (d) upgrade of Treatment Works in Pry Lane; and (d) local roadworks, footpaths/pavements

All other updates are included within the report.

At the last meeting concerns were raised regarding the damage to the grassed areas in Leamington Road – the Clerk had contacted the Highways, and a suggestion was made that bollards could be installed if that was the wish of the Parish Council – after discussion it was agreed that an alternative solution could be some form of matting – and it was agreed to discuss this further through the Planning Committee.

Councillor Jones highlighted the concerns of residents regarding the removal of the kissing gate on the Leamington Road near the crossing - it was confirmed that some bollards have now been installed by the District Council to help the situation from a safety point of view. There being no further questions/comments from councillors, the Chair thanked Councillor Mrs. Eyre for her report and updates.

Full Fibre / Telegraph Poles on the Sands Estate – (the appropriate section of Standing Orders was suspended for this item)

Councillor Jones declared a Declaration of Interest as he lives on the Sands Estate.

Residents/Representatives from the Sands Estate were in attendance.

County Councillor Mrs. Eyre referred to her report which confirmed that there had been no formal consultation with the Parish Council or residents by Full Fibre, and also gave a chronological list of events to date. It was understood that both the District Council and the local MP were still trying to clarify the situation if other providers decide to install more poles – how is this stopped?

A question was asked as to when the County Council was aware of the plans to install poles on the Sands Estate, and why it was involved as it was understood that such matters were covered by permitted development by the District Council. In response, Councillor Mrs. Eyre replied that the County Council was responsible for the roll out of all broadband of any type in Worcestershire. The senior officer with responsibility for this realised that when ultra-fast broadband was introduced, there would be major problems in some locations and issued a briefing note/FAQ to all County Councillors in Worcestershire. These FAQ were issued/available to those who attended the public meeting in St. Michael's Church in Broadway. Councillor Mrs. Eyre was of the opinion that the Parish Council should have been invited to a formal meeting with Full Fibre. The Chair, Councillor Dr. Wilks reiterated the Parish Council's frustration regarding this matter, and also highlighted the problem that all the powers to influence decision making was a National, County and District level. The Parish Council had written a letter of support for both the residents of Lifford Gardens and the Sands Estate. In summary it was clear that there was no clear consultation with residents or the Parish Council – distribution of leaflets is not consultation! and there also was a question as to where the information supplied by the County Council Senior Officer was from, as there are questions as to whether some of the information supplied was potentially incorrect. It was agreed that Councillor Mrs. Eyre would ask the Senior Officer if he was available to attend a meeting with the Parish Council and representatives from the Sands Estate.

The representatives from the Sands Estate reported that although the poles had now been erected, but Full Fibre had not attached the required notice on each pole so that residents could object to the siting of the pole, and this was a breach of the code and had been report by the residents to Ofcom. The residents asked that the County, District and Parish Council also report this matter to Ofcom and would forward details to each Council so they could report the matter as requested. The Parish Council was thanked for displaying the 'Keep our Skies Clear of Wires' notice. Councillor Mrs. Eyre confirmed that although the

residents of the Sands Estate understood that there was underground structure in place, this was only from the exchange to the pavement, and that there was no such structure in place from the pavement to individual properties.

The Clerk notified the meeting that there was an update from District Councillor Emma Kearsley regarding the poles within her report (copy of this report is attached to these minutes).

A resident had written to the Police and Crime Commissioner with a number of questions regarding the actions of the police on the Sands Estate and had received a reply stating that the Police and Crime Commissioner was unable to become involved in operational matters and the level of resourcing allocated to this situation. District Councillor Mrs. Sims had also written to the Police and Crime Commissioner as she understood that Full Fibre had contacted the Police, and questioned the use of police resources in this case and was again informed that the Police and Crime Commissioner did not deal with operational matters and had referred the matter to the Chief Constable. The residents questioned this use of resources as they were conducting a peaceful protest. The resident also asked the Parish Council if it had a meeting with Full Fibre or West Mercia Police prior to the commencement of the work on the Sands Estate – to which the answer was No!

Councillor Jones confirmed that during the protests, as far as he was aware, when the police asked the protesters to move – they did so – they were law abiding at all times.

The representatives of the Sands Residents Association had also written a formal complaint regarding the police actions.

Both the Chair and Clerk thanked the residents for attending – the residents left the meeting at this point. (8.10 pm) (full standing orders were then restored).

A Copy of **District Councillor Emma Kearsley's report** had been forwarded to all Councillors - a copy of which is attached to these minutes.

The report highlighted the following items:

(a) Design Code, (b) Neighbourhood Development Plans, (c) Wychavon District Council promises, and (d) the Station Road Development Site.

A Copy of **District Councillor Emma Sims's report** had been forwarded to all Councillors - a copy of which is attached to these minutes.

The report highlighted the following items:

(a) Flooding – The Head of Projects and Emergency Planning at the District Council would like to arrange a local parish seminar on flood management in Broadway for all local parishes to attend to discuss risk, alleviation, mitigation and other flooding issues; (b) Design Code; (c) Trees – Councillor Mrs Sims and the Clerk updated the Council regarding the proposed planting of three larger trees in the Activity Park. The Parish Tree Consultant had obtained costing of £95 + VAT per tree (planting costs would need to be added). It was unanimously agreed to accept this quotation and the Clerk would contact the Tree Consultant accordingly. The 150 saplings had been ordered and are due to arrive shortly – these will be planted in the bottom area outside the Activity Park; (d) Housing Needs Survey - it was proposed to ask the District Council Housing Team to meet the Parish Council to explain the pros and cons of a Housing Needs Survey before a decision was made to undertake such a survey ; (e) Broadway Bowling Club – a request had been received to make an Asset of Community Value, which Councillor Mrs. Sims would investigate and report back accordingly.

(7) To receive Clerk's Report and Correspondence:

The dates for 2024 Parish Council meeting had been circulated to all councillors and upload to the Parish Council website - please note that the Annual Parish Meeting 11th would be a separate meeting again this year, following the success of last year's event.

The dates for the Lloyds Bank mobile van had been posted on the Parish Office window and also on the Parish Council website.

The County Council had issued the following temporary road closures - (a) for part of U45409 Colletts Gardens from its junction with U45408 Colletts Gardens to its junction with Bibsworth Avenue for the installation of new dropped kerb by the County Council commencing 15th January for an anticipated duration of 4 days; (b) for part of Orchard Avenue from its junction with Colletts Field to its junction with Lime Tree Avenue for network utility works by Avonline Networks starting on 19th February for an anticipated duration of 5 days; and (c) part of Childswickham Road from its junction with Cheltenham Road to its junction with Pennylands Bank for new/replacement water main by Severn Trent Water starting on 19th February for an anticipated period of 1 day.

