

**MINUTES**  
**of PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**held at 5 Russell Square, High Street, Broadway**  
**on Thursday, 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2020,, at 7.00 pm**

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**PRESENT:** Councillors B. M. Parmenter (Chairman), D. W. Folkes, G. J. Franks, Miss D. Hardiman, F Hartley, A.A.L.Holmes, G.G.Love, F. L. Penny, Mrs. F.E.A.Phillips, A.P.Riley, Mrs.R.V.Rogers, District Councillor N.D.A.Robinson (Vice-Chairman), Dr. L. Wilks

Also in Attendance: County & District Councillor Mrs. E. Eyre,  
West Mercia Police

Prior to the commencement of the meeting the Chairman thanked all councillors for their best wishes received following his recent illness.

- (1) **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** Mr. Goldsmith (Broadway Trust)
- (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:**

The Clerk reminded councillors of the forthcoming Crime Prevention event being run by West Mercia Police to help protect both business and home premises, on Thursday, 30<sup>th</sup> January, at the Lygon Arms Hotel, between 5.00 and 8.00 pm and encouraged them all to attend.

PC Kirsti Tinsley (Local Policing Team) and Mr. Mick Simpson (Rural and Business Crime Officer for South Worcestershire) attended the Parish Council meeting on behalf of West Mercia Police, and PC Tinsley reported that since the start of the year the following crimes had been reported: - multiple domestic incidents involving both resident and neighbour disputes, one theft from a vehicle, and one theft from a shop.

The Clerk reported that since the last meeting, and on the advice of PC Tinsley, he had contacted the Clerk at Badsey, also the Clerk for Wickhamford, regarding Smartwater who reported that the roll-out of Smartwater to Wickhamford had gone well with all properties in the village (approx. three hundred properties) joining the scheme, but in Badsey, due to the increased number of properties (approx. sixteen hundred properties) the take-up had not been so high, and the Parish Council had only purchased Smartwater in lots of two hundred rather than for the whole of the village. The Clerk at Badsey advised that this was possibly the best

option for Broadway to follow, but emphasised the need to fully explain what Smartwater actually was and its benefits to residents. After discussion, it was agreed that the upcoming event on 30<sup>th</sup> January be used as an indicator as to residents' wishes regarding Smartwater, and also that there was a need to obtain figures from other areas, especially Wickhamford, as to the effect on crime figures following the introduction of Smartwater, before any decision was taken. It was also agreed that setting up a Neighbourhood Watch scheme could be further discussed at the event on 30<sup>th</sup> January. PC Tinsley stated that in her opinion having both Smartwater and Neighbourhood Watch schemes up and running was a good way to deter crime within an area.

Mr. Simpson reported that he had met with the business community on a number of occasions to discuss security/protection of their business premises, including the CCTV facilities within the village and those within individual businesses and how these facilities could be made to better work through liaison between the District Council, the Police, and local businesses.

The Chairman thanked both PC Tinsley and Mr. Simpson for updating the Council and again encouraged all councillors to attend the event on 30<sup>th</sup> January.

(4) **BROADWAY COMMUNITY AWARD 2019:**

As announced at the last meeting, the winner of the 2019 Community Award was Mr. Peter Reading, the organiser of the Christmas lights, and the Chairman presented Mr. Reading with a cheque in the sum of £100 which he would donate to Broadway Youth Club. His name had been added to the Community Award board displayed in the Lifford Hall. Mr. Reading thanked councillors for the award and said he felt very humbled to receive it, but emphasised that it was a team effort for which all the volunteers should be equally thanked. Mr. Reading asked councillors that if they, or if they knew of anyone who could help with the Christmas Lights to contact him or the Clerk. Councillor Holmes, the Parish Council's representative on the Youth Club committee, thanked Mr. Reading for the donation on its behalf.

(5) **MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 05:12:19**

Proposed by Councillor Miss Hardiman, seconded by Councillor Folkes, the minutes of the meeting held on 5th December 2019 were unanimously approved by those present, and duly signed and dated as a true record.

(6) **COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORTS:**

Copies of both reports had been circulated to all councillors, and copies were attached to these minutes.

**District Councillor Robinson's Report:**

District Councillor Robinson confirmed that he had arranged a meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> February with representatives from both the District Council and Rooftop Housing Group to discuss his and residents' concerns regarding the poor state of the properties and surrounding areas at **Shear House**, Leamington Road, and thanked the Parish Council for its letter of support forwarded to both parties highlighting these concerns.

