MINUTES OF MEETING OF BROADWAY PARISH COUNCIL held at the Parish Office, 5 Russell Square, High Street, Broadway, on Thursday, 23rd March 2023, at 7.00 pm

PRESENT: Councillors R.W.G.Bennett, G.J.Franks, S.D.B. Garner, Miss D. Hardiman,

L. Jones, Mrs.F.E.A.Phillips, Dr.J.M.Reading (Vice-Chair), N.D.A. Robinson (Also District Councillor), Mrs. Rogers, Mrs. E.Sims, and Dr.

Wilks (Chair).

ALSO, PRESENT: County & District Cllr. Mrs. E. Eyre

One member of the Public.

The Chair formally welcomed newly co-opted Councillor Garner to the Parish Council.

(1) APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Apologies were received and accepted from Councillor A.P.Riley

Apologies also received from West Mercia Police.

(2) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

- (a) Register of Interests: councillors are reminded of the need to update their register of interest;
 - (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.

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

(3) POLICE REPORT:

Unfortunately, no representative from West Mercia Police was able to attend the meeting due to illness and/or work commitments/shift patterns. The Clerk had contacted Evesham Safer Neighbourhood Team for any updates regarding future policing cover for Broadway and confirmation was received that PC Ben Trowman would be returning to this role at the end of March. Councillors were reassured and pleased by this and the Clerk would ensure that a full report/updates would be available for the next meeting.

There were no questions/comments for the Police, but the Clerk reminded councillors and the general public of the need to report any suspicious matters etc. either to PC Trowman or via 101 or 999.

(4) MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 19.01.23

Copies of the draft minutes had been circulated to all councillors, and it was proposed by Councillor Mrs Rogers, seconded by Councillor Dr. Reading, that the minutes of the meeting held on 19th January 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 COUNCILLORS:

As notified at the last meeting, following the resignation of former councillor Mr. Clark Grant, and having consulted with the District Council Electoral Services, the Parish Council agreed to advertise for the vacant position to filled by Co-option. Mrs Alysha Loveridge had submitted an application form (a copy of which was forwarded to all councillors) and Councillors met with her recently, during which she introduced herself, gave her reason for wishing to join the Parish Council and answered questions from Councillors. The Clerk issued voting slips, the vote took place and was checked as correct by the Chair, after which the Clerk confirmed that Mrs. Alysha Loveridge was duly co-opted onto the Council by a unanimous decision.

Post Meeting: The Clerk confirmed that Mrs Loveridge had signed her Acceptance of Office form and that the District Council had been sent the notification form.

(6) COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORT:

A copy of reports from County/District Councillor Mrs Eyre and District Councillor Robinson had been circulated to all councillors (a copy of both reports are attached herewith).

<u>Councillor Mrs. Eyre's Report</u> included the following (full copy of report attached) – <u>County Matters:</u>

There were updates regarding works on the A46 at both Teddington Hands roundabout, and the introduction of a lower 40 mph speed limit between the junctions at Hinton Cross and Sedgeberrow North.

The County Council approved its budget plan in February, which confirmed a sixty-nine pounds increase in Council Tax for band D households.

The County Council has set a target to be carbon neutral by 2050 and was working in partnership to achieve the Worcestershire LEP Energy Strategy aim of halving the county's carbon emissions by 2030. Further information is available on the County Council website. The County Council Highways are trialling the use of drones, fitted with cameras, to inspect bridges – this will reduce risk in areas where access is difficult, and make inspections more effective. Councillor Mrs. Eyre highlighted this matter as several residents had asked what the County Council were doing in respect of climate challenges, and suggested that anyone interested should look on its website for its actions etc.

Local Matters:

Updates on local roadworks/footpaths previously reported and other issues raised by the Parish. The Chair, Councillor Dr. Wilks, asked Councillor Mrs. Eyre for clarification regarding the Section 106 monies allocated for the residents from the Spitfire Development to get into the village using cycles. In response, Councillor Mrs. Eyre replied that there was a tight legal agreement in place which caused challenges in implementing a solution. Making use of Leamington Road as a cycle route also created several engineering challenges, and once the engineers had submitted a report, Councillor Mrs. Eyre would update the Parish Council accordingly. Councillor Franks suggested that for future developments, where Section 106 monies were allocated for cycling, there should be an overall strategy for cycling which such monies could be used. Councillor Mrs. Eyre reiterated her view that use of Section 106 should be discussed at the outset with the local community including the Parish Council.

Councillors Garner and Bennett raised concerns regarding overall cycling safety and after discussion it was suggested that an article be written, in conjunction with the Police/Safer Road Team, highlighting safety aspects etc. for the Broadway Newsletter.

There were no further questions/comments for Councillor Mrs. Eyre.

<u>Councillor Robinson's Report</u> included the following (full copy of report attached) –

There were updates regarding (a) the vandalised parking meters in the Central Car Park; (b) new football facilities at the Milestone Ground site; (c) inadequate and misleading signage concerning recent road closures and diversions; and (d) the toilet facilities in Church Close and the Activity Park had been recognised with awards.

District Councillor Robinson confirmed that (a) the cark car meters had now been replaced; (b) Broadway Cricket Club had submitted its application for Section 106; and (c) the Appeal Decision had been dismissed regarding 34 Leamington Road.

Councillor Garner queried if the District Council had considered using card and/or mobile phone meters, and in response Councillor Mrs. Eyre reported that there was an issue with the signal in the village which caused problems when such systems were installed. The Clerk suggested that this matter was taken forward to the next Wychavon/Parish Council Liaison Meeting for discussion.

The Chair thanked Councillor Robinson for his attempts to improve the conditions and matters relating to some of the Rooftop Housing Group properties in Broadway and hoped that this would be taken up by the new District Councillors after the May elections to ensure that all the good work to date was not in vain.

The Chair thanked both councillors for their reports and also for all their support and hard work for the village over their time as District Councillors as both were stepping down from the role in May. All members of the Council showed their appreciation.