The Parish Council had made its annual donations to the following organisations – £1,000 to Vale of Evesham Community First Responders; £500 to Evesham Volunteer Centre; £1,000 to Signpost; £500 to Citizens Advice South Worcestershire; and £100 to the British Legion Poppy Appeal. Letters of thanks have been received from all recipients.

The Clerk also undertook the role of ordering and distribution the Poppy Wreaths for 2023 as no one was undertaking the task. After discussion it was agreed that it would be a sensible idea that this role was undertaken by the Parish Council. The Clerk and Assistant Clerk had met the Poppy Appeal Manager for Worcestershire and had been made aware there is an online ordering and distribution system for poppy wreaths, which could be utilised next year. The Local Government Boundary Commission had now opened the public consultation on the draft recommendations – it is proposed that Worcestershire County Council should have 57 councillors in futures, representing 5 two councillor divisions and 47 one councillor divisions across the council area. Any comments on the recommendation must be submitted by the end of the consultation period on 18 March 2024. Councillor Mrs. Eyre was keen to ask if the Parish Council would consider submitting that although any decision was based on the number of electorates, no heed is given to the fact that Broadway has a major retail aspect to it and had ignored the amount of work connected with the planning and retail side of Broadway, Badsey had been added to the division and that a better solution would be to switch Sedgeberrow to the Bredon Division – it was unanimously agreed that the Clerk submit the comments as suggested.

The Clerk represented the Parish Council at the Wychavon Parish Games 2023 Presentation Evening at Bengeworth Club in Evesham. The Clerk presented the trophies to the winning and runner-up of the crib competition, which is sponsored by the Parish Council. Overall Broadway finished 6th out of 28 entries – winning the ladies darts competition and were runners-up in the bowls competition. Huge thanks should be given to Mrs. Joan Parfitt, who is the Parish Games Organiser for Broadway for enabling Broadway to achieve this success and was agreeable to continuing in this role for 2024. The Clerk would write a letter of thanks to Mrs. Parfitt and to accept her continuing in the role of Parish Organiser.

The District Council had sent its annual notification to the Parish Council of all current Section 106 Contributions monies held on its behalf, together with notes on essential criteria, process, general comments and details to be submitted for claiming such funding, and officers contact details who can assist. It was agreed that a meeting be arranged to discuss the use of these funds with chairs of the committees and both District Councillors.

(8) Setting of Precept and Budget 2024/2025:

The Finance Committee held a meeting on Tuesday 16th January at the Parish Office starting at 2.00 pm, when the Clerk, as Responsible Financial Officer, produced the ¾ year financial accounts to 31st December 2023, together with the proposed budget figures for 2024-2025 – copies of which had been circulated to all councillors. The accounts and budget were fully explained by the Clerk and discussed by the committee.

The Committee wished to recommend the approval of the budget for 2024/2025 and that the setting of the precept at £125,000.

Approval of Budget:

It was proposed by Councillor Miss Hardiman, seconded by Councillor Dr. Reading and unanimously agreed that the Budget for 2024/2025 be approved.

Setting of Precept:

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs Phillips, seconded by Councillor Bennett and unanimously agreed that the Setting of the Precept for 2024/2025 at £125,000 be approved. The Clerk would complete and submit the requirement form to the District Council no later than Friday 26th January as instructed.

(9) To receive reports/updates from Committees:**Environmental and Sustainability Committee:**

The Clerk reported that the repair work to shelter and slide in the Activity Park had now been completed. The latest Activity Park Quarterly Inspection Report had been received – no major matters requiring immediate attention had been highlighted. The Clerk had sent a copy of the report to the maintenance contractors and was arranging a date to meet up with them on site to discuss the matters raised within the report and to arrange any necessary work and order any replacement parts as necessary.

Councillor Mrs. Sims and the Clerk reported that the proposed tree planting area project was progressing well. The tree saplings were being delivered shortly and the planting area was being prepared. Mr Woods, the Parish Tree Consultant as requested had sourced quotations for three trees to be planted in the central area within the Activity Park at a cost of approx. £95.00 per tree (any planting costs would need to be added) - it was unanimously agreed that this quotation be accepted, and the Clerk was instructed to inform Mr. Woods to order the trees accordingly. A meeting would be arranged to organise an event at which the planting of the saplings would be undertaken. Additional fruit trees were also being ordered for both local schools.

Finance Committee:

The Finance Committee held a meeting on Tuesday 16th January at the Parish Office starting at 2.00 pm, when apart from the items covered under item (8), the following matters were discussed –

The Parish Council had received a funding application from St. Mary's RC School for a well-being area within the school. After discussion, the committee recommended a grant be awarded of £1,000 towards this project. It was proposed by Councillor Dr Reading, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Phillips and unanimously agreed that the grant be awarded.

The new administrator of the Youth and Community Centre needed a mobile phone to help with her role and following a review of available options a suitable one – a Nokia C32 from Tesco had been sourced at a cost of £11.50 per month. After discussion, the committee recommended that this be purchased. It was proposed by Councillor Dr Reading, seconded

by Councillor Mrs. Phillips and unanimously agreed that the Clerk/Assistant Clerk arrange the set up and purchase of this new mobile phone.

Leisure, Community and Wellbeing Committee:

Councillor Miss Hardiman highlighted the following items – (a) Foodbank update – there were regular sessions in St. Michael’s Church, which were community lead and well supported, and included a special event at Christmas time when Christmas Hampers were distributed; (b) Churches update – Revd. Ward at St. Michael’s had recently returned to work after a belated absence through ill-health on a reduced basis initially, both the URC and RC Churches are doing fine; (c) there had been an improvement in services at both the Pharmacy and Medical Centre, which was very pleasing.

Visitor Management Committee:

Cllr. Robinson is unable to attend tonight’s meeting but has submitted a draft copy of the minutes for circulation to all councillors and committee members.

The draft minutes included the following matters:

- Vicorious Day – Mr. Hurst, who organises the Battle of Evesham Festival had been invited to present to the meeting the possibility of a similar event for Broadway themed around the Age of Victoria, the British Empire and the Arts and Craft Movement. After the presentation and much discussion it was agreed that there were a number of concerns and issues to be resolved to have the event this year, and it was agreed to delay any decision for further appraisal.
- Coach Tours – The Coach Passengers Transport had requested whether Broadway would consider facilitating group visits to Broadway, following the permanent cessation of coach parking in Bourton-on-the-Water. After long discussion it was agreed not pursue this connection as there was insufficient coach parking in Broadway, and only two drop-off/pick-up points. It was anticipated that there would be an increase in coach tours as a result of Bourton-on-the-Water decision and this would need to be closely monitored.
- Late Night Shopping/Christmas lights – it was reported that both late night events were well supported in addition to the extra switching on of the Christmas Lights.
- Other Planned Events – included and a proposed new event – Chocolate Festival on Sunday 17th March, the Distinguished Gentlemen’s Bikers Ride on Sunday 19th May, and the Ferrari Day on Sunday 9th June.

