

***MINUTES OF MEETING OF BROADWAY PARISH COUNCIL
held at the Parish Office, 5 Russell Square, High Street, Broadway,
on Thursday, 23rd June 2022, at 7.00 pm***

PRESENT: Councillors C. Grant, Miss D. Hardiman, A.A.L. Holmes, L. Jones, Mrs.F.E.A.Phillips, Dr.J.Reading (Vice-Chair), N. Robinson, A. Riley, Mrs.R.Rogers,

Also in attendance: County & District Cllr. Mrs. E. Eyre

- (1) **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** Apologies were received and accepted from Councillors Bennett, Franks, Sims, and Dr. Wilks (Chair), and also the Police and Broadway Trust.

In the absence of the Chair, Dr. Wilks, Vice-Chair Dr. Reading took the Chair and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

- (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.

Councillors who have declared a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest, or any Other Disclosable Interest which falls within the terms of paragraph 12(4) (b) of the code of conduct must leave the room for the relevant items. Failure to register or declare a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest may result in the commission of a criminal offence.

- (3) **POLICE REPORT:**

PC Ben Trowman was unable to attend the meeting due to work commitments, but submitted a report which highlighted and/or updated the Parish Council on the following matters – (a) Fish Hill – there is a new type of hand held speed detection camera which records and downloads speed and both front and rear number plates, meaning that there is no need to stop the offending vehicle at the time of the offence; (b) a suspicious van had been seen in Mill Avenue between 2.00 am and 6.00 am. The registration details were passed to the police, but no trace of the vehicle was found on the police system. Councillor Mrs. Rogers reported that residents of Mill Avenue, many of whom are elderly were very concerned about this incident, and it was suggested that the Police be asked for an update/follow up. Councillor Robinson suggested that residents should be encouraged to report such incidents, and not assume someone else had, and added that if such incidents were not reported the Police would assume that Broadway was a low crime area and would focus its resources elsewhere; (c) the homeless male arrested last month had now been released and was living with his father and not causing any further issues; (d) the Police Surgery in the Signpost office had been reduced to fortnightly – dates for June/July were Thursday, 30th June 2-4pm, Wednesday, 6th July 2-4pm, Tuesday, 19th July 1-3pm, and Wednesday 27th July 2-4pm. These dates were advertised in the Broadway Magazine, on the Parish Office window, and via Social Media.

Overall, PC Trowman reported that crime was low in the village, but encouraged residents/businesses to continue to remain vigilant, and to report any suspicious matters to the Police, and also to sign up to Neighbourhood Matters for updates etc.

Councillor Mrs. Eyre would contact PC Trowman regarding the speed camera mentioned in item (a) of the police report, to clarify costs etc. and if funding could be made available from the Police and Crime Commissioner for such a project and report back accordingly.

There were no further matters to be passed onto the Police, but the Parish Council was very pleased that since PC Trowman had taken over responsibility for Broadway he was a visible presence in the village, both in the High Street and around the Estates/Avenues.

(4) **MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 12:05:22:**

Copies of the draft minutes had been circulated to all councillors, and it was proposed by Councillor Miss Hardiman, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Rogers, that the minutes of the meeting held on 12th May 2022 be unanimously approved by all those present, and they were duly signed and dated as a true record.

(5) **COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORT:**

Copies of a report from County and District Councillor Mrs. Eyre and District Councillor Robinson had been circulated to all councillors. (a full copy of each report attached herewith).

County/District Councillor Mrs. Eyre's Report:

Councillor Mrs. Eyre's report highlighted the following matters –

County Updates - (a) The County Council, alongside Malvern Hills and Wychavon District Councils, are partnering a crowdfunding platform, Spacehive, to create 'Crowdfund Worcestershire', which will give local organisations the opportunity to gain much needed funding; (b) Commonwealth Games Baton Relay – details of dates/times and events; (c) Bus Service Improvement Plan – Councillor Mrs. Eyre had asked to work with the Bus Travel Task Force for Worcestershire to work closely with key partners to hear about the challenges and to help find solutions and ideas; and (e) Update on A46.

Local Updates – the report gave updates on a number of local issues including planning, footways, school crossing, roadworks and countryside services, speed cameras, additional yellow lines in Morris Road, and allotments and burial ground. Councillor Mrs. Eyre added that she was trying to get allotments and a new burial ground incorporated within the revised SWDP and would report back accordingly.

Full details of the above and other items were available within Councillor Mrs. Eyre's report.

Councillor Mrs. Eyre, who is the design champion for Wychavon, notified the Parish Council that a workshop was to take place on Friday, 24th June, with regards to design within Wychavon with the aim to produce a Design Guide Supplementary Planning Document, which would include a section specifically for Broadway. Once completed, this document will be used in planning application decisions. Councillor Mrs. Eyre left the meeting at this stage (7.30 pm) to meet members of the workshop to give them a tour around the village. On her return (8.30 pm) Councillor Mrs. Eyre advised the Council that the tour had gone well and had highlighted to the members the different areas of the village, and the members were really understanding of the need to have a stone guide for Broadway, and the need to have individual areas designated rather than just an overall guide for the whole village.

