

MINUTES OF MEETING OF BROADWAY PARISH COUNCIL
held at the Parish Office, 5 Russell Square, High Street, Broadway,
on Thursday, 19th January 2023, at 7.00 pm

PRESENT: Councillors R.W.G.Bennett, Miss D. Hardiman, Mrs.F.E.A.Phillips, Dr.J.M.Reading (Vice-Chair), N.D.A. Robinson, Mrs. Rogers, Mrs. E.Sims, and Dr. Wilks (Chair).

Before the meeting formally started it was with great sadness that the Clerk informed the Council of the death of former long-standing councillor Mr. Fred Penny, and as a mark of respect a two minutes silence was observed in his memory.

The Clerk had sent a card of condolence to his wife and family on behalf of the Parish Council, and confirmed that the funeral would take place at Fladbury Crematorium on Tuesday 31st January at 4.00 pm

- (1) APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Apologies were received and accepted from Councillors G.J.Franks, L. Jones, A.P.Riley, and County & District Cllr. Mrs. E. Eyre

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:

PC Ben Trowman and PCSO Karen Kempton were both unable to attend due to work commitments, but the Clerk had spoken with PC Trowman, who reported that there had been no crimes recorded in the past thirty days within Broadway. It was, however, noted that the ticket machine in the Central Car Park had recently been forcibly removed.

The Chair, Dr. Wilks stated that more training and better use of the Police's 'Neighbourhood Matters' scheme should be made, which would allow the Parish Council to produce its own report for future meetings.

The Clerk asked if councillors and residents had any issues/concerns to contact PC Trowman directly or ring 101 or 999 or attend one of the regular drop-in sessions at Signpost.

- (4) MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 08.12.22

Copies of the draft minutes had been circulated to all councillors, and it was proposed by Councillor Bennett, seconded by Councillor Mrs Sims, that the minutes of the meeting held on 8th December 2022 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

Following the resignation of former councillor Mr. Antony Holmes, the Parish Council, after notifying the District Council Electoral Services and following the necessary procedures, were permitted to co-opt a replacement. A Notice of Co-option was displayed and one person – Mr Sebastian Garner had submitted an application (a copy of which had been forwarded to all councillors), who had been invited to the meeting to make a brief presentation and answer any questions from councillors. Mr. Garner gave a brief introduction and his reasons for wishing to join the Parish Council and answered questions raised from councillors. The Clerk invited Mr. Garner to stay for the remainder of the meeting if he wished, and asked councillors to notify the Clerk of their decision to co-opt or not by Wednesday 25th January, after which the Clerk would notify Mr. Garner accordingly.

Mr. Clark Grant had submitted a letter of resignation and the Clerk had notified the District Council Electoral Services, who advised that, under the Local Government Act 1972, as the vacancy occurs within six months of the regular retirement of councillors prior to an election, no election can take place and the Parish Council may choose to fill the vacancy by co-option for the period until the election in May. After discussion it was unanimously agreed that the Parish Council should advise the vacancy to be filled by Co-option and a decision made at the next meeting on 23rd March. It was felt that, although it was potentially only for a short period, that any successful applicant could have the experience of being involved with the Parish Council and this could only be beneficial. The Clerk would complete the necessary notice and advertise the vacant position accordingly, with the deadline date for return of application being 28th February.

(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).

Councillor Mrs. Eyre was unable to attend the meeting, and the Clerk asked if there were any queries from the report to forward either to Councillor Mrs. Eyre or through the Clerk.

Councillor Mrs. Eyre's Report included the following (full copy of report attached) –

County Matters:

A46 – no further updates;

Report It – a reminder to make use and benefits of the online reporting system for reporting potholes, gully/drainage/flooding concerns, streetlights etc.

Tourism – latest data of economic impact of tourism in 2021 in Worcestershire – over fourteen million visited the county, contributing over £747 million pounds to the local economy.