A full copy of the draft minutes are available at the Parish Office.

Youth and Community Centre:

Vice-Chair, Councillor Dr. Reading reported that the handover had been delayed. A site visit had been done with the contractor – there were a number of outstanding items to be undertaken, but it was hoped that the handover would be within the next two/three weeks, with a opening date in early March. The new administrator had been working hard on the website for the new centre and also with a number of the prospective hirers. There will be a two-page article in the latest issue of the Broadway Newsletter.

The Chair thanked Councillor Dr. Reading for all her hard work and commitment to the project.

The Chair thanked the committees for each update and asked the Clerk to circulate a list of the committees and its members to all councillors for review/amendment.

(10) **List of Planning Applications considered by the Planning Committee and comments submitted, together with list of Planning Approvals, Refusals and Withdraws receive from District Council:**

Parish Council Comments:

MEETING 20/11/23

Present: Cllr. Phillips; Hardiman; Rogers; Reading; Sims
Apologises: Cllr. Jones

W/23/02094/ADV
 Associated Ref: W/23/02095/LB

GGB Investments
 38-40 High Street
 Replacement and new signage.

The Parish Council raised no objections to this application and is agreeable to it being delegated to officers.

MEETING 12/12/23

Present: Cllr. Phillips; Hardiman; Reading; Sims
Apologises: Cllr. Rogers; Jones

W/23/01840/HP

MR. & MRS. J. FURNO
 2 Parsonage Cottages, Snowhill Road
 Two storey rear extension, First Floor side extension and relocation of Garden store.

The Parish Council raised no objections to this application and is agreeable to it being delegated to officers.

W/23/01834/HP

MARTIN & DALLAS HILL & LEIGH-MARTENE
 Springlea, Springfield Lane,
 Internal alterations, loft conversion with dormers, rear and side extensions, and conversion of the garage.

The Parish Council raised no objections to this application, and is agreeable to it being delegated to officers, but would ask that the applicant and officers be mindful to comply with Policies BE6 – Extensions and Conversions within the Broadway Neighbourhood Plan & Conversions and NE9 - Tranquillity and Dark Skies in the Broadway Neighbourhood Plan.

W/23/02270/ADV

LEE WATSON
 Broadway Fire Station, High Street
 Fascia Sign for Fire Station.

The Parish Council raised no objections to this application and is agreeable to it being delegated to officers.

W/23/01685/ADV

MRS. LUCY JORDON

26 High Street

Update 2 fascia signages with new branding, and a new hanging sign.

Additional information provided by applicant to address Conservation and Parish Council concerns.

The Parish Council raised no objections to this application, and is agreeable to it being delegated to officers, but would ask that the applicant and officers be mindful to comply with Policy LET.2: Shop Signage and the Parish Council are concerned with the over culturing of the High Street with hanging signs.

W/23/02243/HP

MR. & MRS. WALL

Arles House, Leamington Road

Removal of existing outbuilding/lean to and replacement with single storey side e and rear extension and internal alterations to ground and first floor.

The Parish Council raised no objections to this application, and is agreeable to it being delegated to officers, but would ask that the applicant and officers be mindful to comply with Policies BE6 – Extensions and Conversions within the Broadway Neighbourhood Plan & Conversions and NE9 - Tranquillity and Dark Skies in the Broadway Neighbourhood Plan.

W/23/02458/HP

MR. C. LEE

Three Ways, Springfield Lane.

Declaration of Interest
Cllr. Reading

Convert store into laundry with glazed link and first floor ensuite over.

The Parish Council raised no objections to this application, and is agreeable to it being delegated to officers, but would ask that the applicant and officers be mindful to comply with Policies BE6 – Extensions and Conversions within the Broadway Neighbourhood Plan & Conversions and NE9 - Tranquillity and Dark Skies in the Broadway Neighbourhood Plan.

MEETING 17/12/23**Present:**

Cllr. Phillips; Hardiman; Rogers; Reading; Sims; Rogers; Jones

W/23/02426/TDC5

Coombes Everitt Architects Limited

Ridgeway House, Springfield Lane

Application for 'Technical Details Consent' for the erection of 3 no. self-build dwellings on plots A, B and C as defined in W/22/00081/PIP.

Broadway Parish Council wish to strongly object to this application for the following reasons:

The site is outside of the Broadway Development Boundary and is therefore contrary to HD1.2 a) and (b) of the Broadway Neighbourhood Plan which (will only support developments within the Development Boundary where it contributes to the character of the village and is modest in proportion to the size

of the site, proportionate in mass to neighbouring properties and designed to respect the context and amenity of neighbouring properties and well as the wider village. It is also contrary to BE.1 - Design Principles within the Broadway Neighbourhood Plan in that BE.1.1 ((a) to (e)) states that development proposals should be of high-quality design and have regard to the Village Design Statement, taking full account of the historic character of the Broadway Conservation Area and other heritage assets within the Neighbourhood Plan area and also BE1.2. In the emerging NPPF - 'Local Design Codes and Neighbourhood Plans will be given significant weight during consultation of developments ie sympathetic to local character, and places should be tailored to the circumstances and scale of the area'. The Parish Council is aware that our Local Design Code is at the moment under review, however, the Parish Council feels that one of the key themes of the code is 'the preservation of Cotswold character, and additional buildings should rhyme with the existing to remain in keeping with the area'. The Broadway Conservation Area Appraisal states that the character of Springfield Lane is defined as 'semi-rural' in that there are glimpses between buildings into gardens and countryside and this development is contrary to this. The Parish Council feels that this development is an urban style street scene design and not rural and is not sensitive to the surrounding character of the properties and landscape, and when all three properties are seen together, they create a completely different aspect to the street scene in Springfield Lane. The Conservation Officer states that the 'proposed site abuts the northern extent of the Broadway Conservation Area, and Plots A and B are situated opposite Springfield Farmhouse, which is noted as a building of local distinction. No assessment has been provided on the impact of the proposal upon the setting of the conservation area. Given the proposal will be constructed on land associated with Ridgeway it is likely that the setting of that building would be affected. A Heritage Statement should be provided and a photographic record of the area showing interconnected views would be helpful'. The Parish Council is of the opinion that the siting of the dwelling is overbearing and over development and is contrary to Policies - SWDP21 (Design) (A) – All development will be expected to be of a high design quality. It will need to integrate effectively with its surroundings, in terms of form and function, reinforce local distinctiveness and conserve, and where appropriate, enhance cultural and heritage assets and their settings. New and innovative designs will be encouraged and supported where they enhance the overall quality of the built environment. SWDP21 (B) Application should demonstrate through a Design and Access Statement or other support evidence, how the objectives outlined criterion A have been addressed. Within SWDP21(B) the following points need to be addressed (i) Siting and Layout; (iv) Neighbouring Amenity; (v) Settlement Character; (vi) Mix of Uses; (vii) Flexible Design; (viii) Scale, Height and Massing; (x) Detailed Design and Materials; and (xii) Landscaping. Policy SWDP2 (Development, Strategy, & Settlement Hierarchy) sets out the development strategy and site allocations within the plan area. The development strategy is based on six key principles which include the need to provide for and facilitate the delivery of sufficient housing to meet objectively assessed needs to 2030: safeguard and (wherever