Councillor Robinson also highlighted the item in relation to **Pre-Planning Advice** and read out a reply he had received regarding this matter and issues he raised as follows – "from officer's point of view the District Council provide pre-application advice because it wished to influence the development before the submission of the formal planning application to iron out any obvious problems. Given that there is a presumption in favour of development the majority of schemes are approved or if there are objections to any scheme the applicant is advised and if there is subjective judgement an opinion will be given to try to improve the scheme". The issues raised by Councillors Robinson and Love was that the Parish Council, Broadway Trust,

and local residents, were not privy to this information, and the applicant, in most cases, was of the opinion that the application would be approved, only to find that when the formal application was submitted to the Parish Council and other interested parties that there could be objections based upon planning policies, and it was felt that this was an unsatisfactory process. Councillor Mrs. Eyre added that if there was a major application the Parish Council was notified in such cases, and stated that she would encourage any developer of such schemes to hold a public meeting before it went to planning. If the Parish Council objected to such an application and the developer felt that it had been given the go ahead by the District Council officers, the application could be referred to the District Council Planning Committee to decide, and they could overrule the officers' recommendation.

Councillor Love referred to the item in relation to the work undertaken by Severn Trent near to the village green which had been undertaken without the permission of the Broadway Trust who own the land concerned, and assured the Parish Council that after consultation with Severn Trent the matter would be rectified, and the damage to the area made good.

**County/District Councillor Mrs. Eyre's Report:**

In response to a question regarding A Boards from Councillor Love, Councillor Mrs. Eyre confirmed that A Boards are temporary signs and the County Council would undertake regular checks and would remove any non-compliant signs.

Councillor Franks asked Councillor Mrs. Eyre for an update regarding the provision of a cycleway linked to the Spitfire/Highworth Development. Councillor Mrs. Eyre reported that no work had started, no funding had been spent on the proposal and having sought the views of the Parish Council and the Gordon Russell Residents Association, was endeavouring to halt the scheme on legal/safety reasons.

Councillor Mrs. Eyre's report contained reference to Section 106 monies allocated through legal agreements and included monies available to the community projects. The Chairman confirmed that the Parish Council would be meeting with officers from the District Council in early February to fully understand the allocation and spending of Section 106 monies, and would be reporting back accordingly. Councillor Mrs. Eyre confirmed that she was currently checking up on how the County Council section of the funding was being spent.

Councillor Mrs. Eyre updated the Council regarding the Minerals Local Plan and confirmed that following the call for sites it appeared that there are no allocated sites within the Broadway area.

Councillor Mrs. Eyre also reminded the Parish Council of the need to meet representatives from the Spitfire/Highworth Development to discuss the orchard/play area at the back of the development to try to resolve the issues previously raised.

There being no further questions, the Chairman thanked both councillors for their reports/updates.

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

A revised Code of Conduct had been issued, and a copy circulated to all councillors. It was recommended by Worcestershire CALC that this be adopted, and it was proposed by Councillor Holmes, seconded by Councillor Hartley, and unanimously agreed, that this recommendation be adopted.

Worcestershire County Council Spring Parish Conference would take place at County Hall, Worcester, on Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> March, and officers would be available from 5.30 pm to discuss various projects and initiatives across the Council, with the conference itself commencing at 6.30 pm in the Council Chamber. Any councillors interested in attending were asked to contact the Clerk to reserve a place.

The County Council Budget Briefing Event would take place at County Hall, Worcester, on Wednesday, 29<sup>th</sup> January, commencing at 6.30 pm. Anyone interested in attending was asked to notify the Clerk.

The District Council had announced that the winner of the Wychavon Village of Culture 2020 competition was White Ladies Aston, with Broadway and Cleve Prior declared joint runners up. Broadway was awarded £1,000.00 towards its cultural programme.

The latest issue of the Gloucestershire Warwickshire Steam Railway Newsletter had been circulated to all councillors and additional copies were available within the Parish Office and on GWSR's website.

A meeting had been arranged to discuss Section 106 monies with officers from the District Council on Tuesday, 4<sup>th</sup> February, at the Civic Centre, Pershore, commencing at 3.00 pm.

A resident of Broadway had requested for a tree to be planted on the village green in memory of her late husband, and was willing to cover any costs. The Clerk suggested that a tree was needed to replace the former Tree of Light on the village green near to the Broadway Hotel. Councillors were agreeable to this suggestion and asked the Clerk to notify the resident accordingly, and thank her for the very kind offer.

The lengthsman, as instructed, had undertaken the cleaning and maintenance work of many of the signs within the village, and had also cleared and tidied the former shelter in Snowhill Road.