Local Matters:

CCTV/Speed Cameras updates

Roadwork updates

Footpath Maintenance updates

Burial Ground

Councillor Miss Hardiman asked if there was any update with regards to finding a suitable location for a new burial ground within the village. The Chair, Councillor Dr. Wilks, replied that this issue was high priority for the parish and would ask Councillor Mrs. Eyre for the latest update at the next meeting.

Councillor Bennett asked if any progress had been made regarding the repair/reinstatement of the footpath along Snowhill Road.

The Clerk would forward all queries to Councillor Mrs. Eyre report for responses and/or report back at the next meeting.

Councillor Robinson's Report included the following (full copy of report attached) – Notifications of road closures – raised concerns regarding recent closure notice of the High Street. Both Councillor Mrs. Eyre and Robinson had written to the County Council and were opposed to this closure at this time due to its impact on businesses. In reply, the County Council stated that Streetworks prefer road closures during school holidays and any delay would push the work back to Easter. After discussions, it was agreed that the Clerk be instructed to write to the County Council supporting both councillors.

Meeting to discuss redevelopment of Milestone Ground - Councillor Robinson notified the Council that there was a meeting scheduled for Monday 23rd January to further discuss the re-development/future of the Football Club. Councillors queried as to why the Parish Council were not invited to attend the meeting. Councillor Robinson would contact the District Council and notify the Clerk accordingly if a representative(s) from the Parish Council was able to attend.

Post Meeting: There was no requirement for the Parish Council to be present and Councillors Eyre and Robinson would report back accordingly.

Banners/Advertising – a resident had raised concerns regarding this matter, and the matter would be discussed at the next Visitor Management meeting for recommended actions.

The Chair thanked both councillors for their reports and for their continued support within the Parish.

(7) CLERK'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE:

The District Council had sent each Parish Council an updated list of Section 106 monies held for each parish.

An idea had been forwarded to the Parish Council in connection with the 'Great British Spring Clean', which this year would take place between 17th March and 2 April. The Parish Council had a number of litter picking kits / bags etc., and after discussion it was unanimously agreed that this event be advertised and local schools/organisations be invited to take part.

Following a request from a local Mobile Fish and Chip Van, the Broadway Trust had not given permission to use the village green as a regular spot to trade on Friday and Saturday afternoons, it was, therefore, suggested that an alternative site be sought.

At a previous meeting concerns were raised regarding the removal of trees at Stoneyroyd in Station Road. The Clerk confirmed that this had been reviewed by the District Council and no further action was deemed necessary.

The footpath between Morris Road and Back Lane, which is a well-used path to the High Street, had been in a poor state for some time, which had got worse again during the recent heavy rainfall. The Clerk had contacted the County Council Senior Public Rights of Way Officer, who is responsible for maintenance of footpaths. A site visit was made to view the issues raised, and as a result, quotations had been requested to undertake the required works – the Clerk would report back accordingly.

The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal had awarded the Parish Council a Certificate of Appreciation for its time and generosity supporting the work of the Royal British Legion and its annual Poppy Appeal.

The 'Annual Parish Meeting' would normally follow on from the next Parish Council meeting on 23rd March. The Clerk suggested to councillors that a separate date be arranged for this meeting, and that it take place in the Lifford Hall. After discussion, councillors were in favour of this proposal and the Clerk would contact the Lifford Hall booking secretary to check available dates. The meeting would then need to be advertised and various clubs/organisation/schools etc. be invited to take part. The Chair was very keen to give the Parish Council, club/organisation the opportunity to let residents know what has happened in the past twelve months and future plans for the coming year, together to allow residents to give their views/comments as well – good and bad.

(8) SETTING OF PRECEPT AND BUDGET 2023/2024

The Finance Committee met on 12th January at the Parish Office, when the Clerk as Responsible Financial Officer, produced the three-quarter year financial accounts to the 31st December 2022, together with the proposed budget for 2023/2024 – copies of which had been circulated to all councillors. The accounts and proposed budget were fully discussed, and the following amendments were made accordingly.

