

BROADWAY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES
of ANNUAL PARISH MEETING
held at 5 Russell Square, High Street, Broadway,
on Thursday, 25th March 2010, at 8.00 pm

Present: District Councillor D. W. Folkes , Councillors T. L. Greig,
L. D. Keane, Mrs. A. Locker, F. L. Penny, G. Shaw,
Mrs. S. Stephenson, J. Williams, Mrs. C. C. B. Wilson

In Attendance: County Councillor Mrs. E. Eyre
Six members of the public

(1) **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** Councillors R. Haslam, N. Robinson,
C.E.G.Toye, Mrs. J. M. Stock (hospitalised)

(2) **MINUTES OF ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON 26:03:09:**
Following a proposal from Councillor Mrs. Wilson, seconded by Councillor Greig, the Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 26th March 2009 were signed and dated as a true record.

(3) **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:**

The Chairman wished to thank everyone for the many kind thoughts and messages received during his recent illness. He reported he was now thankfully back in good health and quoted the saying - you can't keep an old dog down!

He reported that it was with extreme delight that he officially opened the new Activity Park in May. There were over five hundred people present at the opening of this fantastic new asset to Broadway which certainly seemed to be bringing a lot of people into the village. In recognition of all the hard work and commitment put in by the Activity Park Committee, the Parish Council purchased and erected a plaque in the picnic shelter, and also nominated them for the 2009 Wychavon Bursary when they received a Certificate of Commendation. Thanks must go to Messrs. John Hankinson, Jack Harris and Colwyn Thomas for keeping the Park so well maintained and in such good condition.

A number of trees had now been planted around the Park and, due to the number of people using the Park throughout the year, additional seating had been installed.

Planning approval for the toilet facilities has been approved, and it was hoped that work will commence in May with opening by the end of the summer.

The District Council had conducted a housing needs survey which indicated a need for more social rentable housing within the village for people with local connections. Rooftop Housing Group made a presentation to the Parish Council with its

plans for such housing on the Shear House Car Park. The Parish Council fully supported the need for rentable accommodation for local people especially in the present economic climate. There was a responsibility to look after those less fortunate than ourselves, and if Broadway did not provide such facilities the young people would be forced to leave the village and be unable to work locally. The Parish Council strongly voiced their objections to the siting of the development at that end of the car park, but the development was subsequently approved by the District Council. Broadway had lost some parking spaces, and the Parish Council would be pressing for additional parking within the village.

Over the past twelve months, the Parish Council had been active in maintaining the appearance of the village – the wall outside the Millennium Garden had been repaired, the bollards and bins in the High Street had been sanded, the lighting columns in the High Street and Snowhill Road had been painted as the start of a programme to repaint all the columns within the village. Following last year's winter weather the Parish Council acquired several new grit bins which were installed around the village, and which proved to be of great benefit during this year's snowfalls.

Giffords Circus had applied for and were granted a premises licence to hold their circus on the Kennel Field in the High Street in June 2010. Initially, the Parish Council had some concerns regarding this application, but following a presentation made by Mr. & Mrs. Gifford giving details of the background of their circus and the proposed dates, the initial concerns of the Parish Council were dispelled, and confirmation was given that the circus would be made welcome. The circus would be an additional attraction to the Arts Festival which was taking place at the same time, and it was hoped that over four thousand visitors would attend during the week of the shows. The circus would also be involved with local schools and children, giving coaching lessons in circus skills.

The four parishes of Badsey with Aldington, Broadway, Childswickham and Wickhamford, which form the PACT group, had been working together to purchase a speed activated sign to be shared among the villages in an effort to reduce speeding at selected sites. Proposed sites in Broadway were along the Cheltenham and Leamington Roads, and it was hoped that the signs would be installed shortly.

The ongoing problem of dog fouling throughout the village was still a major concern to the Parish Council. There were currently eleven District Council dog waste bins and numerous dog fouling signs in situ, and dog fouling bags were available free of charge at the Parish office. The Parish Council was doing its very best to alleviate this menace, but the people of Broadway must report any incident they witness of dog walkers flouting this law. It was acknowledged there was a very big problem with dog fouling in the village, but the District Council had intimated that it thought not because very few incidents, if any, were reported to them by residents.

The Village Green was again well utilised by local organisations for their fund raising events, and there was also an Italian market and a Farmers' market held during the

year both of which had proved a success. The Italian market would be coming again in 2010 and it was also hoped to have three additional local produce markets.

The Lifford Hall had recently staged two presentations – firstly, the South Worcestershire Joint Core Strategy which gave an update on the plans for additional housing sites within the village. Secondly, Hereford and Worcestershire Earth Heritage Trust had organised an event to hear the views of local residents as to how the facilities at Broadway Quarry could be best used once the quarrying had finished and the restoration of the site was complete.