The District Council had announced its 2020 Community Grant Scheme, and £50,000 was available to voluntary and charitable groups. The main focus this year was on creative communities placing an understanding of creativity and culture at the centre of community development. Application packs and further details were available on the Wychavon website, and anyone wishing to apply would need to attend one of the briefing events being held on the 4<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> February, and the 10<sup>th</sup> March.

The latest Activity Park Quarterly Inspection Report had been received and there were some matters which required attention. A copy of the report had been forwarded to Mr. John Hankinson/maintenance team for the required actions/works to be undertaken.

(8) **SETTING OF PRECEPT AND BUDGET 2020/2021:**

The Finance Working Group met on Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> January, in the Parish Office when the Clerk, as Responsible Finance Officer, produced the three quarter year financial accounts to the 31<sup>st</sup> December 2019, together with the proposed budget figures for 2020/2021 copies of which had been circulated to all councillors. The accounts and budgets were fully explained by the Clerk and discussed. The Group would like to recommend the approval of the budget for 2020/2021 and the setting of the precept at £91,500 which was a £1,500 increase on last year. Both recommendations were proposed by Councillor Miss Hardiman, seconded by Councillor Holmes, and unanimously agreed.

(9) **REPORTS FROM VARIOUS GROUPS AND COMMITTEES:**

**Finance Working Group**

A meeting was held on Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> January, at the Parish Office, at which the following items were discussed in addition to those already reported under Item (8).

Broadway Arts Festival had previously received support from the Parish Council for its Biennial event and had requested funding towards the Children and Family Day on Saturday, 4<sup>th</sup> June, at this year's event. After discussion, the Finance Working Group would like to recommend that a donation of £1,000 be made. This recommendation was proposed by Councillor Hartley, seconded by Councillor Franks, and unanimously agreed.

A request had been received from the Nomad Community Bus Committee asking if the Parish Council could help support the ongoing running costs of this project, and after discussion the Finance Working Group would like to recommend that an annual grant of £1,500 be awarded for the next three years, subject to annual review. This recommendation was proposed by Councillor Holmes, seconded by Councillor Franks, and unanimously agreed.

**Neighbourhood Plan:**

Councillor Franks confirmed that the latest draft (version 8) was now ready to be sent to our consultants, Avon Planning Services, for its final health check, before it is finalised and then sent to be checked by the District Council in readiness for the next stage - Regulation 14 Consultation. Councillor Franks confirmed that the next plan was to present it to the Parish Council for its endorsement, and it was hoped to arrange this for late February/early March. Both schools were undertaking school projects involving the Neighbourhood Plan based around the past, present and future of the village. It was also planned to repeat the exhibition held last year at the Lifford Hall, at the Youth Club in March/April. Councillor Franks updated the Council regarding the costs etc. and confirmed that the expenditure was still within budget having spent approximately £26k to date, and had received an estimated cost from our consultants for the next stage of £3k to £4k and the Steering Group was applying for additional funding from Locality and also a Lottery Grant to ensure sufficient funding was available.

Councillor Franks emphasised the enormity of the task to undertake and complete this project, and thanked all members of the Steering Committee and the consultants for all their hard work and commitment, and added that in his opinion throughout this project the profile of the Parish Council had been greatly enhanced. The Clerk added that it was very encouraging, at the last Steering Group meeting to see a copy of the draft plan and the culmination of all the work actually in print. The Chairman reiterated Councillor Frank's thanks and also thanked him for his leadership of the project.

**(10) PLANNING:**

The Clerk confirmed that the Parish Council's response to the SWDP Review had been submitted by the required deadline, and copies of the response were available at the Parish Office on request.

Councillor Love notified the Council that the Broadway Trust had made a complaint to the District Council on the grounds that it was not notified of the Planning Appeal in relation to 21 The Green and subsequently missed the cut-off date. The Trust had concerns because the area of land allocated as a materials storage area next to the War Memorial is owned by the Trust who should, therefore, have been consulted.

Councillor Love also asked if there was any update from Enforcement regarding the extra car parking at the end of Kennel Lane, as the number of parking spaces now being provided exceeded the amount within the approved planning application. In reply, the Clerk reported that no response had yet been received and would chase the matter up and report back accordingly.