- Added a budget of £1,000 to cover costs of maintaining defibrillators in the village
- Added a budget of £2,000 for the Coronation Celebrations Event
- Added the Vale of Evesham Community First Responders for an annual donation of £1,000

The Committee wished to recommend the approval of the budget for 2023/2024 and the setting of the precept at £110,000 – the increase in the precept from last year includes the annual repayment amounts of the loan for the redevelopment of the Youth and Community Centre.

Approval of Budget: Proposed by Councillor Miss Hardiman, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Sims, approval of the Budget was unanimously agreed.

Approval of Precept: Proposed by Councillor Mrs. Rogers, seconded by Councillor Dr. Reading, approval of the setting of the Precept was unanimously agreed.

(9) REPORTS/UPDATES OF COMMITTEES:

Environmental and Sustainability Committee:

The committee had not met since the last meeting, but the Clerk updates the Council on the following matters:

(a) Activity Park - The steps next to slide were in need of repair, and the Clerk had arranged for a local contractor to undertake the required work to make the steps safe for use. Councillor Jones had notified the Council at the previous meeting of the proposal to install a new piece of equipment, and the Clerk had met with a supplier on 17th January to discuss options. Councillor Jones and the Clerk had contacted other suppliers for further quotations and/or site visits and would update the Council accordingly with prices/recommendations etc.

The Clerk notified the Council that a new maintenance man was now looking after the Activity Park – undertaking a weekly tidy up and maintenance work.

The Clerk updated the Council regarding the alleged accident and subsequent insurance claim. The Parish Council's insurers had requested information/documentation in relation to the claim, which had been forwarded as requested. The Clerk reiterated that the piece of equipment in question had been rated as low risk on the last inspection report and that the appropriate public liability insurance was in place. The Clerk would update the Council accordingly.

(b) Trees - Councillor Mrs Sims and the Clerk met with Mr. Andrew Woods, the Parish Tree Consultant and discussed the following:

The Tree Safety Survey Report had identified the following:

Two trees – one Horse Chestnut in the High Street, which required work to reduce limbs over the road, and one Ash in Cheltenham Road, which required work to sever ivy to aid future inspection and to reduce shading of pollard head

Horse Chestnut outside Box of Delights (former Post Office) needs removing and stump grinding out.

Malus in Station Road needs removing and stump grinding out. Quotation had been received from Adrian Hope Tree Services to undertake this work for £925 + VAT

It was proposed by Councillor Dr. Reading, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Sims, and unanimously agreed that the quotation be accepted, and the Clerk would arrange for the work to be undertaken

(c) Jubilee Trees – after discussion the group would like to suggest that some of the proposed trees be planted in the Activity Park – some small groups 5/6 ft trees to provide shaded areas and also a spinney of smaller trees near the bottom of the Activity Park. It was agreed to meet at the Park on Tuesday 24th January at 1.00 pm to discuss the ideas further and produce a detailed proposal for the Council at its next meeting with costings etc. Grant funding and support is available from County Council for such projects and this included maintenance and protection of the trees. It was also suggested that additional trees could also be planted as this was an ongoing project for planting trees in and around the village and that these could possibly be sponsored by local businesses/individuals.

(d) Trees Preservation Orders/Enforcement – the Parish Council would like to keep a closer view on planning application where trees are to be removed and/or planted to ensure that what is agreed is undertaken and Mr. Andrew Woods was happy to undertake this role, and it was also suggested that the new District Tree Officer be invited to the next meeting of the Environmental and Sustainability Committee to discuss the Parish Council concerns on this matter.