(7) CLERK'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE:

PKF Littlejohn had provided the Parish Council with the instructions regarding the **Annual External Audit for 2022/23** to enable the Council to comply with the relevant statute and regulations regarding accounts and audit. The default deadline date for submission of the approved AGAR and supporting documentation is Monday 3rd July 2023.

May 4th Elections - all existing councillors retire from office on Tuesday 9th May, therefore all existing councillors who wished to be re-elected, and any new candidates must complete the Nomination papers, and these must be <u>delivered by hand to Wychavon District Council offices in Pershore by 4.00 pm on Tuesday 4th April. A copy of Candidates Guide and Nomination Papers are available from the Parish Office.</u>

The Chair, Councillor Dr. Wilks thanked all councillors for their support and hard work in taking the Parish Council forwarded, especially over the last two years of her chairmanship, when the structure of committees etc. had been reorganised and developed. Councillor Dr. Wilks thanked Councillor Franks and Riley, both of whom were not seeking re-election for their commitment and hard work during their time as members of the Parish Council. All their fellow councillors showed their appreciation, and also for Councillor Dr. Wilks for her time as Chair.

The Clerks met with County Council Street Lighting Area Lighting Engineer to discuss the **maintenance requirements for the lighting columns** which are the responsibility of the Parish Council. As a result of this meeting the following items had been highlighted:

- (a) 7 x streetlights had been listed as category 4 and needed replacing as soon as possible at a cost of £9,800
- (b) 25 x streetlights had been listed a category 3, which needed to be replaced over the next 3 to 4 years the Clerk suggested that a scheduled programme of replacement be undertaken.
- (c) Over 60 of the lantern/lamps had old style fittings which are inefficient and when replaced would reduce the average energy cost from £100 to £15/20 per light again the Clerk suggested a scheduled programme of replacements as above.

After discussion, it was unanimously agreed that the immediate and proposed maintenance work need to be undertaken and that it needed to be funded from Parish Council reserves and/or increase of precept – approx. £10,000 per year over a five-year period. The Clerk as Responsible Financial Officer and the Finance Committee would ensure that future setting of Budgets and Precepts took the above into consideration and would be included in its future recommendations to the Council. Councillor Mrs. Eyre reminded the Parish Council that historically it had decided that only footway lighting be used in the High Street, and that consideration should be given to improving the lighting where possible. The Clerk said that the new proposed lighting would be LED's which would definitely improve the lighting but would check the points raised by Councillor Mrs Eyre with the County Council Lighting Engineering Team.

The two office computers needed an upgrade to enable 'windows 11' and future upgrades to be installed. The current PC's do not have a sufficient operating capacity to allow the upgrade, and this would be a one-off cost and would enable better technical facilities for the office. The Parish Council IT consultant had provided a quotation for the necessary work to be undertaken of £2,298.00. After discussion, it was proposed by Councillor Bennett, seconded be Councillor Mrs. Rogers and unanimously agreed that the proposed work be permitted/installed.

As previously agreed, the tree outside the 'Box of Delights' (former post office) had been felled. The Clerk was pleased to report that the replacement tree, a red flowering horse chestnut, had now been planted.

Worcestershire Early Help Partnership are undertaking a 'Family Hubs' Survey and wanted to hear from families in Wychavon about what was important to them and the help and support they needed. The survey was available to complete online at www.worcestershire.gov.uk/familyhub and should be completed by 30th April 2023. Posters had displayed at a number of locations in the village.

The Clerk was asked for an update in regard to the application for an additional footpath from Leamington Road to Footpath BY-521 (next to the Spitfire Development). The Clerk had contacted County Council Public Rights of Way Team, who confirmed that the matter had not yet been determined but it had moved up to number 23 of 80 for consideration.

The County Council Public Rights of Way Team had notified the Parish Council that no objections had been received regarding the division of Footpath BY-545 (around of Flood Alleviation Area in West End) and that it had now been confirmed.

The Chair, Councillor Dr. Wilks, with regards to footpaths, added that a detailed report on the footpath around the village had been undertaken during the preparation work for the Neighbourhood Plan, and this should be revisited to ensure that any necessary work/repairs can be reported and/or built into future works as required.

(8) REPORTS/UPDATES OF COMMITTEES:

Environmental and Sustainability Committee:

The Clerk reported that the latest quarterly Activity Park inspection report had been received and as a result (a) an emergency supply of cushion fall had to be ordered and was distributed in the areas indicated as being lower than the required standard; and (b) a spring on the see-saw in the toddlers area needed replacing and the Clerk had ordered a replacement at cost of £297 + VAT plus installation, and the piece of equipment was taped off and taken out of service.

It had previously been agreed to obtain quotations for two pieces of new equipment - a playhouse/fort and a mini-roundabout - to replace the tunnel and twister in the toddlers' area. Councillor Jones explained that three quotations had been submitted following a survey visit by each company involved. Each quotation was slightly different due to the design, but the Activity Park Committee wished to recommend the quotation from Playquest

costing £15,458 + VAT which included installation/delivery. In addition to this there would be the cost of removing the existing tunnel and levelling the ground ready for installation of approx. £500.00. Playquest have installed a similar piece of equipment at the Playground in Willersey. The Clerk explained that funding to cover the cost of this was available from the Section 106 monies already allocated for use in open spaces and met the required criteria. After discussed, it was unanimously agreed, subject to obtaining the necessary funding, to accept the quotation from Playquest and to purchase/install the recommended equipment. Councillor Mrs. Eyre recommended that when applying for Section 106 funding to ensure the time restricted funding was used first.

Flood Plan:

Councillor Dr. Reading reported following a recent meeting there was still a need for volunteers to ensure that the actions within the plan can operate effectively and asked anyone interested to contact her or the Clerk. Councillor Dr. Reading asked if this could be raised at the next Business Association meeting for help/volunteers from the business community.