**Parish Council comments:**

**MEETING: 09:12:19**

Application 19/02482/HP

**MS A MORRIS**

Boughs Cottage, 23 Church Street

Erection of single storey rear extension

The Parish Council raised no objections to this application

- Application 19/02493/LB & associated ref: 19/02492/HP  
**MR. L. TANKARD**  
 St. Michael's Cottage, 19-21 Church Street  
 Two storey rear extension  
 The Parish Council raised no objections to this application
- Application 19/02593/FUL  
**EDEN STOW PROPERTIES LIMITED**  
 Agricultural plots 5 and 15, Milestone Ground, Childswickham Road  
 Proposed medical centre with onsite parking, cycle and refuse storage and new access on to Station Road – (variation of Conditions 4 and 16 to reference 18/02689/FUL)  
 The Parish Council raised no objections to this application, but we are assuming that mature trees/bushes will be planted along Station Road.
- MEETING: 06:01:20**
- Application 19/02132/HP  
**MR & MRS. S. HALBERT**  
 The Fairway, Lower Green  
 Demolition of old garage and build new garage  
 The Parish Council raised no objections to this application apart from the removal of the mature tree which is close to the new garage, but would ask that a condition be included which requires that a replacement mature tree be planted in a more appropriate position.
- Application 19/02596/FUL  
**MR. R. DUDLEY**  
 39B Kennel Lane  
 Erection of single storey infill lock up shop between 39B and 39C High Street. Extension to 39B High Street and replacement roof to 39C High Street  
 The Parish Council raised no objections to this application
- Application 19/02375/LB  
**MRS. K. GREEN**  
 85 High Street  
 Replacement windows to front elevation  
 The Parish Council raised no objections to this application
- Application 19/02738/HP  
**MRS. J. HUDSON**  
 20 Lifford Gardens  
 Rear extension and porch  
 The Parish Council raised no objections to this application
- Application 19/02736/FUL  
**GLEN FARROW UK LIMITED,**  
 Hayway Farm, Collin Lane  
 Retrospective placement of Glen Farrow UK Ltd GF295 Biomass Boiler  
 The Parish Council raised no objections to this application
- Wychavon Approvals:**
- Application 19/02293/ADV  
**BUDGENS STORE**, 16 Russell Square, High Street  
 Various shop and car park signs
- Application 19/02344/HP  
**MR.A.RAWCLIFFE**, 9 Leamington Road  
 Porch and side extension - retrospective
- Application 19/02333/HP  
**MR. & MRS. TONGUE**, 14 Cheltenham Road  
 Two storey side extension
- Application 19/02326/HP  
**MR. WHEELER**, Springfield Farmhouse, Springfield Lane  
 Rear extensions to dwelling and internal alterations. Demolition of existing garage. Erection of new garage/storage building
- Application 19/02255/HP  
**MR. G. THOMPSON**, 47 Bibsworth Avenue  
 Proposed side and rear extension
- Application 19/02420/FUL  
**EURO CAR PARKS TD.**, The Swan, 2 The Green  
 Erection of 1 x 4m high column with Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) Camera – retrospective

Applications 19/02492/HP and 19/02493/LB      **MR. L. TANKARD**, St. Michael's Cottage, 19-21 Church Street  
 Two storey rear extension  
 Application 19/02482/HP      **MS A. MORRIS**, Boughs Cottage, 23 Church Street  
 Erection of single storey rear extension

**Wychavon Refusal:**

Application 19/02354/FUL      **HABITAS (WORCESTER) LTD.**,  
 Land next to Boxgrove and rear of Two Jays, Station Road  
 Construction of one detached dwelling

**(11) SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS/RECEIPTS: from 01:11:19 to 31:12:19**

<i>Payments:</i>	verified by the Clerk together with two nominated signatories	<i>net of VAT</i>
Cash / milk, coffee, sugar		8.28
Cash / postage		42.42
Worcestershire County Council / pension contribution		561.32
Unicom / telephone / internet		94.06
Unicom / office electricity		72.89
Colwyn Thomas / activity park maintenance		271.25
Grassroots Garden Service / activity park maintenance		135.00
Avon Planning Services / neighbourhood plan		690.00
E-ON / village green electricity		8.33
Cotswold Building Supplies / activity park maintenance		1,151.50
Cotswold Building Supplies / Christmas lights grant		747.94
Abbey Forestry / tree maintenance		250.00
Charli Peake Design Consultants / newsletter expenses		190.00
Yvonne Bostock / office cleaning		26.50
Maurice Parkinson Contracts /village gates		100.00
Maurice Parkinson Contracts / lengthsman scheme		112.00
Maurice Parkinson Contracts / mowing contract		375.00
Maurice Parkinson Contracts / general maintenance		25.00
The Play Inspection Company / annual activity park inspection		125.00
Marlowe Fire and Security / office fire extinguisher servicing		64.75
Marlowe Fire and Security / office fire extinguisher service		127.83
RJ Agricultural Services / millennium garden		100.00
Proludic Limited/ activity park maintenance		2,240.05
K. Beasley / clerk's salary – November		1,356.44
G. A. Tomkins / assistant clerk's salary – November		509.20
Paperstation Limited / stationery		18.45
Worcestershire County Council / pension contribution		561.32
Unicom / telephone / internet		88.86
Unicom / office electricity		83.16
E-ON / village green electricity		21.20
Cotswold Building Supplies / Christmas lights grant		14.37
Vale Press Limited / newsletter expenses		160.00
Water Plus / office water		45.56
Maurice Parkinson Contracts / lengthsman scheme		32.00
Signpost / annual donation		1,000.00
Broadway Tourist Information / annual donation		500.00
Broadway Communications / annual donation		500.00
Evesham Volunteer Centre/ annual donation		1,000.00