Finance Committee:

The Finance Committee met on 12th January at the Parish Office, when apart from the items covered under item (8) the following items were discussed and recommended for approval:

1. Following the resignation of Antony Holmes from the Parish Council, a new chair of the Finance Committee was required. Councillor Robinson was agreeable to take on the role until the elections in May. It was proposed by Councillor Miss Hardiman, seconded by Councillor Dr. Reading that Councillor Robinson become chair of the Finance Committee.
2. There was also a need for a replacement signatory / internet banking authorisation on the Parish Council bank account. It was proposed by Councillor Dr. Wilks, seconded by Councillor Miss Hardiman, and agreed that Councillor Dr. Reading be added to the authorised list of signatories.
3. The Clerk notified the committee that the Parish Office electricity contract with Unicom Ltd was due for renewal and having compared rates etc. had accepted a new one-year contract with E-On Next.

All of the above points were proposed by Councillor Mrs. Rodgers, seconded by Councillor Bennett and unanimously approved

Leisure, Community and Wellbeing Committee:

The Chair, Councillor Miss Hardiman, gave a update on its recent meeting held on 16th January at the Parish Office, and notified the Council as follows:

- (a) the Methodist Church was closing down from 1st May.
- (b) a meeting of the Community Library Group had been arranged and Councillor Miss Hardiman would report back accordingly.
- (c) Councillors Dr. Reading and Mrs Sims had recently attended a ‘Community Service’ at Willersey Church, to which representatives from local clubs/organisations were invited to both attend and take part in the service, with the emphasis on community and togetherness, and the Parish Council organised the refreshments. It was suggested that Broadway arrange a similar service and the committee would discuss this proposal further with Revd. Ward at St. Michael’s Church.
- (d) Medical Centre – after discussion it was suggested that a representative from the centre be invited to a future meeting to update the committee on the new medical centre.

(e) A concern had been raised regarding the number of elderly residents, who live on their own in the village, and how these people can be helped. After discussion, it was suggested that this could be part of and/or an extension of the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme i.e. neighbours being aware of such residents in their area and making sure they are safe/well.

Publicity and Communication Committee:

The Parish Council would continue to produce its own quarterly leaflet, highlighting events etc.

The Parish Council will still submit articles to the ‘Broadway Newsletter’ and any such articles from councillors should be submitted to the Parish Office for approval prior to the submission deadline for each issue.

A meeting was being arranged to further develop the Parish Council website, and possible setting up of a Facebook facility. The idea to make it more user-friendly, and also to allow the Clerks to upload basic notices etc.

Councillor Dr Wilks reported that some of the major attractions in and around the village were considering producing a ‘visitor card’, which would allow discounted entry to each of the attraction – more detail to follow.

Councillor Dr. Wilks updated the Council on the plans for the upcoming ‘Coronation Celebrations’ event, which will take place on Sunday 7th May on the Village Green, starting with a Church Service at 11.00 am and in the afternoon – events on the Green including a display of May Pole dancing by children from both village schools, a village picnic and circus skills. There may also be the possibly be a live screening of the Coronation in the Lifford Hall, including Tea and Cakes, and the lighting of a Beacon at Broadway Tower as happened at the jubilee Celebrations, but both these events are subject to confirmation. A supply of commentative medals would be ordered for the primary age children who attend the two local schools and also for the younger children at the playgroups, with thanks to Councillor Mrs. Eyre, who had agreed to fund the cost of these.

The next meeting of the ‘Coronation Committee’ had been arranged for 15th February – time to be confirmed.

Safety and Security Committee:

No meeting had taken place since the last meeting, but the Clerk, in the absence of the Chair, Councillor Franks, notified the Council of the following matters:

- (a) the new VAS sign pole had now been installed in Snowhill Road.
- (b) A meeting with the Neighbourhood Watch organiser from Fladbury was to be arranged to help progress the Scheme in Broadway – the Clerk would report back at the next meeting accordingly.
- (c) Defibrillators – the Clerk was working with the local First Responder, Mr Robin Farnworth, to progress work on ensuring all the current publicly available units are correctly registered and purchasing new units to be located in areas not already covered, and then produce a map showing the location of all defibrillators in the village.

Youth Club:

Councillor Dr. Reading reported that the Parish Council were awaiting the decision of the Secretary of State with regards to the application for funding from the Public Works Loans Board and would notify all councillors accordingly.