Leisure, Community and Wellbeing Committee:

Councillor Miss Hardiman reported that the final service at the URC Church in Broadway was on 28th May. The services provided by both New Barn Close Surgery and the Pharmacy had showed improvement. The library was now open four days a week and footfall continued to increase, and the equipment/facilities had also been updated. Councillor Miss Hardiman reminded all councillors of the 'Celebrating our Village of Broadway' service at St. Michael's Church on 23rd April starting at 10.30 am to celebrate the togetherness of village life.

Publicity and Communication Committee:

The Assistant Clerk informed the Parish Council of the need for an increased communication means for notifying residents/visitors of events/information and the committee wished to recommend creating the Parish Council's own facebook/Instagram page. Many other Parish/Town Councils had similar facilities, and it was added that the page can be annotated so that the site can only be used for advertising/information purposes. It was proposed by Councillor Bennett, seconded by Councillor Garner and unanimously agreed to proceed with this recommendation. The Chair, Councillor Dr. Wilks, added that one of the main objectives of the Vision Committee was to enable a more cohesive means of communicating to not only locally but also further afield and this would help achieve that goal. The Chair also encouraged everyone to view the new Parish Council Facebook page and Broadway Noticeboard for all the up-to-date information on forthcoming events, including the Coronation Events on 5th, 6th and 7th May.

It was suggested that as a future development of the website it could include links as to how to report any issues etc.

Safety and Security Committee:

The Clerk notified the Council that over fifty residents had now joined the Broadway Neighbourhood Watch Scheme – more details would be available at the forthcoming Annual Parish Meeting, and added that once this was running successfully other facilities could be introduced including 'Smartwater' and help/support for the lonely and/or those living alone etc. The Chair of the committee, Councillor Franks added that the defibrillator project was progressing well, and additional defibrillators were to be purchased, through donations, to ensure that the whole of the village was adequately covered. A map/signage showing where each defibrillator was located was planned. As previously reported, there are now two VAS

signs available, which can be located on the entrance roads to the village to deter speeding, Councillor Mrs. Rogers added that when the VAS was in Cheltenham Road, she noticed that speeding traffic had reduced. Councillor Franks added that the committee would be asking for additional volunteers to help with future projects concentrating on 'Speed Watch' and car parking issues – more details to follow. There was also a continued need to work closely with the Local Neighbourhood Policing Team, which would help reduce crime and increase crime prevention within the village.

Visitor Management Group Committee:

Councillor Robinson gave a brief report from the meeting held on 13th February at the Parish Office as follows – (a) update of the upcoming events – Ferrari Owners Club Sunday 21st May; Broadway Arts Festival 9th – 18th June; Horticultural and Craft Show Saturday 9th September; Food Festival Sunday 10th September; and Late-night Shopping Friday 24th November and Friday 1st December; (b) the new updated village maps were nearing completion, together with a newly designed brochure, which will be available soon from the Tourist Information Centre; (c) a music event was planned in July on the Hunt Field (tbc); and (d) both local museums and the GWSR had set up a discount card; (e) Highlighted – 'ColourScape' - is a new sound and light event organised by Broadway Museum and Art gallery on 29&30 July on the Village Green; and (f) the North Cotswold Hunt are in talks with Giffords Circus to discuss the possibility of including Broadway as a future tour venue.

Youth Club:

Councillor Dr. Reading was pleased to inform the Council that Phase II was due to start shortly, and it was hoped that the schedules work should take approximately eight weeks. Councillor Bennett was assisting the committee with the application for charitable status for the management of the new building.

The Chair, Dr. Wilks thanked all councillors for each of the committee updates.

(10) PLANNING:

Councillor Sims, chair of Broadway Planning Committee, had circulated a copy of Station Road Proposed Development Design Brief, which detailed what the Parish Council would like to see on the proposed site, and also that it wished to work with all the relevant parties involved at the earliest stage and throughout the process.

Planning Applications:

Parish Council Comments:

MEETING 16/01/23

Present: Cllrs. Sims (Chair); Reading; Franks; Hardiman; Phillips

Apologises: Cllr. Jones

W/22/02595/HP MR. & MRS. PIERCY

Holly Tree Cottage, Pennylands Bank

Two storey extension to garage, to provide a workshop and home office.

The Parish Council raised no objections to this application, and is agreeable to it being delegated to officers, but would ask that officers be mindful to comply with Policies BE6

 Extensions and Conversions, and NE9 – Tranquillity and Dark Skies, in the Broadway Neighbourhood Plan. The Parish Council would like a condition added stating that the development only be used for residential purposes

W/22/02437/HP MRS. LESLEY MYERS

9 Croft Gardens

Conversion of garage and replacement of conservatory.

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

MEETING 30/01/23

Present: Cllrs. Sims (Chair); Hardiman; Phillips; Reading; Jones

Apologises: Cllr. Franks

W/22/02710/HP MR. & MRS. J. BROWN

109 Sandscroft Avenue

Single storey extention to rear of dwelling.

The Parish Council raised no objections to this application, and is agreeable to it being delegated to officers, but would ask that officers be mindful to comply with Policy NE9

- Tranquillity and Dark Skies in the Broadway Neighbourhood Plan.

W/22/02722/TDC5 ALAN and SALLY HUNTER

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

Although the Parish Council understand that PIP has been approved, it objects to the Technical Details Consent submitted for the following reason -

The Parish Council is of the opinion that this dwelling is over-development of the plot and results in significant heritage impact and will cause harm to the surround area.

The Parish Council feels that the proposal is contrary to SWDP21 in that the scale, height and massing of the development is not appropriate to the setting of the site, and also

contrary to BE.1 - Design Principals - in the Broadway Neighbourhood Plan.

The Parish Council also is of the opinion that the garage is an over-development for the size of plot, and if approved there should be a condition attached stating that

it should not be used for the purpose of self-catering holiday accommodation, and should only be used for the purpose ancillary to the host dwelling.

The Parish Council would ask that any solar panels be non-reflective, and that the applicant be mindful of NE.9 - Dark Skies policy within the Neighbourhood Plan.

W/23/00053/HP MS. SARAH MACIVER

High Gables, Springfield Lane

New porch extension, a single-storey rear extension and dry-stone wall on front aspect to replace existing mature hedging.