Citizens' Advice South Worcestershire / annual donation	500.00
K. Beasley / clerk's salary – December	1,356.44
G. A. Tomkins / assistant clerk's salary – December	442.00
H.M. Revenue & Customs / PAYE	1,189.40
Grassroots Garden Services / activity park maintenance	120.00
Justice Fire & Security / office security maintenance	158.97

*Receipts:*

Lloyds Bank / gross interest	4.61
Lloyds Bank / gross interest	3.50
Wychavon District Council / Christmas lights grant	500.00
Worcestershire County Council / lengthsman scheme	112.00
Signpost / contribution to office electricity	31.10
Signpost / contribution to fire equipment	133.51

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

Councillor Miss Hardiman notified the Council of damage to several grassed areas in Station Road and Leamington Road caused by vehicles using the verges for parking. The Chairman advised councillors that it was understood that any damage to the verges in Station Road caused by the ongoing building work, under the condition of the approved application, would be reinstated when the work was completed. The damage to the verges in Leamington Road, owned by the County Council, had been reported to the Highways Liaison Officer and the Clerk would report back accordingly. Councillor Miss Hardiman also reported that the grassed area at the entrance to Wells Gardens was also being damaged by vehicles cutting the corner and was also being used for parking. Councillor Love added that similar damage was being caused to the grassed area outside 'Four Corners' in the High Street, where vehicles were again cutting the corner when using the gravels to drive back onto the High Street. The Clerk would report both these matters to Highways. Councillor Love suggested that the Council consider using the same approach as Moreton-in-Marsh, and place large Cotswold stones on the grass verges to stop any such damage. The Clerk would follow up this suggestion with Highways and report back accordingly. Councillor Franks added that evidence collected while undertaking the Neighbourhood Plan showed the importance of protecting the grass verges.

Councillor Franks suggested that following the kind donation of funding towards a replacement tree for the village green, there was a need to have a Tree Committee meeting. The Clerk would contact Mr. Andrew Woods, the Parish Tree consultant, and the Chair of the Tree Committee, to arrange a meeting.

Councillor Love reported that the Broadway Trust had a number of concerns regarding the insurance of the village green. The Clerk replied that he was checking the concerns raised and would contact the Trust accordingly to try to resolve the issues raised.

Councillor Holmes raised concerns regarding the ongoing issue of the lights within the new Station Road car park, in particular the length of time the lights remain on at night time, as at the moment all seventeen lights were on from 4.00 pm until 10.00 pm. Councillor Holmes was of the opinion that this was a complete waste of public money and should be addressed, and had discussed this matter with Mr. Martyn Cross from the District Council, and it was suggested that the Parish Council send a recommendation to the District Council asking for the timing to be changed. After discussion, it was agreed that the Clerk write to Mr. Cross asking that during the winter time the lights be switched off at 5.00 pm, and during the summer time switched off completely. It was also suggested that there was no need for all of the lights to be on once the GWSR Station closed. The Clerk would write, as instructed, and report back accordingly. There would, however, need to be some exceptions such as the Late Night



Shopping Events, and also some liaison with GWSR when additional or later trains for special events were being held during the year.

There being no further items from councillors the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.20 pm, and opened the PUBLIC INFORMATION SESSION:

Mr. Alan Valender, Chairman of the Russell Management Company who look after the concerns of residents of Russell Square and Gordon Close, highlighted the worries of the residents regarding the previously mentioned proposed cycleway, which would enter Gordon Close between numbers 40 and 42 via a set of steps and then through another pathway into Walnut Close. Mr. Valender stated that the Management Company would strongly object to this proposal as it owned the land on which the current footpath is situated, and would object to any request to change it to a cycleway. It would also object to the proposal on safety concerns with the proximity of the cycleway to a number of the properties in Gordon Close. Councillor Mrs. Eyre reported that she was meeting a County Council officer to highlight the concerns of the Parish Council and local residents to hopefully stop this proposal. Mr. Valender thanked both Councillor Mrs. Eyre and the Parish Council for their support.