possible) enhance the open countryside; encourage the effective use and reuse of accessible, available and environmentally acceptable, Brownfield land; and focus most development on the urban areas where both housing needs and accessibility to lower cost, public services are greatest. This policy seeks to direct new development towards sustainable areas within development boundaries, and strictly control development within areas of open countryside, unless specific exceptions are applicable. The site lies beyond the development boundary at Broadway and is in an area of open countryside, where in accordance with policy SWDP2 new development is strictly controlled. SWDP2C and its associated footnote 3, list exceptions to this restriction, but self-build housing is not one of these. The proposal therefore conflicts with the locational development strategy set out in SWDP2. The proposal will go against the core plan in principle that planning should be genuinely plan lead. The application is contrary to SWDP25 (Landscape Character) A & B both of which state that a proposal must demonstrate that any development is appropriate to integrate with and enhances the character of the surrounding landscape, and the setting of the AONB. This is supported by NE.1 (Trees, Woodlands and Hedgerows) and NE.2 (Valued Landscapes) within the Broadway Neighbourhood Plan. The application is contrary to SWDP13 (Effective Use of Land) B which states that housing development will make the most and quality of the local area, commensurate with a viable scheme and infrastructure capacity. The application is contrary to SWDP 24 (Management of the Historic Environment) and supported by BE.4 (Heritage Assets) within the Broadway Neighbourhood Plan. The application is contrary to NPPF 15 (Conserving and Enhancing the Natural Environment) (a and b). The Parish Council are aware that there are drainage/sewerage concerns on Springfield Lane and further development can only increase the issues. The Parish Council also has serious reservations regarding surface water drainage, and expect that the applicant and Planning Officers ensure that adequate investigation is conducted to ensure that there is a system in place to ensure that all surface water is able to drain away sufficiently. SWDP29 and PolicyNE.6 and 7 within the Broadway Neighbourhood Plan support the need to ensure adequate drainage systems are in place. The Parish Council are concerned that residents have highlighted the need for clarification of a number of plan details between the application of the PIP and the new submission. The Parish Council is concerned that this is truly a self-build application because in the most recent combined application form the applicant has clearly ticked the box stating that the proposed housing category is 'open market housing' and not 'self-build'. The Parish Council would also like it noted that the three properties were marketed in a local estate agent as 'open market housing' and this does not conform with the self-build criteria. The Parish Council have asked its District Councillors for Broadway to call this application in for consideration of the District Planning Committee if the Case Officer is minded to approve the application.

Wychavon Approvals:

- W/23/01887/HP **MR. JOHNATHAN STACKHOUSE**
71 High Street
Erection of Detached Oak Framed Garage/Store to Rear.
- W/23/01635/HP **MR. PHILLIP CARTWRIGHT**
Peasebrook Barn, Cheltenham Road
Removal of 2 existing windows to rear elevation of existing barn / residence.
Replacement with 1 new double glazed window unit, frame recessed into stonework.
- W/23/01716/HP **MR. & MRS. S. JONES**
13 Mill Avenue
Single storey front, side and rear extension including a loft conversion and minor works to existing single storey concrete roof to the rear.
- W/23/01373/FUL **MR. JOSEPH BUTLER**
Broadway Village Playground, Toilets at High Street
Provision of changing place for those with limited mobility.
- W/23/01249/HP **MR. CHRISTOPHER MARKHAM**
Neweden, Evesham Road
Single storey rear and side extension.
- W/23/01335/LB **ROGER DUDLEY Associated Ref: W/23/01334/HP**
Associated Ref: W/23/01334/HP Tudor Cottage, 56 High Street
Rear conservatory.
- W/23/02094/ADV **GGB Investments**
Associated Ref: W/23/02095/LB 38-40 High Street
Replacement and new signage.
- W/23/01685/ADV **MRS. LUCY JORDON**
26 High Street
Update 2 fascia signages with new branding, and a new hanging sign.
Additional information provided by applicant to address Conservation and Parish Council concerns.
- W/23/01485/HP **DR. D. ACHESON**
19 Lifford Gardens
Extensions and alterations to access and parking.
- W/23/01834/HP **MARTIN & DALLAS HILL & LEIGH-MARTENE**
Springlea, Springfield Lane,

Internal alterations, loft conversion with dormers, rear and side extensions, and conversion of the garage.

W/23/01840/HP

MR. & MRS. J. FURNO

2 Parsonage Cottages, Snowhill Road
Two storey rear extension, First Floor side extension and relocation of Garden store.

W/23/02270/ADV

LEE WATSON

Broadway Fire Station, High Street
Fascia Sign for Fire Station.

Wychavon Refusals:

W/22/02140/HP

MR. SIMON BEACHAM

Land At (Os 0889 3819), Station Road,
Construction of single garage with flat roof attached to dwelling and installation of a 'sleeper style' retaining wall at the boundary with Boxgrove.

Wychavon Withdrawn:

W/23/01819/PIP

MASTY FARM LIMITED

Withdrawn 12/10/23

Land at (OS 0879 3833), Evesham Road
Permission in Principle for the erection of 9 dwellings.

W/23/01168/ADV

MRS. ANONA van LAWICK

Withdrawn 27/11/23

Associated Ref: W/23/01169/LB

Tudor House, 65 High Street
2 x replacement projecting signs.

W/22/02722/TDC5

ALAN & SALLY HUNTER

Withdrawn 18/12/23

Land at Ridgeway House, Springfield Lane
Technical Details Consent following Permission in Principal approval
W/22/00081/PIP for 1 self build dwelling - Plot B.