The Parish Council raised no objections to this application and is agreeable to it being delegated to officers, but the Parish Council are disappointed at the loss of the hedging and would ask applicant to review NE.1 -Trees, Woodland and Hedgerow within the Broadway Neighbourhood Plan.

W/23/00064/CLE Declaration of MRS. S. SLATTER

Interest

The Knoll, Springfield Lane

Certificate of Lawfulness for an Existing change of use to short term holiday

Cllr. Reading

accommodation.

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

W/23/00033/HP

MR. & MRS. BUCKLAND

Declaration of Interest

105 Sandscroft Avenue

Cllr. Hardiman

Single storey side and rear extension.

The Parish Council raised no objections to this application, and is agreeable to it being delegated to officers, but would ask that officers be mindful to comply with Policy NE9 – Tranquillity and Dark Skies in the Broadway Neighbourhood Plan

MEETING 15/02/23

Present: Cllrs. Sims (Chair); Jones; Franks; Hardiman; Phillips

Apologises: Cllr. Reading

W/23/00186/HP

MRS. S. ZACHARIAH

Associated Ref:

W/23/00187/LB St. Saviour and Passionist Residence, 26 Learnington Road

Proposed rear extension.

Declaration of Interest

Cllr. Hardiman The Parish Council in principal have no objections to this application, and is agreeable to it

being delegated to officers, but the Parish Council has concerns regarding the access for construction traffic from Leamington Road to the site and have tried to speak to the case officer for clarity but have had no reply and would therefore like this concern raised.

W/23/00188/CLPU

MR DAVID JEFFREY

51 Leamington Road

Certificate of Lawfulness Development for erection of single storey rear extension to a private dwelling.

Parish Council wish this to be delegated to officers

W/23/00144/HP

PRIME OAK

Associated Ref:

W/23/00145/LB Pear Tree House, 111 High Street

Single storey oak framed garden room extension to rear.

Declaration of Interest Cllr. Sims

The Parish Council raised no objections to this application, and is agreeable to it being delegated to officers, but would ask that officers be mindful to comply with Policy NE9

- Tranquillity and Dark Skies in the Broadway Neighbourhood Plan.

W/23/00143/HP

MR. M. HOLLAND

Endeavour, Springfield Lane

First floor rear extension over sunroom to extend bedroom.

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

W/22/02721/TDC5

MR. M. DAVIS

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.

Although the Parish Council understand that PIP has been approved, it objects to the Technical Details Consent submitted for the following reason -

The Parish Council is of the opinion that the siting of the dwelling is over development, and is contrary to SWDP21 in that the scale, height and massing is not appropriate to the setting of the site and is also contrary to BE.1 - Design Principals within the Broadway Neighbourhood Plan.

In the emerging NPPF - 'local Design Codes and Neighbourhood

Plans will be given significant weigh 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 feels that this development is of urban style street scene design not rural and is not sensitive to the surrounding character of the properties and landscape.

Although both this and Plot B are separate applications, when seen together they create a completely different aspect to the street scene in Springfield Lane.

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 would ask that any solar panels be non-reflective, and that the applicant be mindful of NE.9 - Dark Skies policy within the Neighbourhood Plan.

MEETING 06/03/23

Present: Cllrs. Sims (Chair); Franks; Hardiman; Reading

Apologises: Cllr. Jones; Phillips

W/23/00111/FUL

CYRENA BARNES

Portway Farm, Cheltenham Road

All weather surface for personal use to exercise horse.

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

W/23/00201/HP

MR. P. LANKESTER

Elm Cottage, 5 Station Cottages, Station Road

Part single storey, part two storey, part first floor side and rear extension - (Variation of condition 2 of 19/02003/HP).

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

W/23/00139/FUL

MR. IAN MAISEY

Abbey Green Veterinary Group, Church Close

Change of use of first floor flat to business use.

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

W/23/00248/FUL

GGB Investments

7 Keil Close

Change of use from Office Class E to Hotel Class C1.

Fenestration changes, addition of pitched roof and cotswold stone gable.

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

The Parish Council have spoken with case officer regarding any concerns about onsite parking, and this has been addressed by case officer and highways to its satisfaction.

W/23/00271/HP

MR. DANOLI MENDOZA

Wisteria Cottage, Snowshill Road

First floor extension over existing garage and internal alterations.

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

would ask that officers be mindful to comply with Policy NE9 – Tranquillity and Dark Skies in the Broadway Neighbourhood Plan.

W/22/02378/LB Associated Ref: W/22/02377/FUL

MITCHELLS and BUTLERS

The Swan, 2 The Green

Permission is sought for various internal and external alterations to a listed building.

Additional Information: **Amended plans:-** JMDA 1651 72 404 - feature panelling drawings, JMDA 1651 PL 004 B -

external works, JMDA 1651 PL 003 A - internal works

New plans: - 200506 33712 - 01 - awning plans, JMDA 1249/104 - proposed floor finishes

The Parish Council have read and support the Conservation Officer's report and request that condition be set on the points raised, and in particular the Parish Council strongly object to the awnings and would suggest that umbrellas are used as in the front area of the property.

The property is located in an significant historic area of the High Street and the Parish Council is of the opinion that the proposed awnings are not in keeping with the existing character of this historic area.

W/22/00685/FUL

FARNCOMBE ESTATE

Land at (OS 1160 3742), Farncombe Drive

Change of use of field for clay pigeon shooting.

Additional Information: Technical Note Sharps Redmore Ecological Assessment, Ecology Solutions

The Parish Council have read the report submitted by Sharp Redmore in January 2023 regarding the impact of noise and accept it findings as read.

MEETING 20/03/23

Present: Cllrs. Sims (Chair); Phillips; Hardiman; Reading

Apologises: Cllr. Jones; Franks

W/23/00416/HP MR. & MRS. POTTS

Orchard Farm Cottage, 145 High Street

Temporary construction access through existing boundary wall, in reference with Listed

Building Consent W/22/02381/LB.

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

W/23/00383/HP R. QUINN

11 Tythe Road

Rear and side extension - (Variation of condition 2 Ref: W/22/01980/HP).