Councillor Mrs. Eyre reported that funding from Section 106 monies was available for cycling facilities within the village. County Council officers have suggested a cycling route from Highworth Estate, via the Sands Estate, to Back Lane, and to gauge villagers' opinions Councillor Mrs. Eyre would post the information on Broadway Noticeboard Social Media for consultation, and would also ask if residents had any alternative suggestions regarding a cycling route. Councillor Mrs. Eyre would also write formally to the Parish Council for its views/comments. As reported in previous meetings, Councillor Mrs. Eyre had consulted with local cycling groups as to their suggestions regarding a cycle route and their preferred option would be a route from Broadway to Wickhamford.

Councillor Mrs. Eyre confirmed that a meeting was held in respect of the Ridgeway, Station Road PIP application (22/00081) with the landowner to explain more about the process regarding self-builds. In Wychavon all self-builds outside the development boundary must be offered to those on the self-build register.

District Councillor Robinson's Report:

Councillor Robinson's report highlighted the following matters –

(a) updates on Shear House/Rooftop Housing Group matters; (b) District Council funding towards free school meals; (c) the District Council was engaging with local landowners and local communities regarding tree planting projects to increase tree cover across the landscape.

Full details of the above and other items are available within Councillor Robinson's report.

Councillor Robinson had met with Mr. Steve. Knight, District Council Place Projects Manager, and had asked for advice regarding the substantial invoice received for the diversion signage during the jubilee celebrations, and would report back accordingly. The outdoor cinema would be located in Broadway on the village green in late August (date/time to be confirmed), and Mr. Knight would liaise with the Parish Council regarding publicity, etc. Councillor Robinson also discussed the updating of the leaflet/maps in the village, together with upcoming events such as the Horticultural/Food Shows and would report back via the Visitor Management Group regarding these matters.

There being no further questions/comments for either Councillors, Mrs. Eyre and Robinson, the Vice-Chair thanked both councillors for their reports and continued work within the Parish.

(6) CLERK'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE:

The Local Government Association had produced an updated Model Councillor Code of Conduct 2020, and it was also endorsed by the National Association of Local Councils. Worcestershire CALC recommend that all Town and Parish Councils in the County adopt this new Code of Conduct. It was proposed by Councillor Riley, seconded by Councillor Holmes, and unanimously agreed that the new Code of Conduct be adopted, and the Clerk would circulate a copy of it to all councillors.

The County Council had issued a temporary road closure notice to close part of A44 Fish Hill from its junction with U45401 Farncombe Drive to its junction with C2299 Fish Hill for carriageway resurfacing by the County Council. It was anticipated to take one night and was expected to take place on 28th June.

During the build up to this year's Commonwealth Games in Birmingham, the Queen's Baton Relay had been making its way around the world, and as part of its journey around the UK would be passing through Broadway on Friday, 22nd July, at approximately lunchtime (time to be confirmed). During this time (approximately 20 minutes) there would be a road closure in place from the Cheltenham Road junction with the High Street to its junction with

Leamington Road. The District Council had organised activities which would take place on the High Street and Village Green, to include circus skills, stilt walkers and face painting between 11.00 am and 3.00 pm. More information would be available shortly, but if anyone would like to volunteer to help please contact the Clerk.

At the last meeting a question was raised regarding the signage for the Car Park opposite the GWSR in Station Road. The Clerk had contacted the District Council's Parking Service Manager, who stated that they would look at the entrance of the car park to see what additional parking signage could be installed/added to ensure that it was clearer to those looking for a car park.

Representatives from the District Council and the Parish Council met on Wednesday, 8th June, for a Liaison Meeting, to discuss and update both parties on various matters. The next meeting would be scheduled for 10th October, and any questions/matters for discussion should be forwarded to the Chair or the Clerk.

(7) **APPROVAL OF ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT:**

A copy of the Annual Governance Statement had been circulated to all councillors, and the Clerk explained that it was the responsibility of the council as a whole to complete. The Clerk explained each section to all councillors prior to their agreement, after which it was then proposed by Councillor Mrs. Rogers, seconded by Councillor Robinson, and unanimously agreed for approval.

(8) **APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS y/e 31:03:22:**

A copy of the accounts for the year ended 31st March 2022 had been circulated to all councillors. The Finance Committee held a meeting on the 22nd June to examine the accounts in detail with the Clerk as the Responsible Finance Officer and wished to recommend approval of the accounts to the Council. It was then proposed by Councillor Miss Hardiman, seconded by Councillor Riley, and unanimously agreed for approval.