Mr. Andrew Meyrick, a resident of Parker Place in Broadway, who moved to the village last year, wished to raise some security and safety concerns/suggestions – (a) that there be warning signs at the entrance/exit area for both vehicles entering/exiting Kennel Lane, and for pedestrians crossing the entrance/exit area; (b) that a path be installed on the banked area near to the slide in the Activity Park as the grassed bank was slippery when the grass was wet; (c) that the mini roundabout at the junction of Leamington Road and the High Street does not allow enough space for vehicles to turn safely; and (d) that there should be more 30 mph signs on Leamington Road to highlight the speed limit on this busy road. The Clerk would investigate these matters and report back accordingly. Mr. Meyrick was also interested in helping with the proposed Neighbourhood Watch scheme, and the Clerk would contact him accordingly when more information was available following the Crime Prevention event.

A Broadway resident, who had helped at Broadway Pilots which had now unfortunately closed due to the retirement of its leaders, wished to talk to the Parish Council about setting up a group of volunteers to undertake youth activities at various locations in the village. The resident would like to set up a project whereby a cross section of the community could work together to form a group of volunteers. The group could obtain the legally required clearances for each individual and help to organise youth activities etc. at various locations around the village such as the URC, Youth Club, Lifford Hall etc. as and when required. Councillor Holmes said that the Youth Club had advertised for volunteers to help run the Youth Club, but very few people had come forward, and he asked the resident if she was aware if volunteers for her proposed project were available. In reply, the resident said she already had indications that approximately thirty people were willingly to come forward to volunteer for such a scheme which would mean that each individual would not have to commit to be available every week. An example of such an event took place at Willersey where a group hired the village hall, set up a train track, told a story, and had drinks/cakes, all for a small charge to cover costs, and over ninety children turned up and had a great time. The closing down of Broadway Pilots was a great loss as children from all walks of life, who would not necessarily meet each other under normal circumstances, could play together and go home friends, which could only benefit the whole community. The Parish Council was very supportive and greatly enthused by the principal of the idea, and after discussion it was suggested that the resident meet with the Youth Club to try and work out a way forward so that this project could be part of the Youth Club set-up. The Parish Council had for a number of years awarded an annual grant to both the Broadway Pilots and Broadway Youth Activities, so once this project was set up it could apply

for such a grant. Councillor Franks said that part of the aspiration of the Neighbourhood Plan was to set up a "village volunteer hub" and, along with various other organisation such as Signpost and the Nomad Community Bus, this group together with the Youth Club could form the youth section of this hub. The resident thanked everyone for their input, and thought the volunteer hub was a great aspiration, but she needed her project to be up and running as soon as possible. She thanked the Youth Club for it offer of support and would arrange to meet its committee.

The Chairman finally closed the meeting at 9.00 pm

*Date /Time Next Meeting: March 19<sup>th</sup> (followed by Annual Parish Meeting at 800 pm)*

**Broadway Parish Meeting January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2019  
REPORT Cllr ELIZABETH EYRE COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLOR**

**COUNTY /DISTRICT ISSUES**

Budget 2020 – the provisional local government finance settlement for 2020/21 holds few surprises as it is based on the Government's technical consultation published in October 2019. The settlement for 2020/21 is effectively a one-year extension to the previous four-year settlement 2016/17 to 2019/20.

We are still none the wiser regarding the Fair Funding review and reforms to Business Rates retention which will need to be finalised before the settlement for 2021/22.

**Wychavon**, The Council Tax referendum principles for district councils will be 2 per cent or £5, whichever is the higher. The 2020/21 revenue position is approximately £42,000 better off than that reported to the November Executive Board due to:

changes to the assumed business rates baseline

changes to the Rural Services Delivery Grant which continues in 2020/21

(£55,000 for WDC)

New Homes Bonus (including the affordable housing premium) for Year 10 will be £1.5m and total payments (including legacy payments) in 2020/21 will be £4.7m. Warnings about the future of New Homes Bonus continue. There are no legacy payments accompanying the Year 10 New Homes Bonus, as we know. The Government has said that it wants to move to a more targeted approach which is aligned with other measures around planning performance. Whether there is a phasing out of legacy payments naturally or a complete cut-off at the end of 2020/21 will be an important issue to keep an eye on over the coming months. The Government will consult on the replacement for New Homes Bonus in the Spring.

**Worcestershire** This Year's County Council's budget, announced on the 20<sup>th</sup> December, reflects the extra income flowing in to the County due to additional housing and Worcestershire's robust economy. How it is spent reflects the views of resident's views expressed at the many is years' County road shows.

Resident's priorities are highways - increased money for roads, footways, bus subsidies and to reduce the all-important issue of congestion. A million pounds will be directed to assist flood mitigation, a current topical issue.