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

W/22/02377/FUL MITCHELLS and BUTLERS

Associated Ref:

W/22/02378/LB

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Additional Information/Amendments

21 001 A - existing elevations

21 002 B - proposed elevations

PL 004 C - proposed external works

20 004A - existing external works

Visualisation showing awning

As previously stated, the Parish Council still support the concerns raised within the Conservation Officer's report and look forward to the answers to the questions raised in the conclusion of the report. The Parish Council are still very much concerned regarding the proposed awnings, which Parish Council are of the opinion will clearly

W/23/00472/HP **MR. & MRS. M. TIBBITS**

Pond Close Farm, 87 High Street

Replacement greenhouse.

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

W/23/00500/HP **C. RUSHTON**

33 Smallbrook Road

Single storey side extension

The Parish Council raised no objections to this application, and is agreeable to it being delegated to officers, but would ask that officers be mindful to comply with Policies BE6

- Extensions and Conversions, and NE9 – Tranquillity and Dark Skies, in the Broadway Neighbourhood Plan.

Wychavon Approvals:

W/23/00144/HP **PRIME OAK**

Associated Ref: W/23/00145/LB Pear Tree House, 111 High Street

Single storey oak framed garden room extension to rear.

W/23/00033/HP MR. & MRS. BUCKLAND

105 Sandscroft Avenue

Single storey side and rear extension.

W/22/02595/HP MR. & MRS. PIERCY

Holly Tree Cottage, Pennylands Bank

Two storey extention to garage, to provide a workshop and home

office.

W/22/02406/HP MRS. S. BAKER

21 Sandscroft Avenue Two storey side extention.

W/22/02400/FUL RPD MANAGEMENT LTD

Associated Ref: W/22/02401/LB Russells of Broadway, 20 High Street

Change of use of first floor from office/store to dwelling and

associated works. Removal of existing staircase and

installation of new staircase.

W/22/02710/HP **MR. & MRS. J. BROWN**

109 Sandscroft Avenue

Single storey extention to rear of dwelling.

W/22/02437/HP MRS. LESLEY MYERS

9 Croft Gardens

Conversion of garage and replacement of conservatory.

W/22/02395/HP MRS. SARA MITCHELL

Bredon View, Evesham Road Extention to a dwelling house.

W/22801728/HP MR. ALAN FRIMLEY

Associated Ref: W/22/02076/LB 69 High Street

Forming new window opening, enlarged door opening, fitting of photovoltaic panels and internal alterations, enlargement/change of

use of

shop 1 and reduction/change of use of shop 2, alterations to Flat 1.

W/22/02381/LB MR. & MRS. POTTS

Orchard Farm Cottage, 145 High Street

Proposed re-pointing of all exterior walls, replacement of existing

modern ground floors and temporary removal of boundary wall to allow for construction site access.

W/22/01688/FUL MR. ROBIN BAKER

Battridge Cottage, Church Street

Installation of Solar PV Panels and associated tree works.

W/22/02465/FUL MRS. C. SCAHILL

6 The Green

Change of use to A3 Tea Shop (Variation of condition 4 (opening

hours) Ref. 17/01326/FUL).

W/22/01943/HP MR. ANDREW BROWN

3 Parsonage Cottages, Snowhill Road.

Addition of first floor over existing single-storey element.

Replacement of existing garage.

Wychavon Withdrawals:

W/20/00878/FUL LONDON + REGIONAL PROPERTIES LTD

Lygon Arms, 28 High Street

Demolition of existing buildings, erection of five dwellings, including access and

landscaping arrangements

Withdrawn 3rd February 2023

(11) SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS/RECEIPTS: from 01:01:23 to 28:02:23

Payments:	verified by the Clerk together with two nominated signatories		net of VAT
Worcestershire County Council		Pension Contribution	£1,288.12
Unicom		Telephone/Internet	£68.60
Unicom		Office Electricity	£137.26
E-ON Next		Village Green Electricity	£194.60
E-ON Next		Office Electricity	£5.28
Signpost		Annual Donation	£1,000.00
Evesham Volunteer Centre		Annual Donation	£1,000.00
Citizens Advice South Worcestershire		Annual Donation	£500.00
Worcestershire County Council		Lighting Initiative Charge	£3,109.01
Justice Fire & Security		Office Security	£171.93
Wychavon District Council		Replacement Bins	£1,080.56

Amazon	Office Supplies	£3.33
B Laker	Office Supplies	£6.95
Viking	Office Supplies	£6.19
Viking	Office Supplies	£4.89
Amazon	Office Supplies	£4.16
Cash	Additional Grass Cutting	£50.00
Avondale Self Storage Ltd	Broadway Youth Club Redevelopmt	£131.29
Cotswold Security Group Ltd	Office Security Maintenance	£89.00
Water Plus	Office Water	£53.99
Maurice Parkinson Contract Services	Lengthsman Scheme	£302.00
ProCom Services	Computer Services	£226.66
Wychavon District Council	Annual Bin Cleaning Charge	£83.62
Avondale Self Storage Ltd	Broadway Youth Club Redevelopmt	£140.00
Broadway Community Magazine	Donation	£800.00
K Beasley	Clerks Salary- January	£1,527.67
L Chapman	Assistant Clerk's Salary- January	£918.40
Worcestershire County Council	Pension Contribution	£884.60
E-ON Next	Office Electricity	£547.19
Society of Local Council Clerk	Annual Subscription	£222.00
Wizard Web Ltd	Parish Council Website	2060.4
Wizard Web Ltd	Expenses re Neighbourhood Plan	£366.00
Ian Savage	Activity Park Maintenance	£150.00
R. Farnworth	Defibrillator Maintenance	£245.70
Ian Savage	Activity Park Maintenance	£110.00
270 Adventure Ltd	King's Coronation 2023	£173.75
G T Access Ltd	Christmas Lights Expenses	£663.80
Ian Savage	Activity Park Maintenance	£60.00
Wychavon District Council	Annual Bin Cleaning Charge	£167.24
Avondale Self Storage Ltd	Broadway Youth Club Redevelopmt	£140.00
Maurice Parkinson Contract Services	Lengthsman Scheme	£247.00
Paperstation Ltd	Stationary	£24.45
Wychavon Parish Games Ass	Parish Games Sponsorship	£50.00
K Beasley	Clerks Salary- February	£1,527.87
L Chapman	Assistant Clerk's Salary- January	£918.40
Ian Savage	Activity Park Maintenance	£50.00
Receipts:		
Lloyds Bank	Gross Interest	£19.41
Signpost	Contribution to Office Electricity	£209.68
Signpost	Contribution to Office Water	£26.99
Worcestershire County Council	King's Coronation 2023	£678.73
Lloyds Bank	Gross Interest	£18.56
Broadway Trust	Grant re Grass Cutting	£1,716.00
G T Access Ltd	Refund - Christmas Lights Expenses	£139.12
C 1 1100000 Ltd	Terana Cirrotinas Engines Expenses	∞137.12