(9) **RE-APPOINTMENT OF INTERNAL EXAMINER AND REVIEW OF INTERNAL EXAMINATION:**

A copy of the Internal Examiner's report had been circulated to all councillors. The Clerk confirmed that the points raised by the examiner would be addressed and actioned.

The Internal Examiner, Mrs. Zoe Kirby of Myriad Services Limited, had confirmed her willingness to continue as Internal Examiner.

It was then proposed by Councillor Mrs. Phillips, seconded by Councillor Holmes, and unanimously agreed to accept both the report and the agreement that Mrs. Kirby continue as Internal Examiner.

(10) **REPORTS/UPDATES OF COMMITTEES:**

Environmental and Sustainability Committee:

Activity Park Update:

The replacement had now been fitted to the large swing and was now fully operational. An additional supply of cushion fall was needed and a quotation to supply and spread it around the required areas of £3,349.80 + VAT had been received. It was proposed by Councillor Miss Hardiman, seconded by Councillor Robinson, and unanimously agreed that the quotation be accepted, and the Clerk was instructed to place the order.

Finance Committee:

A meeting was held on 22nd June, at which, in addition to Items 8 and 9, the following matters were discussed –

- The new Assistant Clerk, who had now joined the office team, was required to be offered the opportunity to join a pension scheme. The Clerk pays into the Worcestershire County Council Pension Scheme. The Finance Committee would like to recommend that the Assistant Clerk be offered the same package and, as part of the criteria, the Parish Council must be agreeable to this. . It was proposed by Councillor Grant, seconded by Councillor Miss Hardiman, and unanimously agreed that the recommendation be offered to the new Assistant Clerk. The Clerk would contact the Worcestershire County Council Pension department for the appropriate documentation and application form.
- Purchase of a new computer monitor;
The existing monitor on the Assistant Clerk's desk was outdated and too small. An alternative monitor had been identified at a cost of £79.00 and the Finance Committee would like to recommend that this be purchased. It was proposed by Councillor Holmes, seconded by Councillor Robinson, and unanimously agreed that a new monitor be purchased, and the Clerk was instructed to place an order.
Post meeting - an offer of two second-hand monitors to replace the existing monitors in the office was made and accepted.
- A Grant Application from the Patient Participation Group at New Barn Close Surgery for funding towards producing a quarterly Newsletter:
Following discussion, the committee had a number of questions/queries, and the Clerk would contact the applicant for responses and would report back to the committee.

Neighbourhood Plan:

Councillor Franks, Chair of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group, was unable to attend this meeting but had submitted the following update:

The Plan had gone through the independent examination and could proceed to Referendum. The examiner stated that 'I am satisfied that, subject to recommended modifications and amendments, the plan is compliant with statutory requirements and should proceed to Referendum'. The examiner's report would be published within the next two weeks and plans for the Referendum had already begun. It was anticipated that the Referendum would take place in August/September.

The Plan now had very significant weight in any planning decisions and played a part in the successful dismissal of the Morris Road (burgage plots) proposal to build nine houses on what was designated Valued Green Space in the Neighbourhood Plan, and was a material consideration in the appeal. Once approved by the community, by a simple majority, at the Referendum, the Neighbourhood Plan would have full legal weight and be fully integrated into the South Worcestershire Development Plan.

The Neighbourhood Plan provided a powerful vision for the future of our neighbourhood and provided a clear plan for our future.

Youth Club:

A meeting of the Youth Club Steering Group was held on 15th June at the Parish Office, and the Vice-Chair, Councillor Dr. Reading, reported as follows:

Two quotations had now been received for the Phase II work, and after discussion the committee would like to recommend that the quotation from Desertoak, the Phase I contractor, be accepted. It was proposed by Councillor Riley, seconded by Councillor Miss Hardiman, and unanimously agreed by all councillors, that the quotation from Desertoak be accepted. It was also discussed and recommended by the committee that a Quantity Surveyor be engaged initially for one session to examine the quotation with both the contractor and the architect. It was proposed by Councillor Holmes, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Phillips, and unanimously agreed by all councillors, that the Quantity Surveyor be engaged.

The Public Works Loan was progressing, and the business plan was currently being prepared. A meeting to discuss the business plan had been arranged for 30th June at the Parish Office. As part of the application process all residents must be consulted as the repayment of the loan will be funded through an increase in the Precept, and after discussion the committee would like to recommend that an information leaflet, which would include a response form, would be delivered to every house in the Parish rather than place an article in the Broadway Newsletter because of insufficient space within the magazine. All councillors were in agreement and the group would look into the best way of organising this – possibly through Royal Mail?

Councillor Grant asked if sponsorship had been considered, and in response the Clerk replied that Phase II costings included the internal fittings so, for example, if a company would be willing to provide a kitchen or flooring at a saving this could obviously be considered and would, therefore, reduce costs. Councillor Grant replied that he was willing to undertake trying to find such items and/or sponsorship, and would report back to the committee accordingly. Councillor Jones suggested that the names of people/companies that provided grants and other facilities should be recognised by some means - i.e. plaques, etc.