The Budget also allocates funds to upgrade street lighting to assist in reducing our energy needs. This and our bold 100,000 tree planting programme, involving communities and schools, outlined in the papers will help mitigate the impact of the climate change, a matter of deep concern to the public. Hopefully our tree planting programme will encourage others to follow suit with their own tree planting programmes.

Funds are rightly allocated to assist the most vulnerable in our society this does mean an extra a £1 a week on Band D properties but still Worcestershire remains one of the lowest Council Tax in the Country. Nowadays 81% of our budget now comes from the council tax

payers of Worcestershire. This makes it much easier to prioritise funds to reflect our ambition for Worcestershire and our people as identified by the people at our road shows.

The public have been clear, the priorities and challenges are clear – children's and adult social care. In Adult Social Care, we are encouraged that after the Queen's speech a long-term funding social care solution is being sought. We have great demand pressures in this area. For the first time this year costs are outpacing the older people's budget. Our demographics are changing, as laid out on page 26 of the Cabinet papers, where we identify how we will deal with them.

Finally post the success of our Parkway, to open this month, 300k is allocated to a task force to assist with a minor rail revolution through the duelling of two sections of the Cotswold line will make an additional step change.

Passenger Transport Strategy, behind the £30 million budget, will result in a slight bus subsidy increase of 200k.

We have 21 libraries, and offer digital services, our strategy is that no libraries should close, digital services should increase, and community use is to be encouraged with the help of County Council partners. The Cabinet papers celebrated the number of volunteers that support this service. It would be good for residents to get behind the volunteers and take advantage even more of our library offers. Libraries are just one way of supporting mental health and our 'Active Minds' work

#### **Ongoing areas of work**

1. **Flying meeting with Robert Deri meeting – date delayed due to elections 12/12 to be rearranged to discuss:**
  - winter maintenance rota.
  - Longdon Hill and Bypass flying
  - Missing length near accident site Fish Hill
  - Blade sharpness
  - Other County approaches
  - Discuss Escape Lane material and weeding
2. **Crossing Leamington Road** – meeting cancelled by Headteachers - new dates offered 28<sup>th</sup> chasing response.
3. **Spitfire Track from the gate to the Leamington Road** – requested update from PC on the number of residents requesting Rights of Way Team add ROW as historic usage.
4. **A board Policy** in place, enforcement note outstanding, VMG proposal for other signage.
5. **Fish Hill** – 2<sup>nd</sup> December the A44 Broadway was closed between Willersey Road (? Broadway Road) and Leamington Road because of a road traffic accident. Fish Hill closed. I have requested accident stats for Fish Hill last 5 years.
6. **S106 funding update**

**Legal agreement 2013 W13/00680/PN which was modified by the appeal inspector in 2015.**

- a. 29k provide/maintain/enhance public open space in the vicinity – apple trees/ improved paths. Issues –holly hedge on actual ROW – a ROW has a variance met with Countryside Service this change is in line with variance. The actual ROW is across the grass near the fence, their paths are to one side. Play area was never required. Requested PC sets up meeting with Spitfire to discuss removal.
- b. Off-site built sport 79k was for Evesham Sport Hub
- c. Off-site formal sport 127.5k PC or local community can apply for money
  - 8.7k and 67k – football –part of next year's developments if club moves?
  - 41.8k Cycle routes – Sch 2 - I have chased up who is working on this and asked for a meeting with the parish council
  - 62.5k Money for Library/community building – not allowed by inspector at appeal.
  - 20k Bus stop improvements – Sandcroft Area - chasing this with WCC
  - Recycling £4,2k
  - Schools £429,200 I understand shared between St Mary's and Broadway First. Following up on the actual spend.

**Legal Agreement Shear House W/09/01605/PN– letter to PC 8/8/2019** (*Public Open Space* £29,527.63) PC or local community can apply for £29.5k

**Legal Agreement Land Adjacent to Springfield Cottage Springfield Lane – letter to PC 8/8/2019** *Off site-built Sport* £5,217.93 *k – cricket club request for girls changing rooms is with Wychavon, Off site Formal Sport* £8,711.92, *Off site Open Space* £4,525.07. PC or local community can apply for 13.2k

Communications with community needed

- 7. **Car in archway High Street** PC should write formally to Broadway Luxury.
- 8. **Cheltenham Road speed issues**
  - o PC to cut back of vegetation near 30mph signs?
  - o painting white lines junction with West End outstanding?
- 9. **Youth Club** awaiting outcome of legacy application
- 10. **West End Lane, Bund Site** – Recent Nov /Dec flooding prevented – no houses flooded
- 11. **Luggers Lane safety issue** – Private case – awaiting outcome
- 12. **Collin Lane speeding** 60mph rural road in both counties but drivers do not drive according to highway code (design and conditions) Recent accident /crash across the border into Willersey outside Kiora. resulting in a closure for around 2 hours. Previously accident just passed Gorsehill farm on corner. Requested Gloucestershire and West Mercia stats re accidents in the last three years, speed count as initial step. Seems to be 'rat running' lane. 40-50mph probably not enforceable though road between Weston Sub

Edge and Mickleton in a very similar rural location is 40-50. Query if reducing speed via dragon's teeth road marking?