(10) PLANNING:

Parish Council Comments:**MEETING 13/12/22**

W/22/02400/FUL

Associated Ref: W/22/02401/LB

RPD MANAGEMENT LTD

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.

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

W/22/02494/HP

MR. A. FLINT

6 Tythe Road
Attached garage.

The Parish Council is agreeable to delegating the decision to officers.

W/22/02358/HP

MR. & MRS. RUSHMORE

Hunters Court, 50 High Street
Erection of a timber orangery.

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.

W/22/02274/HP

MR. & MRS. AHMED EI MAGDOUB

Springfield Farm House, Springfield Lane
Single storey orangery extension to the rear of property.

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.

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.

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 in the Broadway Neighbourhood Plan.

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.

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

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).

The Parish Council in principal raise no objections to the extended hours, but wish it noted that it is condition 3 not 4. The Parish Council are pleased to see that the applicant realised that this condition needed to be amended.

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W/22/02443/FUL

MR. ALEX BOLT

8 Walnut Close
New dwelling.

Walnut Close is a unique area in Broadway comprising originally of 1930's social housing, and the proposed development would not be in keeping with the surrounding properties, therefore the Parish Council objects to this application as it feels that it is contrary to HD.1 - Development Principals - in particular HD1.2 and HD1.3
The Parish Council would also query the accessibility to the site over an existing Right of Way.

W/22/02395/HP

MRS. SARA MITCHELL

Bredon View, Evesham Road
Extention to a dwelling house.

The Parish Council, in principal, have no objection to this application, but have some concerns regarding its size and mass proportionate to neighbouring properties and would ask that officers take into HD1.2 within the Broadway Neighbourhood Plan. The Parish Council also has a Dark Skies policy within its Neighbourhood Plan and would ask that the applicant take this into consideration. The Parish Council would also like it conditioned that the dwelling is only for residential use.

W/22/02406/HP

MRS. S. BAKER

21 Sandscroft Avenue
Two storey side extension.

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 The Swan, 2 The Green
 Permission is sought for various internal and external alterations to a listed building.

While the Parish Council, in principal, have no objections to the application, it would ask the officers and applicant to be mindful of the Heritage Street Scene, and the Design Principals within the Broadway Neighbourhood Plan - BE.1 in that it should be compatible with the distinctive character of the Neighbourhood Area. The Parish Council therefore, object to the installation of the garden awnings in the garden area to the rear of the property. The Parish Council also has a Dark Skies Policy NE.9 within the Neighbourhood Plan and would ask that this be considered and/or conditioned.

Wychavon Approvals:

- W/22/02300/HP **MR. RUSSELL THOMPSON**
 Ridgeway, Station Road
 Conversion of existing outbuildings to a domestic garage and home gym/office/annex, ancillary to the dwelling
 house and extensions to dwelling as approved under planning reference W/22/01260/FUL - variation of condition 5.
- W/22/02272/HP &
 Associated Ref:
 W/22/02273/LB **MR. LANCE TANKARD**
 St. Michael's Cottage, 19-21 Church Street
 Replace existing 5-bar timber gate with a solid gate and stone piers.
- W/22/02263/HP **MR. J. STACKHOUSE**
 Milestone House, 122 High Street
 Erection of Detached Oak Framed Garage to Rear.
- W/22/02358/HP **MR. & MRS. RUSHMORE**
 Hunters Court, 50 High Street
 Erection of a timber orangery.
- W/22/02274/HP **MR. & MRS. AHMED EI MAGDOUB**
 Springfield Farm House, Springfield Lane
 Single storey orangery extension to the rear of property.

Wychavon Refusal:

W/22/02494/HP

MR. A. FLINT6 Tythe Road
Attached garage.