Some concerns were raised that rumours were being spread that the ‘Youth Club would never be finished’ and ‘the project has run out of money’, which was very upsetting to all concerned. It was agreed that a sign would be erected advertising the start of Phase II once the contracts etc. have been signed.

(11) JUBILEE UPDATE:

A Jubilee Debrief meeting has been arranged for Tuesday, 5th July, at the Parish Office starting at 7.00 pm. A report on this meeting, together with a financial statement, would be given at the next Parish Council meeting.

Overall, everyone seemed pleased with the four-day event, and really enjoyed themselves. The initial feedback was very positive from everyone, both locals and visitors. The Chair’s aim of the event was to celebrate the Queen’s Jubilee and to bring the community together, both of which, it was unanimously agreed was definitely achieved. Councillor Mrs. Rogers added that ‘not only did it bring the community together, it brought members of the Parish Council together – well done!!’. This was echoed by all councillors.

The bunting along the High Street would remain in place until after the summer, but the bunting around the village green had been taken down.

It was felt that the Parish Council stall within the marquee had worked well and highlighted the work and future plans of the Parish Council, with a number of people volunteering to help/join in with various projects and also putting forward ideas for future projects, etc.

(12) FLOOD ACTION PLAN:

A copy of the 'Broadway Parish Community Flood Plan' had been circulated to all councillors, and the Vice-Chair, Dr. Reading, gave the following report/update:

The initial plan had now been produced, but now needed volunteers, businesses and organisations to come forward to enable the plan to work. A further meeting would be held after the 'Volunteer Meeting' in September, when it was hoped a number of volunteers etc. would come forward. There was also a need for a co-ordinator to be appointed, and it was proposed that the Parish Clerk would be the ideal person to undertake this role.

The Vice-Chair was thanked for her work on this project and producing the draft plan.

(13) PLANNING:

Parish Council comments:

MEETING: 16:05:22

Application W/22/00775/HP

MR. I. SANDELL

23 Lifford Gardens

Rear single storey extension and new dormer windows to front elevation.

The Parish Council raised no objections to this application and is agreeable to it being delegated to officers. The Parish Council has a Dark Skies policy within its emerging Neighbourhood Plan and would respectfully ask that the applicant considers this by using light sensitive glass and lighting.

Application W/22/00934/FUL

OUR LADY OF MAGNIFICAT MAC

St. Marys RC Primary School, Leamington Road

Single storey rear extension to replace mobile classrooms and associated facilities

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

Application W/22/01028/HP

MR. I. SALTER

8 Bibsworth Avenue

Drop kerb, new driveway, dig out topsoil and replace with chippings.

The Parish Council raised no objections to this application and is agreeable to it being delegated to officers, but was concerned that the driveway stone should not spill out onto the highway, and asked that it be conditioned if approved.

Application W/22/01014/CLE

MR. & MRS R. SYMONDS

Downrip Farm, Willersey Road

Stationing of a Static Caravan and its use for accommodation purposes ancillary to dwelling at Downrip Farm for a period of greater than ten years

MEETING: 08:06:22

Application W/22/01086/HP

MS A WINTER

23 Parker Place

Erection of new entrance porch

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

Application W/22/01159/HP

MR. & MRS. LENG

154 High Street

Replacement of existing rear garden room extension (variation of Condition 2 ref 21/02965/HP)

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

Application 21/02756/HP

MR. B. MORAN

Hunters Lodge, 48 High Street

Proposed refurbishment of existing dwelling, demolition of extension and erection of new extension. Erection of garage.

Additional information/amendments –(a) reduction in scale of rear extension; (b) rotation of detached garage ninety degrees so that it is sideways onto the High Street and deletion of car port from it; (c) submission of additional information about internal staircase to justify proposal to relocate it.

The Parish Council raised no objections to this application and is agreeable to it being delegated to officers. The Parish Council do have concerns, however, regarding the siting of the proposed garage, and note the comments made by Broadway Trust regarding the views across the Conservation Area and is arranging a site meeting with the applicant to further discuss this concern.

Application 22/00327/FUL

GCB INVESTMENTS LIMITED

Barn Close Surgery, 38-40 High Street
Change of use from former Doctors' Surgery Class E(e) to Hotel Class C1 and associated works including demolition and extensions to the listed building incorporating new accommodation at the rear

Additional information/amendments – revised single storey extension, revised design and siting of rear buildings, revised external layout and landscaping

The Parish Council raised no objections to this application and is agreeable to it being delegated to officers. The Parish Council has a Dark Skies policy within its emerging Neighbourhood Plan and would respectfully ask that the applicant considers this by using downlighters within the development.