W/22/02721/TDC5

MR. M. DAVIS

Withdrawn 18/12/23

Land at Ridgeway House, Springfield Lane
Technical details consent following Permission in Principal approval
W/22/00081/PIP for 1 self-build dwelling-Plot A.

(11) List of Schedule of Payments and Receipts: from 01/10/23 to 31/12/23

Payments:	verified by the Clerk together with two nominated signatories	net of VAT
P D Hughes Ltd	Activity Park Maintenance	£646.00
P D Hughes Ltd	Activity Park Maintenance	£1,840.00
Maurice Parkinson Contract Services	Mowing Contract	£890.00
Maurice Parkinson Contract Services	Lengthsman Scheme	£196.00

P D Hughes Ltd	Activity Park Maintenance	£3,349.80
PKF Littlejohn LLP	External Auditor's Fees	£420.00
Ian Savage	Activity Park Maintenance	£160.00
HP Instant Ink	Photocopier Charges	£4.49
Xiamen	Dog poo bags	£21.66
EBC Group (UK) Ltd	Photocopier Charges	£15.00
Avondale Self Storage Ltd	Broadway Youth Club Redevelopmt	£140.00
Water Plus	Office Water	£62.96
Worcestershire County Council	Pension Contribution	£730.49
Marlowe Fire & Security	Office Fire Extinguisher Service	£62.00
Ian Savage	Activity Park Maintenance	£120.00
Christmas Lights Expenses	Peter Reading	£4,365.85
E-ON Next	Office Electricity	£74.46
Unicom	Telephone/Internet	£42.98
Desertoak Ltd	Broadway Youth Club Redevelopmt	£26,406.38
E.Sims	Publicity/Event Expenses	£85.30
Adobe Ltd	Computer Maintenance	£17.62
E-ON Next	Village Green Electricity	£68.61
K Beasley	Clerk's Salary-October	£1,527.67
L Chapman	Assistant Clerk's Salary-October	£918.40
J & P Reading	Publicity/Event Expenses	£19.88
P Valender	Planters	£64.00
The Play Inspection Company	Quarterly Activity Park Operation	£125.00
Paperstation Ltd	Stationary	£26.29
Cotswold Security Group Ltd	Office Security Maintenance	£89.00
Worcestershire County Council	Lighting Initiative Charge	£2,943.63
HP Instant Ink	Printer Charges	£7.98
Cotswold Building Supplies Ltd	Christmas Lights Expenses	£1,016.00
Cotswold Building Supplies Ltd	Christmas Lights Expenses	£62.97
Maurice Parkinson Contract Services	Mowing Contract	£890.00
Maurice Parkinson Contract Services	General Maintenance	£125.00
Maurice Parkinson Contract Services	General Maintenance	£250.00
Maurice Parkinson Contract Services	Lengthsman Scheme	£128.00
ProCom Services	Computer Maintenance	£53.32
Ian Savage	Activity Park Maintenance	£120.00
Worcestershire County Council	Pension Contribution	£730.49
PlayQuest Adventure Play Ltd	Activity Park Maintenance	£3,564.50
Wychavon District Council	Annual Bin Cleaning Charge	£275.61
Water Plus	Office Water	£24.08
Unicom	Telephone/Internet	£42.98
Cash	Christmas Lights Expenses	£67.74
E-ON Next	Office Electricity	£323.06
Ian Savage	Activity Park Maintenance	£100.00
Maurice Parkinson Contract Services	Lengthsman Scheme	£132.00
Avondale Self Storage Ltd	Broadway Youth Club Redevelopmt	£154.00
Turtle Engineering Ltd	Defibrillator	£1,000.00

ProCom Services	New Printer	£562.80
K Beasley	Clerk's Salary-November	£2,187.02
L Chapman	Assistant Clerk's Salary-November	£1,499.83
Cotswold Building Supplies Ltd	Lengthsman Scheme	£318.00
HP Instant Ink	Printer Charges	£7.98
Worcestershire County Council	Pension Contribution	£1,174.11
PWLB	Public Works Loan Repayment	£8,870.00
Ian Savage	Activity Park Maintenance	£100.00
Topps Tiles	Broadway Youth Club Redevelopmt	£327.61
E-ON Next	Office Electricity	£134.73
Unicom	Telephone/Internet	£42.98
Ian Savage	Activity Park Maintenance	£100.00
K Beasley	Clerk's Salary-December	£1,610.20
L Chapman	Assistant Clerk's Salary-December	£999.07
Desertoak Ltd	Broadway Youth Club Redevelopmt	£7,255.45
HM Revenue and Customs	PAYE	£4,327.00
Citizens Advice South Worcestershire	Annual Donation	£500.00
Signpost	Annual Donation	£1,000.00
Evesham Volunteer Centre	Annual Donation	£500.00
Royal British Legion	Donation re Poppy Wreath	£155.00
Worcestershire County Council	Lighting Maintenance	£12,525.54
Signpost	Office Cleaning	£25.00
Cash	Milk/Coffee/Sugar	£11.30
Cash	Office Supplies	£16.88

Receipts:

Lloyds Bank	Gross Interest	£71.87
Broadway United Youth Football Club	Donation re Defibrillator	£1,000.00
Signpost	Contribution to Office Electricity	£203.44
Signpost	Contribution to Office Water	£31.48
Wychavon District Council	Donation re Christmas Lights	£500.00
Lloyds Bank	Contribution to Fire Extinguisher Ser	£31.00
Oakwood Green Ltd	Donation re Defibrillator	£1,460.00
Lloyds Bank	Gross Interest	£76.07
Worcestershire County Council	Donation re Youth & Comm Centre	£7,914.00
True North Productions	Donation re Filming	£200.00
Signpost	Contribution to Office Water	£12.04
Lloyds Bank	Gross Interest	£57.47
Wychavon District Council	Grant re Section 106 for Activity Park	£3,564.50
Broadway Business Association	Donation re Poppy Wreath	£20.00

(12) To receive members updates and suggested items for future Agendas:

Councillor Miss Hardiman thanked all those involved, including Mr. Peter Reading and his lighting team, for supporting the 'Tree of Light' event on the village green, which took place on Sunday 5th December, and raised over £1,700 for 'Air Ambulance'.

Councillor Garner wished it noted how wonderful the Christmas Light display was again this year, which was unanimously agreed by all councillors, and wanted it recorded the Parish Council's thanks to Mr. Peter Reading and all the volunteers, who help ensure the lights are put up and taken down. Councillor Garner reported a metal Right of Way sign in the upper part of the High Street was eligible and in need of replacement. The Clerk would report this and ask for a replacement to be installed. Councillor Garner also asked if another VAS sign could be purchased. County Councillor Mrs. Eyre stated that funding may be available from a number of sources for such matters. The Clerk would obtain costs and availability of funding and report back to the Parish Council at its next meeting.