The winner of the 2009 Community Award was Mrs. Frieda Jelfs in recognition of her work for the community over the past forty years. She accepted a cheque for £100 which she donated to Campden Home Nursing.

Mr. Barry Hancox, Major Michael Ayshford-Sanford and Mrs. Debbie Williamson, gave a short presentation to the Parish Council regarding the upcoming Arts Festival to celebrate the life of the artist John Singer Sargent. The Festival would take place from the 12th to 20th June, and would be for the whole community and would include a village party at the end of the event. The Parish Council gave a grant of £1,000 towards the event.

In addition to the above grant, the Parish Council had set aside reserved funds for future projects such as the Arts Festival and for other village organisations. To date, grants had been made of £1,000 to Broadway Cricket Club, Broadway United Football Youth, Broadway Tower and Tower View Playgroup, and £300 to Peek-a-Boo Baby and Toddler Group. The Parish Council also made annual donations to St. Michael & All Angels Church (£525 for churchyard maintenance), Tourist Information Centre (£500), Vale of Evesham Volunteers (£300), North Cotswold Volunteers (£100), and £200 each to Wychavon Citizen's Advice Bureau, Signpost, Evesham and Pershore Neighbourhood Watch, Broadway United Football Club, and the Lifford Hall.

In conclusion, the Chairman wished to thank his fellow councillors for all their hard work and commitment over the last twelve months on the various committees in which they were involved. Thanks must also go to our Clerk, Kevin, and our Assistant Clerk, Gwen. The Chairman then read out a letter which had been received from Mrs. Dottie Friedli, and wished it to be minuted.

“A small note of appreciation for the work which Kevin Beasley does on behalf of the Parish Council. In recent years the duties of a Parish Clerk have become even more onerous, and yet it is evident that Kevin is well up to the job. I only sit on one committee with Kevin, but his diligence in fulfilling any promises made at the meetings is admirable. I hope that modesty will not prevent him from reading out this letter when time permits.....sincerely, Dottie Friedli”.

(4) REPORT ON AUDIT OF COUNCIL ACCOUNTS TO 31:03:09:

The Clerk reported that the accounts to 31st March 2009 had been approved by the Parish Council on 28:05:09 (page 805 item 18 of the Minutes) and audited. Clement Keys, the auditors, had indicated their approval on 27:08:09 ((page 821 item 6 of the Minutes) and the Clerk had displayed the customary statement on the noticeboard. A copy of the audited accounts was available for inspection at the Parish Council office.

(5) ANY OTHER MATTERS RAISED BY ELECTORS:

County Councillor Mrs. Eyre circulated a summary report relating to County and District Council matters covering the last twelve months.

The following topics were raised and discussed by the public --

Shear House Car Park Development/Toilets: It was accepted that more rentable housing was needed in Broadway, but questions were raised as to whether Shear House Car Park was the right place to build. The Parish Council pointed out that it had strongly objected to the siting of the development together with the loss of parking spaces and the foreseen ongoing problems which would be caused. Residents in Orchard Avenue were already experiencing problems with parked vehicles and were very concerned particularly for the safety of their children. County Councillor Eyre said that additional parking was required within the village but that necessary evidence was required to prove this before a case could be put forward. She urged anyone finding the village car parks full, or seeing excess parking in residential streets, to write to her or Mr. Vic Allison, Deputy Managing Director at Wychavon District Council, advising all details.

More signage was needed to advise visitors of alternative parking and toilet facilities. Rooftop had been requested to erect signs at Shear House Car Park giving directions.

As from 1st April, the number of toilet units in the Activity Park would be increased to two, and the Parish Council had been advised that the new toilet facilities should be built by the end of the Summer. An article which appeared in the local press from the District Council and Rooftop Housing Group also stated this.

Strategic Housing and Availability Assessment: Concerns were raised regarding several proposed sites within the village. It was pointed out that any decisions on which sites would be allocated would have to be taken at a later plan-making stage, and that they would be subject to public consultation.

A Phillips Road resident enquired if the Parish Council was aware that a letter from J. H. Gabb & Co., Solicitors, Chipping Campden, had been received by the residents informing them that the owners of the fields located in the Leamington Road (and coincidentally marked as areas 17-05 and 17-20 on the SHLAA) believed a number of boundaries of Phillips Road properties were encroaching onto their land, and that the owners wished to regularise the position and erect a fence. The Parish Council were not aware of this letter, and the Clerk asked if a copy could be forwarded to the Parish

Council which could then be included with comments the Parish Council would send to the South Worcestershire Joint Core Strategy by the 30th April as requested.

Bus Services: Following on from comments made at the Parish Council meeting held on 25th March 2010 regarding the use of local services, it was suggested that bus companies in Worcestershire, Warwickshire and Gloucestershire could better co-ordinate their timetables, as several instances of a bus, which would allow passengers to catch a connecting bus, miss each other, sometimes by as little as five minutes.

There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.40 pm