Wychavon Approvals:

Application W/22/00934/FUL

OUR LADY OF MAGNIFICAT MAC

St. Marys RC Primary School, Leamington Road
Single storey rear extension to replace mobile classrooms and associated facilities

Application W/22/00775/HP

MR. I. SANDELL

23 Lifford Gardens

Rear single storey extension and new dormer windows to front elevation.

Application W/22/00355/HP

R. HOWIE

9 Bibsworth Avenue

Erection of dormer window to rear

Application W/22/00589/LB
& Assoc. Ref: W/22/00515/CU

LUCY'S SETTLEMENT

76 High Street

Change of use of ground floor from commercial studio/showroom to form one residential dwelling. Blocking up of side entrance and internal door linking 76 to 74 High Street (Listed Building Consent)

Application W/22/00455/HP

MR. & MRS. PALMER

Negus House, Evesham Road

Demolition of existing domestic outbuilding and construction of new outbuilding to be used as a garage.

Application W/22/00075/HP

R. JOHNSTONE

Lavender House, 8 Leamington Road

Two storey rear and single storey side and rear extension.

Application W/22/00772/HP

H. CAWDRON

19 Fleece Road

Variation of condition 2 following a grant of planning permission 21/01558/HP – two storey side extension

Wychavon Refusal:

Application 21/02802/HP

MR. & MR.A. FLINT 6 Tythe Road

Attached garage

Appeal Decision:

APP/H1840/W/21/3289569

LAND OFF MORRIS ROAD

Residential development of up to nine dwellings with associated access and internal roads, footpaths, parking, landscaping, public open space, pedestrian access to adjoining orchard land, pumping station and other associated works and infrastructure

Appeal Dismissed 13/06/2022

(14) SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS/RECEIPTS: from 01:05:22 to 31:05:22

<i>Payments:</i>	verified by the Clerk together with two nominated signatories	<i>net of VAT</i>
Worcestershire County Council / pension contribution		544.81
Unicom / office electricity		169.01
Unicom / telephone, internet		66.27
Campaign to Protect Rural England / annual subscription		36.00
Orchard Furniture / bench		380.00
Wychavon District Council / office service - insurance charge		1,125.75
Maurice Parkinson / mowing contract		840.00
Maurice Parkinson Contracts / lengthsman scheme		98.00
Ladies Maid Cleaning / office cleaning		22.50
P. Valender / planters		90.88
Wheatley Rent a Plant / Broadway First School project		1,776.24
Worcestershire County Council / lighting initiative charge		4,596.85
Lux Technical Solutions / Jubilee celebrations		2,250.00
Zimprint / Jubilee celebrations		90.00
1st Galaxy fireworks / Jubilee celebrations		964.27
Jac in a Box / Jubilee celebrations		16.66
Campfire Cooking Company / Jubilee celebrations		150.85
Galla Trading Ltd. / Jubilee celebrations		59.40
Paperstation Limited / office supplies		26.74
Broadway Arts Festival / grant		1,000.00
K. Beasley / clerk's salary – May		1,406.75
G. A. Tomkins / assistant clerk's salary – May		534.50
L. Chapman / assistant clerk's salary – May		540.00
Arthur J Gallagher Insurance / insurance		3,438.52
Tower Trophies / plaque for benches		37.50
Tower Trophies / Jubilee celebrations		192.48
S. Taylor / electrical maintenance		80.00
Broadway P.C.C. / Jubilee celebrations		75.00
Intasound PA / Jubilee celebrations		1,953.75
<i>Receipts:</i>		
Lloyds Bank / gross interest		0.24
Broadway Arts Festival / Jubilee celebrations		100.00
Wychavon District Council / Jubilee celebrations		505.00
Signpost / contribution to office water		24.60
Signpost / contribution to office electricity		202.20
Helen Keep / Jubilee celebrations		50.00
Bloomery / Jubilee celebrations		100.00
Hortus Inns Limited / Jubilee celebrations		100.00
Worcestershire County Council / lengthmans scheme		634.00
Little Soap / Jubilee celebrations		100.00
Claire Poore / Jubilee celebrations		35.00

Gordon Russell / Jubilee celebrations	100.00
L. Wood / Jubilee celebrations	130.00
Hortus Inns Limited / Jubilee celebrations	100.00
Devonshire M J / Jubilee celebrations	140.00
Broadway Museum / Jubilee celebrations	100.00
C, Collins / donation re bench	450.00
Jane Gill Crafts / Jubilee celebrations	35.00
N. Maddaford / Jubilee celebrations	35.00
E. Morris / donation re bench	500.00
L. Wood / Jubilee celebrations	10.00
Berrybank Park / Jubilee celebrations	35.00
Worcestershire County Council / Jubilee celebrations	250.00
Independent Hearing / Jubilee celebrations	50.00
Broadway Business Assoc. / Jubilee celebrations	100.00

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

Councillor Jones asked if an update on the County Council's A-board Policy could be included in the next meeting. In response, the Clerk would ask Councillor Mrs. Eyre for a report.