Councillor Mrs. Phillips reported that in her opinion the recent TV programme, which featured Broadway at Christmas, had attracted more visitors to the village. The Chair, Councillor Dr. Wilks added that in future there should be more organised and local input into such productions if possible, and that this should be addressed for further discussion within the Visitor Management Committee.

Councillor Jones remarked that one good thing to come out of the 'Sands Estate' issue regarding the poles was the increase in community spirit on the estate, and had resulted in neighbours and near neighbours communicating more and helping one another etc.

The Vice-Chair, Councillor Dr. Reading reported that a lorry carrying hay bales had clipped a tree as it drove down the High Street and had damaged a set of Christmas Lights. The Clerk added that this was an ongoing issue and that at least four or five times a year a lorry carrying hay also clipped a tree near the Lifford Hall and deposited straw on the road and path, which could result in drains etc being blocked up. It was suggested that evidence of the offending vehicle was required before any action can be taken.

The Vice-Chair, Councillor Dr. Reading also notified the Parish Council that the Christmas Lights would be taken down during the w/c 22nd January subject to weather conditions.

The Chair, Councillor Dr. Wilks highlighted all the events that had taken place in the village leading up to and over the Christmas period, which emphasized the need for more volunteers, and this needed to be looked at to find more volunteers, so that not all the same people were doing everything all the time. Councillor Dr. Wilks also stressed the need for a meeting to be arranged in May/June time to start discussing/planning the events at Christmas. 2023 had been a challenging year for the Parish Council and village in general, and Councillor Dr. Wilks suggested that the Parish Council need to be even more proactive in 2024. The Parish Council was currently two members short, with hopefully one position to be filled shortly, but that a further person was still required. There was still a need to get more members of the village to join the Parish Council committees to help with specific projects etc. and this could only help raise the profile of the Parish Council. Councillor Jones had previously mentioned 'community spirit' and Councillor Dr. Wilks was of the opinion that with more possible developments in the future, there may be more residents' associations being formed, which although sometimes challenging, this can bring the community spirit together and more engagement with the Parish Council.

(13) Public Participation Session (Members of the public are invited to address the Council it would be appreciated if any detail question be submitted in writing to the Clerk to the Council at least forty-eight hours prior to the meeting:

There being no further comments/questions from the member of the public in attendance, the Chair closed the meeting at 9.55 pm.

*Date /Time Next Meetings:
Parish Council Meeting - Thursday 21st March 2024
at Parish Council Office starting at 7.00 pm*

County Councillor Elizabeth Eyre - Report Broadway January 2024

A Happy and Healthy New Year to you all and thanks for the work you do for your community.

The New Year did not start as well as it might have, even today there are challenges from the Severn at Bewdley and Worcester. We are cleaning up several roads in the north of the County, Most closures are now open including Brook Lane, Jubilee Bridge, Eckington, Pershore Bridge and Evesham Bridge. Weather conditions or other urgent works may cause the highway works programme to change. Resources are in some cases being re-deployed as we move into the recovery phase following storm Henk.

I remind you that you can use [one.network](#) to see all live, historic and upcoming roadworks and traffic restrictions including works undertaken by utility companies or housing developers. There is also a function within the [one.network](#) mapping system that allows you to set up alerts that will email you directly with all planned roadworks and traffic restrictions in any specific area either daily, weekly or monthly. Below is a link, which you can add to Google, to a short video tutorial on how you can set up these [one. network](#) alerts.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PKzT1BEhAD8>

Budget 24-25. The budget this year is again a challenge the Local Government Provisional Settlement on the 18th of December gave us an extra £21 million (about £1.6 million less than what was already expected and announced the previous year) which leads us to a draft Budget for Cabinet tomorrow, 10th January. In summary. Any extra funding is welcomed but the recently announced rises in the National Living Wage and the major challenges with Children's Social Care placements and Home to School Travel continue.

The Council is significantly overspending in year because of demand & cost pressures around Childrens Social Care placements, Home to School Travel and Adult Social Care. Many other County and Unitary authorities across the Country are reporting these demand-led pressures in statutory services and so we have been working with similar Councils through the County Councils Network to highlight these financial challenges to Government and suggest ways in which they could be addressed by policy changes \ reform, extra

funding, or a combination. These in-year pressures show no sign of abating and therefore to set a balanced budget for 2024/25 we must address this “structural deficit” in our budget as well as make reasonable provisions for growth in demand & cost during the next financial year. The Government is actively encouraging Councils to use reserves, and we are doing so, but they can only be used once, and the ongoing financial challenge means we must act.

Our current package of £25 million of proposals and the recommendation to increase Council Tax by 2.99% plus an additional 2% for Adult Services¹ will generate a further £19 million which still leaves us with a £20 million gap which we will continue to work on between the draft and final budget in February. We will seek to do this by challenging assumptions around growth, demand and cost wherever possible and considering the further use of some reserves. We will also be seeking to explore further proposals to reform the organisation in a way that does not affect the public, enhance productivity, and review our property needs. The important task is for the Council to remain financially sustainable and continue to protect the most vulnerable people in society as well as strive to improve the economy, environment, highways, and infrastructure of the County that you rightly expect.

VAS data I have because of the PCC and a chief officer appearance at Full Council, on 11th January, asked how the police use the VAS data that parishes collect. And I have been advised that there are 69 areas where community speed watch is being carried out in Worcestershire and the police plan further sites in the future so do contact for an assessment if you have an area that would benefit from community speed watch.

The Environment Act 2021 resulted in significant new responsibilities for the protection and enhancement of the natural environment. Local Nature Recovery Strategies must agree on priorities for nature recovery, councils must prepare a local habitat map identifying the most valuable existing areas for nature (be aware for your neighbourhood plans). This map will identify specific proposals for creating or improving habitat for nature. Watch out for the important issues and options for consultation.

¹ I understand Birmingham’s increase may be 10% with half the staff reduced

Local Issues

Full Fibre from the pavement to the premises. Question re-consultation with the parish council. It is my understanding that there was no formal consultation with the parish council or residents by Full Fibre Heroes.

County Councillor - The chronology of events are as follows.