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

Councillor Mrs. Phillips reported that footpath (BY-536) from Kingsdale Court to the fields beyond had recently had maintenance work undertaken and some fencing/gate had been removed which raised some safety concerns. The Clerk said that this had already been reported to the Parish Office and that he had been in discussion with the County Council Countryside Agency and would report back accordingly. Councillor Mrs. Phillips also reported that there was an issue with a piece of equipment within the disabled toilets at the Activity Park. The Clerk said that the toilets are regularly inspected but would report matter to the District Council.

Councillor Robinson reported that the former Royal British Legion Noticeboard outside the Dispensary needed attention. The Clerk would investigate and take any necessary action/repairs. Councillor Robinson reported that there were several posters/notices advertising a 'Teak Furniture Sale' at the Lifford Hall. It was understood that such advertising was not allowed and that under the terms of conditions so organisations etc hiring the Lifford Hall that advertising was restricted. Councillor Franks said that it was his understanding that this was correct and would take the matter to the next meeting of the Trustees of the Lifford Hall to ensure that it was adhered to in future. Any such posters/notices would be removed as a matter of course.

Councillor Bennett notified the Parish Council that he was now responsible on behalf of the North Cotswold Hunt for ensuring that all posters/notices placed in the Hunt Field were only allowed to be put up within one month of the event it was advertising. A point was also raised regarding the number of days that the Hunt were permitted to use the Hunt Field for parking, Councillor Bennett noted this and would check the actual number allowed and how this was monitored. Councillor Bennett had reported to the Hunt Committee that the low wall in front of the Hunt Field, which the North Cotswold Hunt were responsible for, was in need of repair. Councillor Bennett referring to the item on footpaths raised his concerns regarding the increase in dog fouling not only on footpaths, but around the streets in general. After discussion, it was agreed that an article be written highlighting this issue for the Broadway Newsletter, and the Clerk would investigate the costs of purchasing dog fouling bag dispensers and report back to the Council for consideration. It was also suggested that stickers be placed on waste bins indicating that dog fouling bags can be placed in ordinary waste bins. The Clerk also notified councillors that the 'Dog Fouling' notices had been ordered from the District Council and was awaiting delivery.

Councillor Garner raised his concerns regarding the kissing-gate opposite the new crossing in Leamington Road, which in his opinion was reducing the number of people using the crossing because the gate was simply not assessable to people on mobility scooters and those with prams/buggies and asked if there was the possibility of changing the type of gate which was more appropriate. After discussion, it was suggested that the Clerk contact the County Council Highways Department to discuss this suggestion further and report back accordingly.

Councillor Franks was pleased to notify the Parish Council of the recent Appeal Dismissed for 34 Leamington Road, which stated that policies within the Broadway Neighbourhood Plan were used in the decision-making process. Councillor Franks also notified the Parish Council that there was a meeting of a newly formed Natural Environment Committee with the District Council the following day and would forward the Parish Council a report on the meeting for its next meeting.

Councillor Miss Hardiman reported that Brompton House Nursing Home was experiencing litter problems on the grassed area outside its premises and that there was a need for an additional bin in Station Road. The Clerk would take this matter up with the District Council. Councillor Miss Hardiman also wished to highlight the ongoing need for a Foodbank in Broadway. Churches Together who run the Foodbank are currently organising an Easter Package for those in need. The Foodbank currently operates on a fortnightly basis at St. Michael's Church and supports over forty families and individuals in the village using donations of both food and monies kindly donated from local residents and organisations – the Foodbank had recently received a donation of £500.00 from

the former Nomad Group. Any donations can be given via St. Michaels or St. Saviours Churches or at the Parish Office.

The Chair, Councillor Dr. Wilks, ask if there was an update on the new Fire Station, in response Councillor Mrs Eyre reported that the new station building was progressing well. Councillor Mrs. Eyre asked if the Parish Council could reconsider its decision regarding the temporary parking at the entrance to the Activity Park, which was currently being used by the building work team and make it a permanent controlled parking area for two/three vehicles. It was agreed to discuss this at a future meeting. There had been ongoing discussions regarding finding land for a new graveyard, but this now need to be investigated further. A similar method had been taken up in nearby Willersey and it was suggested that a meeting be arranged with Willersey Parish Council to understand the process better.

The Chair thanked councillors for their input and closed this part of the meeting at 9.30 pm and opened the Public Session

(13) PUBLIC INFORMATION SESSION:

There being no questions/matters raised by the member of the public in attendance, the Chair closed the meeting at 9.35 pm.

Date /Time Next Meetings:

Annual Parish Meeting - Wednesday 5th April 2023, at Lifford Hall starting at 7.00 pm

Annual Meeting of the Parish Council – Thursday 11th May at the Parish Office starting at 7.00 pm

District Councillor Nigel Robinson's Report – March 2023

The parking meter in the central Carpark (Church Close) was vandalised several months ago and has still not been replaced by Wychavon District Council. Not only is there a financial loss to the district council, this damaged machine covered in tape and notices, reflects poorly on our village. I have asked Steve Knight (Wychavon District Council representative on Visitor Management Group) to follow this up with Parking Services. So far, no date has been set for fitting a replacement.