Councillor Grant, who had only recently joined the Parish Council, asked if an explanation of Section 106 monies etc. could be circulated or discussed, so that all councillors could have a better understanding of this very complicated subject, and could prepare a wish list of projects to which any available monies could be allocated. Councillor Grant suggested that the residents also be asked for their views how these Section 106 monies could be spent. Councillor Grant would also follow up the outstanding Section 106 monies for the Cricket Club and report back to Councillor Mrs. Eyre.

There being no further matters raised by councillors, Vice-Chair closed this part of the meeting at 8.55 pm and opened the PUBLIC INFORMATION SESSION:

(16) PUBLIC INFORMATION SESSION:

There being no members of the public present the Vice-Chair finally closed the meeting at 8.55 pm.

Date /Time Next Meeting: Thursday, 25th August, at 7.00 pm

District Councillor Robinson's Report – June 2022

As indicated in my previous report I met Boris Worrall, Chief Executive of Rooftop Housing Group on 25th May at Shear House. We met two tenants who expressed deep concern over the condition of their properties and the maintenance of the communal gardens. One tenant with two very young children has subsequently been rehoused in Pebworth, moving from a one bedroom flat to a three-bedroom dormer bungalow. Her home in Shear House was in a deplorable condition. I have notified the District Councillor for Honeybourne and Pebworth to establish contact. I have recently met another resident of Shear House who would be interested in co-ordinating a group of neighbours to maintain the gardens. And incidentally, this resident has been waiting six months for authorisation from Rooftop to fit a new bathroom floor, when the contractors confirmed the work before Christmas!

The situation at Shear House continues to show no sign of improvement. Only this week I called the police on behalf of another tenant to investigate a break-in to an empty home, No. 26, where the previous tenant had been evicted. Further meetings will take place with Boris Worrall and the local neighbourhood officer.

Wychavon District Council has recently paid £3000 to Broadway Parish Council to support the Visitor Management Group's funding of events. I also understand that the district council is supporting the Horticultural Show and Food Festival with a donation of £5000.

Wychavon District Council have elected a new Chairman and Vice-Chairman for 2022-23. The Vice-Chairman is Emma Keasey, the member for Elmley Castle, who works in Broadway.

Wychavon District Council has stepped in to fund free school meals over the previous half-term costing in excess of £25000 to help over 1700 children. Previous funding by the central Government has ceased. According to the last statement from the Treasurer of Wychavon District Council there is a cash investment balance of nearly £94 million pounds.

Fish Hill will be closed for one night on 28th June for resurfacing. Vehicles will be diverted through Evesham bypass, Badsey, Bretforton and Weston Subege!

Wychavon District Council will soon be embarking on a three-year project to engage with landowners and local communities to increase tree cover across the landscape. Interested parties will need to identify suitable areas for trees to be planted and woodlands created.

The tax loss in Broadway through holiday property owners registering their houses as businesses is becoming significant, probably now over £60,000 per annum. The payment of Council Tax is legitimately avoided when the holiday property is registered as a business and subsequently no business rates are payable because the valuation is below the threshold. I have asked Wychavon District Council to look into this again.

Broadway Report June 2022 – District and County Cllr ELIZABETH EYRE

County Update

Funding for community projects event Tuesday 28th June

WORCESTERSHIRE County Council is hosting an event Tuesday 28th June from 10-11, Whittington Community Hall, ahead of Crowdfund Worcestershire launching its largest round of funding. The event is taking place for potential project creators and funders. The County Council, along with Malvern Hills and Wychavon district councils, has partnered with crowdfunding platform Spacehive to create Crowdfund Worcestershire which gives organisations who have ideas to improve their community, the opportunity to gain much-needed funding. So far, Worcestershire County Council has backed 24 successful projects on Spacehive with £97,000. These community groups raised an additional £258,000 from thousands of backers across the county. The County Council has allocated a dedicated fund of £92,000 to encourage local groups to put forward their ideas, with pledges of up to £10,000 available per project.

The deadline to submit an idea for the next round of funding is 28 September.

Anyone is welcome to crowdfund on Spacehive, but to pitch for additional funding from the county council, projects should fit one or more of the following themes:

Food and fuel poverty

Social isolation and befriending

Supporting people into employment

Community capacity building e.g. recruiting volunteers, start-up costs for groups, pilot activities etc

Healthy Communities – activities to improve the health and wellbeing of the local community

Commonwealth Games 22nd July 2022

In the build-up to Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games, the Queens Baton Relay (QBR), like the Olympic Torch Relay, will be passing through Wychavon on Friday 22nd July. It will pass through both Broadway and Pershore, on Friday 22nd July.