W/22/01341/FUL

MR. J. PRICE and MS A. DAFFURN2 Bredon View
Proposed dwelling/parking and reformed external space.**(11) SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS/RECEIPTS: from 01:10:22 to 30:11:22**

Payments:	verified by the Clerk together with two nominated signatories	net of VAT
Worcestershire County Council	Pension Contribution	£817.41
Unicom	Telephone/Internet	£68.39
Unicom	Office Electricity	£187.93
HM Revenue and Customs	PAYE	£1,692.64
Wychavon District Council	Annual Bin Cleaning Charge	£250.86
Maurice Parkinson Contract Services	Lengthsman Scheme	£476.00
Maurice Parkinson Contract Services	General Maintenance	£87.00
K Beasley	Clerks Salary- December	£2,186.75
L Chapman	Assistant Clerk's Salary- December	£1,142.04
Printfast Printing	Office Supplies	£8.29
Consumable Direct Ltd.	Office Supplies	£8.32
Kenro Ltd.	Office Supplies	£5.71
Cotswold Building Supplies Ltd	General Maintenance	£12.00
Vale Press Ltd.	Neighbourhood Plan	£182.00
Vale Press Ltd.	Jubilee Celebrations	£1,373.00
PW Commerical Co. Ltd.	Office Maintenance	£46.00
Cash	Postages	£19.05
Cash	Milk/Coffee/Sugar	£13.00
Cash	Office Supplies	£20.65
Receipts:		
Lloyds Bank	Gross Interest	£12.07
Objective Media	Donation re Filming	£100.00
Worcestershire County Council	Lengthsman Scheme	£234.00

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

Councillor Mrs. Sims asked for permission to organise a meeting with residents of the 'Avenues' to encourage a better engagement/involvement with the Parish Council and to give support to the area. After discussion, it was agreed that this was a good idea in principal, however, it was felt that this sort of engagement should take place with all areas of the village, but the 'Avenues' was a good area to start the process, and all committees could have an input in taking this proposal forward.

Councillor Miss Hardiman notified the Council that the 'Tree of Light' raised £1,150.00 in aid of Air Ambulance and thanked everyone for their support.

Councillor Bennett asked if there was an update regarding the proposed 'Dog Fouling' signs. In reply, the Clerk had ordered some signs from the District Council and these could be placed in a number of suitable locations around the village where there are dog fouling problems. Councillor Bennett reported that the Hunt were hoping to meet at the War Memorial during the Cheltenham Festival week as it did last year and suggested that a collection be taken to raise funds for a local charity etc. The Clerk reminded Councillor Bennett that any organisation undertaking a street collection needed to apply for permission from the District Council/Worcestershire Regulatory Services.

The Vice-Chair, Councillor Dr. Reading reported that although the 'Flood Action Plan' had been submitted and approved by the District Council, it cannot be actioned due to a lack of volunteers. A meeting asking for volunteers to come forward, to act as emergency contacts /organising sandbags / helping with needed supplies/food etc. had been arranged for Thursday 16th February.

The Chair closed this part of the meeting at 9.05 pm and opened the Public Session

(13) PUBLIC INFORMATION SESSION:

There being no members of the public in attendance, the Chair closed the meeting at 9.05 pm.

***Date /Time Next Meeting: Thursday, 23rd March 2023 at 7.00 pm
at the Parish Council Office***

District Councillor Robinson's Report – January 2023

I would like to thank all Councillors for paying their respects to my Father at the last meeting of Broadway Parish Council in December.

I regularly receive, as a matter of courtesy, notifications of road closures in and around Broadway. Recently, most of these closures have centred on Childswickham and appropriate diversions have been arranged. However, a recent notification informs me that High Street, Broadway will be fully closed during the period of school half-term from 20th to 23rd February for new water connections near The Broadway Museum. This period is the busiest week between Christmas/New Year and Cheltenham Races and this road closure will have a detrimental effect on businesses in Broadway. I have written to Barry Barnes, Worcestershire County Council, to oppose but he replied to say that Streetworks prefer road closures of this nature during school holidays and any delay would push the work back to the Easter holidays. This road closure is very unhelpful to our village in this period of financial difficulties and I request that the parish council also write to object. I have the support of Joe Aspey, Chairman of Broadway Business Association and my colleague, Elizabeth Eyre.