Elizabeth Eyre and I met the Chief Executive and Assistant Chief Executive of Wychavon District Council on 23rd January to discuss Milestone Ground. We were delighted to hear that the development of new facilities for football is definitely going ahead and a substantial sum will be spent of building one all-weather full-sized pitch, one full-sized grass pitch, two junior pitches, carparking and a clubhouse. Representatives from Broadway United Football Club and Wychavon District Council are looking to develop a management structure to make use of the facilities. The development will be for football only and overall control and ownership will be in the hands of Wychavon District Council. At the moment senior football is enjoying a renaissance with Broadway United currently top of Evesham Sunday League Division 2.

Concern has been previously expressed about road closures and detour signage. During the last road closures in February the signage was totally inadequate and misleading. Part of the problem is due to a third-party company erecting the signs who have no connection with the contractors. Broadway Business Association together with the Parish Council need to provide input on these detour signs to lessen the impact on visitors and residents.

The Planning Application No. W/22/02722 'Ridgway', Springfield Lane, Broadway timeline has been extended for another two weeks as the Planning Officer has requested further documents from the applicants. When received everyone who has lodged an objection will be given the opportunity to provide another response.

The Energy Bills Support Scheme will provide another £400 of grant funding to all residents who do not have a direct relationship with their energy provider e.g. care homes, park homes residents and some apartment owners. Wychavon District Council will help make residents aware of the scheme and how to apply, make final checks and arrange payment. Users of alternative fuels will be eligible for £200.

Wychavon District Council will provide £30,000 help to support Coronation Events and the Parish. Council would have been notified.

Wychavon District Council toilets are officially the best local authority toilets in England. Church Close toilets won the Best Toilets in a Carpark award and the Activity Park toilets were given Platinum Plus.

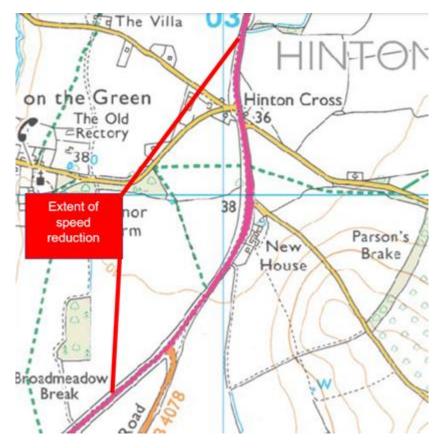
Broadway March 2023

District and County Councillor Eyre's Report

<u>Delays on A44/A46, Budget, What WCC is doing about Climate Emergency, use of Drones re Bridges.</u>

April 2023 Monday to Friday overnight when traffic volumes are lower between 9 pm and 6 am. National Highways will be carrying out electrical lighting works on the A46 Teddington Hands roundabout as part of its safety improvement scheme: replacing the street lighting cables on the roundabout to help mitigate the likelihood of any outages and other cable and electrical faults at this location., To carry out our work safely, work will be carried out under two phases: Phase 1 finished on Monday. - Phase 2 - 21 March to 6 April 2023 - Four-way temporary traffic lights on Teddington Hands roundabout and a full closure of Crashmore Lane and two-way temporary traffic lights on the A435.

A46 improvement at Hinton Cross —National Highways (NH) have made great progress with the speed limit reduction to cover the A46 between the junctions at Hinton Cross and Sedgeberrow North to introduce a lower 40mph limit. They are planning work to start shortly to install 40pmh signs and repeaters mounted on posts. They are also installing 40mph roundels on a red road surface and dragons' teeth road markings at the gateway to the speed restriction to encourage adherence to the lower speed limit. They will monitor speeds during the next 18 months, as well as collision data to understand if the speed reduction has reduced the likelihood of incidents in this area intending to make the 40mph speed limit permanent. See the plan below.



They are also working closely with the sign manufacturer to develop the details for the installation of a Vehicle Activated sign north of Hinton Cross to alert southbound drivers of vehicles waiting to join the A46 at the approaching junction. They are working through complex constraints such as access to sufficient power and identifying the safest position to locate the sign. We're also liaising with them to agree on the optimum timeline for delivery and will provide you with more details on this once these have been agreed upon. As soon as they have finalised the details and dates for the work to install the signs and road markings, they will update me. We are currently planning the work to take around two weeks and are looking to minimise the disruption by working at night as much as possible.

For completeness please be aware Severn Trent is working from Salters Lane, Fladbury down to Greenhill over the next 2 years so there could be delays on the A44 – check with one network

Budget 2023:Worcestershire County Council approved its budget plans at a meeting in County Hall in February. Its share, the largest, which pays for education, social care, and transport, will rise to £1,465.78 for band D households – an increase of £69 on last year. The cost of policing is also set to rise with the average household asked to pay an extra £15 in the next year

with the region's fire service requesting an extra £5 from residents to cover its costs.

Worcestershire County Council will invest over £268 million to ensure the most vulnerable people in the county receive the care and support they need. It ensures care is provided for those who need it most, assisting them in living their best life and helping them to maintain the highest level of independence. It will be commissioning services to best meet the needs of residents, whether it's in their own homes, at a day centre, or at a residential /nursing care home. The investment also ensures the County Council can continue to offer support in several areas including discharge from the hospital, the elderly, those with physical or mental health disabilities, and people who have learning disabilities, autism, and dementia. The Council also supports those carers in the community who may be supporting a family member or friend. The budget has been set to help meet the current pressures and level of demand in this area, which increases by approximately 4 percent each year, and the care needs which are becoming increasingly complex. The rising demand for health and social care post-COVID-19 is well-reported and exceeds previous forecasts. This coupled with increasing levels of inflation for businesses has also driven up the cost of care, resulting in significant pressure on the Council's financial position which will continue into 2023/24.