This will include:

- Baton Relay through Broadway High Street (WR12 7AA)
- Community celebration event at Broadway Tower (WR12 7LB)
- Another Baton Relay through Pershore Town Centre (WR10 1DS)

For both the Broadway and Pershore relays, where Baton bearers carry the Baton on foot, WCC will require road closures on the day. The road closures will be organised and staffed by a traffic management company (Beaumont) on the day.

1: Broadway High Street – Baton Relay from 1:05 to 1:15 pm

4 Batonbearers to take turns carrying the Queen's Baton from Station Road (Cheltenham Rd Junction) to the roundabout on the High Street.

We will also have a street entertainer (stilt walkers) entertaining the crowds plus face painting and circus skills on the Village Green.

- Roads Closed 12:59 – 13:15*
- Entertainment from 11:00 until 15:00

2: Broadway Tower - Community Celebration Event.

The event will start with Baton Relay from the car park to the tower. The Baton will be then placed on the plinth in front of the Tower entrance for 20 mins for speeches from Nigel Huddleston MP and our Chairman, music, and Baton photo opportunity, followed by another Baton Relay back to the car park. Entertainment will include Smoothie Bike, face painting and another photo opportunity on a giant deck (supplied by the Army).

- QBR in attendance 13:24 -13:49
- Entertainment from 11:30 – 15:30

We estimate the attendance in the area will be:

1. Broadway High Street between 1,500 & 3,000
2. Broadway Tower 100 / 200

Based on previous experience with the Olympic Torch Relay, the crowds will peak just before the convoy/baton arrives but as soon as it passes, most people will naturally disappear.

Stewards:

Wychavon employees will help steward the event. This is in addition to staff/volunteers provided by Pershore Town Council, Broadway Parish Council and Broadway Tower. Their role will include crowd control, handing out flags, and giving out event information. For the relay sections, this will include observing potential vehicle movement during road closures.

We envisage we will require:

- 8 stewards in Broadway
- 4 stewards at Broadway Tower.
- 8 stewards in Pershore

There will be no parking/waiting restrictions in place in Pershore and possibly Broadway. To help enforce this, we are looking to have traffic wardens stationed in each area.

Bus Service Improvement Plan (BSIP)

The County's recent ambitious bid to the UK Government for an £86m investment into the network in Worcestershire was not funded others were funded to the tune of £87.9m but Worcestershire's plan was awarded £0. Our network urgently requires such investment. Diamond Buses, First Bus and Johnsons etc all are finding it challenging running bus services. The situation is bleak, and with funding to offset the impact of COVID-19 coming to an end the network is at risk of reverting to a reliance on the commercial viability of routes to ensure their survival unless alternative funding can be located.

The Department for Transport made it clear they want to see Enhanced Partnerships (EP) as defined in the Bus Services Act 2017 as a key feature within how bus services are managed across England. Outside of London and other metropolitan mayoral authorities, franchising remains an option and that has led to the vibrant Transport for West Midlands brand which benefits from significantly higher demand for bus travel with over 248m passengers in the 2019/20 period. COVID-19 may have abated but it still impacts passenger confidence to travel on buses remains, with just 50% of concessionary pass holders using the buses compared to pre-pandemic levels. The County Council continues to fully review the network and report again to the Department for Transport by 1 July, work with current operators, explore the result of the Bromsgrove Demand Responsive Transport (DRT) trial to ascertain if this is a viable model for rolling out across Worcestershire, and establish an Enhanced Partnership with our operators but the tools at the County Council's disposal are limited as demand is either low or not in a form to fit how bus services traditionally work.

I have asked to sit on a **Bus Travel Task Force for Worcestershire** which will travel around the county, hosted by each constituency Member of Parliament or a substitute, to work closely with all the key partners to hear about the challenges and opportunities and to help us to forge new solutions and ideas for both my division and further afield. Again, I am committed to doing all I can to try and find new solutions for my division.

A46 - A six-mile stretch of the road between Evesham and Beckford has seen nine deaths and almost 50 accidents in the last five years. Local villages and I have lobbied National Highways for the section from Hinton Cross to the Teddington roundabout, to be improved e.g. the addition of speed indicator signs, and improved lining.

In addition, on June 14 a 20-year vision to "future-proof" the busy A46, cut congestion and reduce the number of serious accidents, was revealed by the Government transport body Midlands Connect. Congestion in Evesham has previously been highlighted by Midland Connect as a major issue that was having a "detrimental impact" on the town and acting as a "hindrance to growth." Improvements will be made to ease congestion around the A46/B4035 roundabout in Evesham as part of a multi-million-pound bid in 'levelling up' money to the government by Wychavon District Council. Midlands Connect said the improvements to the 155-mile route between Gloucestershire and Lincolnshire would boost the economy by more than £7 billion over the next 60 years. As many as 600,000 new residents, 150,000 new jobs and 250,000 new homes are expected along the route by 2041.