**13. Snowhill Road**

- o lengthman siding out plan requested from clerk.
- o Additional roundel ordered – outstanding?
- o Gully to be moved but considerably improved situation per residents.

**14. Sands, Bloxham, Morris Road** – public meeting, Morris Road, Averill Close, Mills Close, Bloxham Road, Sands Close, Broadway - Proposed Prohibition of Waiting 'At Any Time' advertisement going out – anticipate July-Sept.

**15. WCC funds £1,950 for Cotswold Wardens held in parish accounts** – Stihl machinery ordered. – update remaining monies requested.

**16. West End** – inspection of road outstanding

**17. Recycling bin deli for visitors** outstanding – money available in parish accounts for 6 months do need approval and site.

**18. Bollards High Street the Manse** – outstanding legal challenge

**19. Stumps Kingsdale Court** – safety issues outstanding

**20. Cill monies for infrastructure**

- o 1/10/18-3/3/18 Pole Elm £1,429.80 noted no spend allocated

**21. Road cleaning meeting with PC** outstanding

- o Sands – accessibility
- o Area Pennylands to Football Club – footway damage

**22. Station Road Development** Reinstatement of verge nearly completed.

**23. Leedons – additional drainage and impact on flooding** in Childswickham – meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> December. No issues found. Reinstatement by Easter.

**24. Parking sign outside Break** - leaning

**25. Footway repairs requested**

- o LHS to 1<sup>st</sup> turn Lifford Gardens
- o Leamington Road – roundabout to 1<sup>st</sup> layby, near school, near bus stop, opposite church

**26. New footway requested 43k capital monies, around 12k - Smallbrook Road** across to safer crossing point to enable Broadway Road to be crossed with clear visibility.

**27. Poor surface dressing areas of the Sands Road** requested improvement advised 2012 but asked for 2020.

**28. January closure Childwickham Road** – PC has details - diversion must follow rules for all traffic not just cars so not Pennylands bank.

**29. High Street Bays** – Rejected by Parish Council Horse and Hound to Leamington Road extended to 2hrs parking. But two areas in the upper part of the High Street (opposite the URC & outside the Old Coach) to be amended to two hours.

**30. Requested ROW 645B from Averill Close to ROW 522B and 522B to Gordon Close** are stones, tampered and made good for walkers in all weathers.

## **District Councillor Robinson's Report – January 2020**

Wychavon District Council have recently announced details of 2020 Community Grants Scheme where up to £50,000 in total is available to sports and social clubs, voluntary groups and charities to invest in projects beneficial to the communities. The deadline to claim is 27th March 2020 and applicants have to attend a Briefing Meeting prior to the deadline. I would suggest Broadway Parish Council be proactive in distributing Application Forms and Leaflets to appropriate organisations.

I have a meeting confirmed Stephen Gabriel (Wychavon District Council Director of Housing) and David Hannon (Rooftop Director of Housing) on 7th February to discuss all aspects of Social Housing. Would Parish Councillors please provide me with any issues of concern. Contractors have eventually cut the hedges to the rear of Shear House to the appropriate level but have neglected to cut the sides properly which are still overgrown across the pathways. Also all flowerbeds remain unweeded. I need to explain to Wychavon District Council and Rooftop that the community requires the same duty of care to all properties to be managed to the same standard seen at Parsons Green and Russells.

Last week I attended a training course in respect of planning at Wychavon District Council. I raised the issue of Pre-Planning Advice. There is a feeling that applicants assume their planning application will be assured of success after receiving guidance. This opinion is confirmed when about 90% of applications dealt in this manner are successful. This is a concern when in most cases the Parish and Town Councils have been asked to provide very little input.

Severn Trent Water have recently replaced water pipes outside Cotswold House adjacent to the War Memorial. The reinstatement of the highway, the kerbs and the grass has been unsatisfactory and they have been recalled to complete the job properly. The Inspector informed me that this is a growing problem with the more extensive use of sub-contractors whose workmanship is poor. I see this problem with Rooftop and its use of sub-contractors.

Nigel Robinson