Climate Emergency: a lot of residents are asking what the County Council is doing in respect of climate challenges. The County Council has a long history of action on climate change and is not acting alone – many organisations across the county, the UK, and beyond are acting too. The council has set a target to be carbon neutral by 2050 and is working in partnership to achieve the Worcestershire LEP Energy Strategy aim of halving the county's carbon emissions by 2030. The council has cut its absolute carbon emissions by 41% and reduced its net carbon emissions by 47% since 2009/10. Countywide carbon emissions have fallen by 42% since 2005. The Council's Net Zero Carbon plan is the latest and most ambitious in a series of carbon management plans implemented by the Council over the last 20 years.

Contact: Heather Dawes, Programme Manager – Sustainability, **sustainability@worcestershire.gov.uk**

Further information on Worcestershire's website | Worcestershire County Council and Sustainability and carbon reduction and climate action timeline

Highways: Drones, fitted with cameras, are being trialed by the county council, in partnership with contractors Jacobs and Ringway, to inspect bridge

structures in "better, safer, more cost-effective, and recordable ways." The drones have a dedicated professional pilot, whilst the camera is controlled by a bridge inspector to enable them to focus on any areas of interest. The first bridge inspection of its kind took place this month at Mildenham Canal Bridge, Claines. The council says that risk is minimised by using drones in areas where access would usually be very difficult to reach, and the inspection can be carried out effectively. The information that is collected could help improve the historic record of the structure, enabling changes to be identified more easily over time.

Local issues

Enquiry 1704 - S106 cycling money — tight legal agreement, discussing potential using monies on cycle route Leamington Road but there are challenges: looking for a minimum 3 metre width for the possible creation of a shared use cycle path along Leamington Road. Observations revealed several engineering challenges on both sides of the road. On the east side of Leamington Road, we have a significant drainage ditch running parallel to the existing footway along with a parking layby and a length of narrow footway approaching the High Street. On the west side, it was noted that there was a restrictive width of footway in the vicinity of No. 34 Leamington Road, several items of street furniture (lamp columns, BT Openreach poles, etc.), and a wide junction with Bloxham Road. In the area around the building supplies company access, it appears to be lower than the carriageway and a restrictive width of footway opposite Collects Fields.

S106 Community money – awaiting information re parish clerk costing out cycle track gravel material outside ring of activity park for children to learn to cycle and, runners to use.

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

CCTV cameras for Activity Park requested of Fire Authority

<u>BBA and CCTV cameras in High Street</u> WDC Council on 7th December passed a motion to add 300k to Capital programme 23/24 (New Financial year) for

infrastructure improvements funded by capital receipts and in principle additional cost of staffing. Verbal agreement - this includes broadway

Acoustic camera Phase 3 bid for Fish Hill – lost bid - not supported by HO. Average speed camera – no funding.

Bench on land back of spitfire – awaiting new management Co. to agree

Gullies: A44 drainage problem from Collin Lane roundabout to Dogs Trust on the Western side – outstanding

Burial Ground – discussions with landowners. Awaiting Parish's decision.

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 from transport

Bus stop Sandscroft – working to reinstate

Roadworks

<u>Pye Corner</u>, water on the road, more work to be done. <u>Knotweed treatment</u> near the turn to an orchard farm, watching brief. <u>Planning application 21/01331/CU</u> Keeping eye on the visibility spays.

<u>Safety issue on bend Childswickham Road</u> – TRO's process is underway.

Enquiry 2514 -**Pole on High street for battery VAS:** new signs ordered to be reset with posts,

Enquiry notification 1894: High Street - water issuing from 3 locations, outside 164 Pike Cottage also opposite 155 and 153. STW service request 2005810677.

Enquiry notification 2387: outside Bell Yard in the High Street, a missing cap on a service hole

Footway Maintenance requests:

<u>Footway A44 Wickhamford to Broadway:</u> cost 93k for 6 sections. Some patching was done and 1 section was identified for renovation. Awaiting delivery date. Donated funds to address part.

<u>Snowshill Road footway</u>: from Broadway Church to the old Church, the poor condition of some of the footway.

<u>Cheltenham Road:</u> The footpath on Cheltenham Road requires attention up to West End Lane. Repairs are due to be made to the footway shortly.

Enquiry 1704: Footway alongside Learnington Road added 11th July 2022:

B4632. From a point near Sandscroft Farm /Spitfire Estate to the corner near the A44 roundabout at Smallbrook Corner. This path is quite heavily used in both directions by walkers Mums with prams and some invalid carriages. 4 photos advisory for our Footway Team to survey resurfacing the footway on both sides of the road between Leamington Road and adjacent to 250, High Street. Response – no safety issues – asked if I could part fund – asked for costing and plans. This needs to be considered alongside requests to enable older people's buggies /etc into the village.

Note Leamington road works on order: will include removing a short section of the slabbed area and replace with tarmac. We will then use the good slabs from that area to replace the broken/cracked ones between the Library and High Street. The scheme will run from the entrance to the Builders Yard to outside the Library.

Enquiry 2685 Gullies 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

Childswickham Road to Car Park - Request for the reconstruction of footway Leedons to Broadway – section not already done. Query re street cleaner. Talk to PC re the area near the cider house.

Gravels were laid in 1993 and are now 30 years later they need refurbishment. The only time is between the end of September and November Please avoid working at these times

Divisional funds have supported coronation medals at Broadway's two schools

3564 - Enquiry Learnington Road Safety

The skid sign is in the wrong place.

1. Requested KH look at how to reduce accidents as x 6 have gone through the garden hedge as drivers do not manage bend at 40mph. Danger to householders working in the garden, drivers, and pavement users.

Kieran Hemstock to survey the site for any extra lining or signage works. BB to inspect the condition of the bollards in the bend. BB believes the slippery road surface sign is in the correct location as it isn't for the bend but for the road surface. The road was surface dressed in 2019, Asked BB to liaise and speak to the householder.

Fish Hill Closure for Grass Cutting 2-5th June 20:00 - 06:00 BROADWAY BYPASS, A44 (usrn: 45405223), BROADWAY County Boundary with Gloucestershire

3 enforcement cases re signage broadway