The new bridge linking Hampton to Evesham town centre project, to boost walking and cycling, is moving forward. The planning application to build the new bridge over the River Avon has been submitted and papers are now published on the council's planning web page.

Local Issues:

Planning

- Neighbourhood Plan – Inspector has responded, and the next step referendum.
- Amber homes, Cheltenham Road application - a requirement under NPPF for positive planning but there are still issues.
- Lygon Arms – no date for the work to start.
- **22/00081/Ridgeway PIP** approved 9/3 – Policy v the tilted balance self builds – very disappointing. It cannot be built without first obtaining a technical agreement. If there is consent a S106 agreement can then be done which will include a requirement for the first purchaser of each dwelling to have primary input into the design of that dwelling, to live there for at least 3 years, and for them to be registered on Part 1 of the Self Build Register. Meeting 23rd a.m. will update.
- New application **W/22/00327/FUL** Change of use from former Doctors Surgery Class E(e) to Hotel Class C1 and associated works including demolition and extensions to the listed building incorporating new accommodation at the rear.
- **22/00685/FUL** Farncombe Clay Pidgeon shooting- land at (OS 1160 3742) Farncombe Drive – new application
- **22/00075/HP** 8 Leamington Road two-storey rear and single-storey side and rear extension.

Appeal Morris Rd dismissed, awaiting St Saviour’s House.

Footways: I still do not have the parish's list of footways they wish to be maintained.

S106 monies – Time is running out for the spend. I have asked NR to organise a meeting with the appropriate committee sometime next week. Cycle proposal to be sent separately

Jubilee – I think was a great success. Well-done parish council and your support, Kevin and Lisa.

School crossing St Mary’s – not supported after two rigorous assessments.

Roadworks and countryside service outstanding

- Pye Corner, water on the road, outstanding
- Footway A44 Wickhamford to Broadway cost 93k 6 sections. Some patching was done and 1 section was identified for renovation. Awaiting delivery date.
- Knotweed treatment near the turn to an orchard farm
- 21/01331/CU Keeping eye on the visibility spays.

6. Waste - Burning of inappropriate materials on farmland – Snowhill road - watching brief. Please advise if you see it.

7. Safety and Security committee issues

- **CCTV cameras for Activity Park** request to Fire Authority.

- o BBA and CCTV cameras in High Street)
- o **Acoustic camera Phase 3 bid for Fish Hill** – application form sent off petition ongoing.
- o **Average speed camera – next step.**
- o **Supporting the parish’s push for a community speed watch arrangement on the Cheltenham and Snowhill Road**
- o **neighbourhood watch arrangements** working with PC
- o **community smart water programme**, working with PC
- o **2nd VAS camera** working with PC
- o **A46** – Overnight road closures continue on A46 between Teddington and Hinton on the Green, for road surfacing and reconstruction. Diversion in place. To the end of this month at least. This seems to be a downside of the A46 improvement plans NH.

9. Bench on land back of spitfire – awaiting new management Co. being formed so I can discuss.

10. Silted Culvert at the junction with the Spitfire site roughly behind the North corner of the garden of 34 Bloxham Rd - Enquiry 105 closed item

11. Youth Club – Phase 1 is virtually finished, Supporting phase 2 with a letter, and helping to review the business plan.

13. Morris Road – TPO applied to add yellow lines across an area 7-17 Morris Road asap to allow access for residents. There remains the problem of non-residents parking in this area and preventing street sweeping and impacting resident amenities. The parish will be aware there is a parking problem in Broadway. Kieran is taking forward a proposal to extend the parking restrictions to the boundary of 17 Morris Road. Legal consultation ongoing 2022

A further campaign to raise awareness of WDC discounted parking options is planned.

15. A44 drainage problem from Collin Lane roundabout to Dogs Trust on the Western side - outstanding

16 Outstanding

Collapsing gully cover in the road. Raised as a defect 9/12/2021 and awaits completion.

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. No schedule for this work at present.

17. Burial Ground – no success in finding grounds.

18. Rooftop issue for resident – some ongoing issues

19. Enquiry 1215 - Request for a bus stop opposite houses Evesham Road/Pitchers Hill on cul-de-sac A44

20. Bibsworth Avenue - New customer connection 6-20 June 2022 F40706 (usrn: 45400115), 8.30-16.30 Some footpath closure

21. SAY NO TO MOW IN MAY to protect our wildflowers and Orchids on Fish Hill I pushed back so cut I am told will now be around the 14th or 20th. The sites where the Orchids grow are notified to WCC, and the contractor so are avoided. WCC contractors cut the first 1 metre of the verge back from the road edge.

Road Closure: WEST END LANE - New / Replacement Gas Main 26/09 - 4/11/, 24 hour daily but giving access to residents., U45402 (usrn: 45401478), Junction with B4632 - Cheltenham Road for a distance of 560 metres in an East, south easterly direction.