Last year Wychavon District Council arranged for Mark Cookson to organise The Food Festival which was held the day after the Horticultural Show in September. Mark Cookson arranges other Food Festivals in the area with the District Council and so has experience. Despite making promises, Mark Cookson, has not yet produced any accounts or made any payments to Jayne Insley, Chairman of The Horticultural Show, and the matter has been referred to Steve Knight, the appropriate office at Wychavon District Council. He has written to Mark Cookson requesting all necessary information and payment forthwith with the threat that future co-operation with Wychavon District Council may be reconsidered. You may be aware that this year's Food Festival will now be organised from within the village as Mark Cookson's services are no longer required.

Next Monday I will be attending a meeting with Vic Allison, Jayne Pickering, Elizabeth Eyre and others to discuss Milestone Ground development. Also, I understand that Wychavon District Council have been in negotiations with a developer, McKenzie Miller, regarding the site at the top of Kennel Lane and I have requested details. This site is not part of the Neighbourhood Plan but in the same spirit of co-operation the Parish Council needs to be part of the decision-making process.

A resident has raised justifiable concerns over banners and advertising in the village and suggested we review any bye-laws. Wychavon District Council should be able to help advise us what, if anything, is needed. Sometimes banners are left up for a long time on the fencing in front of the hunt field and opposite Cheltenham Road junction.

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District and County Councillor Eyre's Report

WDC Meeting re football club station road and kennel lane next week

Design code – finalising South next week

Damp/Mould – addressing two property issues with officers

New Planning Consultation – Briefing next week

Enforcement issues – 4 relating to Broadway

A46 - No further update concerning since 14th October

Avon Pollution –WDC Rural Panel **30th January 2023 at 3.30 pm** in the Conference Room, Civic Centre, Pershore. pre-meet 23rd 5.30 pm.

Reminder re REPORT IT: I think Charlton is aware of how to do this and the benefits of self-service for reporting potholes, gully, drainage, flooding, and streetlights out issues etc. Can they encourage residents?

- The more people that report an issue the more likely it is to be fixed. Uploading a photo tells the engineers exactly what the problem is and where it is. Customers can provide more detail so that we get a better understanding of the issue, its location and whether we've received other reports on the issue.
- Customers can now select which drainage feature is causing an issue (drains and gullies, kerb drainage, ditches, and culverts etc) and we help with this by providing photographs showing each of these features with a brief description of their purpose and where they are commonly located.
- Customers will be able to see our optimum inspection and cleaning regime and details of when these were last emptied or cleansed. We will still attend an asset outside of this time where issues are reported and consult our database to gather intel and carry out a site visit where appropriate.

Tourism: Worcestershire's latest data concerning the economic impact of tourism within the county in 2021 shows:

- Worcestershire attracts visitors domestically and internationally,
- The county has seen continued recovery growth since the Covid-19 pandemic,

- Just over 14 million people visited the county including 883,000 overnight stays.
- Visitors have contributed over 747 million pounds to the local economy
- On average overnight visitors are spending around 3 nights in the county with the majority using paid-for accommodation compared to stopping with friends or relatives. Overnight stays are key to the growth of the tourism economy which results in increased visitor spending.

Visit Worcestershire who will be working on campaigns to market the county as the perfect short break destination for potential visitors. Tourism accounts for 5.5 per cent of all employment in Worcestershire, totalling 16,630 jobs in the local area. However, businesses still face recruitment issues across the sector due to a skills shortage and increased wages.

Overall, the value of tourism in Worcestershire is around 25% down compared to pre-pandemic levels but with the easing of restrictions.

S106 monies update

S106 cycling money awaiting new management company – legal agreement can't be changed – can't use money to improve Leamington Road, Right of way upgrade to small bridge already in the work plan. It's a Spitfire Resident Association/ WCC issue. Note enquiry 1704.