1. **April/May 2023** - The County Council sent out a briefing paper to members advising that ultra-fast full fibre would be rolling out. It made no mention of where. A FAQ sheet provided was shared with residents who attended a public meeting in St Michael's on Wednesday, July 5 6.30 pm
2. **6 June 2023** - Residents in Lifford Gardens and Sands appear to have received letters from Full Fibre Heroes stating it would be necessary to provide Ultrafast broadband via Poles. One resident of Lifford Gardens wrote to the MP who copied me into his reply.
3. **17 June 2023** MP's reply included an attachment, March 2023 - the MP had written to the DoSI Minister responsible for the rollout of Ultrafast broadband on behalf of Westacre Estate, Droitwich concerned about the use of Telegraph poles. The MP tells resident that Full Fibre Heroes must engage properly with the Lifford Garden residents. His email contained a reply from Matt Smith Full Fibre Heroes which related to Westacre but also indirectly to Broadway. It also contained comments from the Senior Project Manager, Broadband and Connectivity at WCC. Three points were clear to me in their reply to the MP.
 - Matt Smith said the legislation did not require consultation only notification of the local authority 28 days before installation, but they did write to residents to minimise surprise.
 - WCC said poles avoided drives being dug up when there were no ducts to use. The Electronic Communications Code was brought in to empower gigabit-capable telecoms infrastructure as quickly as possible. Undergrounding new estates retrospectively adds complexity – legal agreements with many landowners, logistical challenges and cost.
4. **19 June 2023** – or roundabout I requested any permit for poles be rescinded – this was done. It turned out that legally this could not be done.

5. **22 June 2023** some Sands residents came to a parish council meeting requesting cables be run alongside utility pipes, a few offered to pay for undergrounding.
6. **26th June 2023** – Appreciating the issues, I called a fact-finding meeting to look for ways to stop the poles being erected. It was clear aesthetics, and AONB (I used to be its Chairman) were being ignored due to logistics, legal complications and cost. I was allowed to use the Parish office for the meeting. Attendees were either WCC officers, WDC officers, a WDC member, myself and the clerk. No parish councillors attended this meeting. The purpose of the meeting was to understand the technology, and legislation, discuss the conservation area, AONB view and its impact on decisions, to highlight concerns. Key points from the meeting were recorded by myself.
 - 1100 homes out of 1600 already had infrastructure installed,
 - The remaining areas had no ducting – *this was a generalisation,*
 - In 2 years when copper was decommissioned, there would be no broadband services to those homes unless they had poles – *this was challenged later by a Lifford Garden resident following his research.*
 - There was no requirement to consult – *I am still not clear on this point the Minister seemed to disagree.*
 - Full Fibre suggested they had little wriggle room regarding pole positioning but would do their best – there was a route for each household to discuss and make changes.
 - I felt it was important that residents were consulted – the parish council had arranged a meeting the following Wednesday.

5 or 6 July – a public meeting was held in St Michael’s Church – Full Fibre was invited but did not attend. The two District CIs were away. Though not a Parish Councillor, I agreed to act as Chairman as I had called the June meeting. FAQ and full facts as understood at the time were shared.

Update – I understand WDC and the MP are still trying to get clarity around multiple providers. The WDC councillors should be able to clarify.

- Sands Gigaclear is working – a slight issue with work ethics seems to be resolved.

Gravels: Gravels 1993, I am still working on ways to refurbish.

The New Fire Station progressing well: Soft opening then formal opening in 2024.

Enquiry 4916 - A-boards: WCC considering the licencing procedure as the policy is not being followed by all. Policy needs constant vigilance by parish councillors and reporting to the clerk and myself.

1. Buses

Bus stop request Evesham Road, - 1893 (start of Pitchers Hill) Broadway (Coordinates: 52°03'25.7"N 1°53'12.7"W), awaiting a response.

Bus stop Sandscroft – reinstated, request for a bus shelter – SP informed 11/7 that money is there for a bus stop, and it has been surveyed, awaiting an update.

Bus stop Station Road – ‘football ground’ – safety inspection requested – should stop be there?

Enquiry 1215 a resident of Evesham Road, (start of Pitchers Hill) Broadway (Coordinates: 52°03'25.7"N 1°53'12.7"W), requests a new bus stop for herself and her neighbours in a cul de sac on the A44. Service request 1437567 This is to survey for a new bus stop at Pitchers Hill

2. Camera Issues

CCTV cameras for the Activity Park were discussed with the Fire Authority

BBA and CCTV cameras in High Street District councillors matter – Upgrade of CCTV at Wychavon – advised 2 cameras in Broadway will be included. JT to advise further.

Average speed camera for Fish Hill– unfunded, technology not there yet.

3. Drainage and sewerage

Manhole sewage leakage Keytes Lane – resolved.

Upgrading of treatment works Project 6153611 – entrance to move from Pry Lane to Childswickham Road - Aug 23 – Dec 24. Planning application in – Parish advised.

Enquiry 4152 Station Road Hollywood House, Rosewood, Baytrees - collapse in the system, further along, works will be arranged to make repairs. Awaiting dates.

Pye Corner, water on the road, watching brief.

4. Footways

Enquiry 1704 The advisory raised for this section of footway is still live and the Footway Team are considering programming this section 2024 /2025 financial year

Enquiry 2183 – dragons teeth - waterloo bridge?

Enquiry 256 - Footway A44 Wickhamford to Broadway: work in progress, Being done in tranches.

Enquiry 4402 High Street - areas where the tarmac is broken up - need reconstruction From the turning circle to the Manse on the south side, to the turning circle South side, from the hunt field to the Bindery Gallery- especially near the Museum. Requested

Enquiry 5230: Dropped Kerbs old Mill Cheltenham Road for a resident on a buggy –agreed, in-hand checking is done.

Enquiry 5474 - S106 cycling money –WCC has written to Developer to ask to reuse money on active travel priority into the village. Dropped kerb, opp 8 the Sands is too high and unsettles mobility scooters. It needs to be lowered to make it safe. Raised an advisory for our Engineers to survey and lower the dropped kerb to make it easier to use for mobility scooter users.

Work House of George – still awaiting date 22nd Jan or 5 Feb?

Gullies

Enquiry 4081 – Gully needs cleaning, gully not recorded as Kennel Lane possibly High Street – **outstanding**

Enquiry 4401 trip hazards/broken slabs on High Street Make safe repairs have been made and the High Street is monitored through routine inspections

Enquiry 2685 A44 According to our systems there are over 20 gullies plotted along A44 going south from the stone store. Three are showing as having issues caused by blocked ditches. BB will inspect the route and raise any orders as necessary if there are any other blocked gullies. He will also look into the blocked ditch issue - **outstanding**

5. Roads

Enquiry 2446 /4115 –Springfield Lane /Back Lane – blockwork not adequate to be replaced by coloured tarmac, awaiting update.