S106 Community money – 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 – Snowhill road - watching brief.

Safety and Security issues

CCTV cameras for Activity Park request to Fire Authority – costs of new Fire station have risen, more than double, as in the case of the Youth Club, FA will consider.

BBA and CCTV cameras in High Street 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 – considering how to fund

Supporting the parish: pushing Marc Watts (Camera Safety Partnership) for a community speed watch arrangement on the Cheltenham and Snowhill Road if speeds allow, neighbourhood watch arrangements, community smart water programme,

Exiting Old Mill – chasing officers for action

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

Youth Club: Supporting bid to the Public Loan Body.

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

Roadworks and countryside service outstanding

Pye Corner, water on the road, more work to be done.

Knotweed treatment near the turn to an orchard farm, watching brief.

Planning application 21/01331/CU Keeping eye on the visibility spays.

Crossing Leamington Road: SLOW road marking on both approaches into the Zebra Crossing requested –done.

Concern re obstructed hedges Fish Hill: planned works along Fish Hill for two nights under a road closure addressed, cut back the verges and vegetation. Green Team has my request. Also request from Bob Haynes Safer Roads to ensure all vegetation is cleared from the signage on Fish Hill has been passed on as well. Checking if done.

Safety issue on bend Childswickham Road – TRO's process is underway.

Enquiry 2514 Pole on High street for battery VAS: Officer has been to the site, new signs ordered to be reset with posts,

Enquiry notification 2183: Snowhill Road Broadway – markings are now on road but more requested near Waterloo Bridge.

Enquiry notification 1894: High Street - water issuing from 3 locations, outside 164 Pike Cottage also opposite 155 and 153. The water is issuing from the seams of an old excavation and so I'm assuming foul or sewer. I've phoned STW and been given a service request 2005810677. They informed me that this was also reported as a clean water leak on 6/10/22. It was inspected, and they reported no leak but groundwater. None of the wet patches is in the same place as the historic wet patch which appeared to issue from the field at the side of Pike Cottage. No response from SWT yet

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

Footway Maintenance requests:

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

Snowhill Road footway: from Broadway Church to the old Church. Two issues: the overgrown existing path which only goes so far, and the non-existent new path to the church from the overgrown section. This location has been attended and the Local Works Team has been advised of the poor condition of some of the footway.

verge past the West End Lane Turning, WCC conducts grass-cutting and verge maintenance as effectively and efficiently as possible.

Cheltenham Road: The footpath on Cheltenham Road requires considerable attention up to the West End Lane turning. Beyond that junction, the footpath becomes almost completely overgrown and indistinguishable. This location has also been attended repairs are due to be made to the footway shortly.

Enquiry 1704: Footway alongside Leamington Road added 11th July 2022: B4632. From a point near Sandcroft 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 need to be considered alongside requests to enable older people’s buggies /etc into the village.

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.

W/ENF/22/0439 Deviation from approved plans (21/01415/FUL) Car spaces and garages Kennel Lane

Road work in Broadway – advised liaison officer of the following

The gravels were done 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

- April Easter
- May Coronation and events on the Green
- June Broadway Arts Festival
- August height of the tourist season
- September Vegetable show and food festival
- Lat week Nov, first week Dec – late night shopping

Arranging Divisional funds to support coronation medals at schools £500

Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (As Amended)(C2299 High Street, Broadway) (Temporary Closure) Order 2023 Proposal Order: to close that part of C2299 High Street from its junction with C2300 Leamington Road to its junction with C2122 Church Street.

Reason: New water connection by Severn Trent Water.**Exemptions:** to permit access to any land or premises fronting the highway affected where there is no other form of access and to allow the works to be undertaken.

Alternative route: C2299 High Street, C2299 Lower Green, B4632 Station Road, B4632 Evesham Road, A44 Broadway bypass, C2300 Leamington Road and vice versa.

Maximum duration: 18 Months. Anticipated duration: **3 days** Commencing: **20 February 2023**