Enquiry 5118 – request to extend the yellow lines – Avenues – still no

Enquiry

FootpathsRoad Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (As Amended)

Footpath BY-633, Broadway)(Temporary Closure Order) 2023 due to sewage plant infrastructure work

6. Other

New Vehicle Crossing – dropped curve – put on Notice board early Jan

15 Jan 2024 to 18 Jan 2024, 8.00 am to 16.35, Colletts Gardens, Watch out for the Diversion

Bench on land back of spitfire – outstanding

Burial Ground – aborted discussion - closed.

Knotweed treatment, A44 - continue to monitor.

Waste - Burning of inappropriate materials on farmland – Snowhill road - watching brief.

Illegality of Biker pics – following up with PCC

Note: Dragons Teeth are £900.00 per set
Speed roundels £300.00 per pair

Cllr Emma Sims
District Council Report – January 2024

Flooding

Jeremy Teal is the Wychavon District Council, Head of Projects and Emergency Planning – I have spoken with Jeremy who would like to visit Broadway, (along with Wickhamford, Childswickham, Sedgeberrow), for a local parish flooding symposium on flood management; risk, alleviation, mitigation, surrounding local flooding issues and concerns.

WDC reported - 14 flood alerts - record rainfall for October and second highest in December - since data records from 2008.

Total rainfall for 2023 - recorded 1063mm and exceeded 1m highest in the the district for 60 years.

Significant improvements in flood alleviation is making a difference of actual flooding in the area.

Design Code

The draft Design Code is now for consultation at the District Council - Broadway made comments on this draft, for the Cotswold Edge aspect. The design code sets out to developers, house builders, architects, what is required in detail from their proposed plans before they are even submitted, guaranteeing standards are upheld and removing the uncertainty which can lead to delays in the planning process.

What is a design code?

A design code is a recipe for a place. It is a series of specifications for new developments, streets and buildings, which direct how they will look and interact with surrounding places. The approach has been to prepare four separate design code, supplementary planning documents, SPDs, based on the character areas identified. Broadway falls into Cotswold Edge

The design code focuses primarily on new residential developments, but also considers civic and commercial buildings. There may be occasions where it applies to existing areas of development such as infill, residential development or regeneration of commercial buildings, streets, or public spaces, but the intent is to set standards for new developments.

Trees

Craig Wood – Wychavon and Heart of England

Parish Council has been successful in its bid for a grant for trees in the village, specifically, the recreation area and both schools – this was an award from WDC - The Platinum Jubilee, Queen’s Canopy.

The PC has been granted 1000 trees to be planted over the next few years.

These are native saplings. There are eight fruit trees also.

The plan is to plant initially 200, in the recreation ground (at the bottom end) – Andrew Wood, Parish Council’s arborist has this in place with guidance from Heart of England.

PC will be speaking with schools this year.

Town Centres Panel

1. Discussion on car parking and enforcement – a strategic subgroup is likely to be formed to look at the issues. The last car parking review (including charges) took place over six years ago via the O&S committee.
2. Agreed that the retail offer combined with the leisure offer, must be a draw to bring footfall to centres.
3. Regular local produce markets are being developed by Pershore as an incentive to drive footfall into the town centre – strictly utilising the local businesses/products.

4. Shop frontages are of vital importance to the attraction of visitors – this was a point raised following a survey with Evesham businesses via the Evesham Place Board.
5. Encourage positive nighttime economy, with safety being of high importance.
6. The right attractions to encourage visitors.

Economic impact of Tourism.

Data Source: The Research Solution – commissioned by WDC.

Area wide – Pre-COVID (2019 study), the district's total tourism value = £195m. The latest figures (2022) show the recovery up to £171m

Pre-COVID (2019) – c.4m day trip visitors . The latest figures (2022) show the recovery up to c. 3.5m

Staycations are low overall in District

2022 data reports – 22% increase in visitors year-on-year.

Housing Need Survey - HNS

Cllr Dominique Hardiman, (Chair of Wellbeing Committee), has asked if WDC Housing Team will come to BPC, to discuss whether the parish should undertake a HNS.

Housing Need Surveys are undertaken to identify whether housing is required to support the local needs of a parish, and the type and mix of housing that may be appropriate to meet these needs.

The housing team will come out to the parish and explain to councillors, the pros and cons of having a HNS.

The actual survey is free as it is undertaken by WDC. It is unbiased. The last HNS undertaken was prior to the Neighbourhood Development Plan in 2016.

District Councillor Emma Kearsley's Report – January 2024

Happy new year!

I was looking forward to be with you all this evening but unfortunately I find myself somewhat under the weather so please accept my apologies and see below what I would like to cover with you.

Design Code

You will recall sometime ago residents were asked for their feedback on what they loved and what they really didn't like in terms of design, where you live. From that, WDC commissioned a proactive project with Create Streets, who have created four design codes for four different areas of Wychavon.

It's that you are now asked to comment on, to check it's what you wanted for your area. Once adopted the design code and it is a code not a guide, will be applied with all planning applications and new development.

I am chairing a workshop next week which Broadway Trust have registered to attend.

Neighbourhood Development Plans

Just before Christmas came some very welcome news in change in planning legislation by the Government. This strengthens the position of NDPs yet further to afford them the protections when the local authority do not have a housing land supply to five years.

WDC Promises

The four year promises for Wychavon are being worked on and formulated. I'm pleased to say my vision of having the majority of the district covered by a NP will be included in a specific promise.

What this means to Broadway is when BNP is reviewed an agreed level of support will be provided.

Poles

Despite all the extensive time and effort spent by all levels at WDC, officers and members, finding that the local planning authority is utterly powerless in these circumstances, I looked in to what could be done about this and had a motion brought to Council.

This motion called upon myself as the portfolio holder for planning to lobby the government to agree a change in the Telecommunications Code. A change that will still achieve the fast internet everyone wants but not at the expense of unnecessary poles, when underground cabling is available or can be available but not shared for commercial gain. All this requires is to change three words "where reasonably possible" for one word "mandatory".

The motion received unanimous support for which I immediately enlisted the help of the local government association. I wrote to the three MPs representing Wychavon.

The up to date position is that our MPs have contacted the Secretary of State firstly putting this solution and we await the initial response.

If not remedied at this stage parliamentary questions will be brought and a request for a debate in the house. I have had it confirmed that the change could be made with relative ease.

I will of course keep you up to date. In the meantime if you would like to watch the debate it can be viewed on YouTube Wychavon.

Milestone Ground/ Station Road

I'm aware based on an email I received from Cllr Robinson that a recent communication may have led to some confusion.

To clarify, the situation remains unchanged with regards to this land. What WDC have done is made the decision to commission and pay for the survey work as WDC as the landowner. This is a positive decision which I fully supported as it gives WDC full control of not only the cost but also the content of the reports. I hope this clarifies this point but if you have any queries just let me know.

As always any queries, questions or concerns please feel free to get in touch.