#### MINUTES OF BROADWAY PARISH COUNCIL

(conducted via 'Zoom') Thursday, 13<sup>th</sup> August 2020, at 7.00 pm

PRESENT: Councillor B. M. Parmenter (Chairman), Councillors G. J. Franks,

Miss D. Hardiman, F. Hartley, A.A.L.Holmes, Mrs. F.E.A.Phillips,

A. P. Riley, Mrs. R. Rogers, Dr. E. Wilks

Also in attendance: County and District Councillor Mrs. E. Eyre

(1) APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Apologies were received and accepted from Councillors Penny and Robinson, and 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.

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

#### (3) POLICE REPORT:

PC Kirsti Jackson was unable to attend this meeting, but following concerns raised at the last meeting the Clerk had asked if the police could attend via 'Zoom. In response, PC Jackson stated she was not allowed to 'Zoom' due to the security of the app, so would not be able to participate in Parish Council meetings until the situation improved.

Having received the above communication from PC Jackson, the Clerk requested that a report be submitted as was the usual case when the Police were unable to attend. PC Jackson replied that due to a new systems installed by the police, it was not possible to supply the usual crime figures reported to the Parish Council. The Clerk contacted PC Jackson and reported the Parish Council's anticipated dissatisfaction regarding the matter and asked this to be reported to her Inspector and/or superiors at Evesham, and for a response to be forwarded to the Clerk explaining why this important information was not available. PC Jackson replied that she would do this, adding that there was officer dissatisfaction with this new system and they were also unhappy at being unable to report crime figures for individual villages/areas at Parish Council meetings as previously. Councillor Mrs. Eyre replied that she would contact the Police Commissioner, Mr. John Campion regarding this and report back accordingly. PC Jackson was also asked for an update regarding Fish Hill and the following report was submitted:

West Mercia Police recently ran a two day operation over the weekend of 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> July on Fish Hill along with Gloucestershire Police and a number of vehicles, both cars and motorcycles, were stopped, which resulted in a number of various offences being recorded. A full copy of this report, including numbers/details of the various offences, can be viewed within the Parish Office. It was noted that one local resident was quoted as saying 'but they don't cause any issues do they?', and one motorist, who was stopped, questioned why there were three Police officers in the section between the bottom of Fish Hill and the top, when there are

so many other priority issues to address. Councillor Mrs. Eyre had written a letter, and spoken to Police Commissioner, Mr. John Campion, regarding the Parish Council's concerns about speeding and noise issues in relation to Fish Hill. A copy of Mr. Campion's reply would be circulated to all councillors, which detailed possible solutions regarding (a) **noise detection** – there were currently trials being undertaken regarding noise detection and enforcement equipment. On completion of these trials, Mr. Campion would be interested in investigating the use of such equipment on Fish Hill, (b) speeding - permanent speed enforcement had to be directed by reducing casualties, and the level of deaths and injuries on Fish Hill do not currently meet nationally-set criteria for the siting of permanent speed detection cameras. Mr. Campion was agreeable to support Councillor Mrs. Eyre and local MP Nigel Huddleston in requesting a review of those criteria, (c) engineering solutions – it was agreed that these options should be explored by both Worcestershire and Gloucestershire County Councils, with the support of both Gloucestershire and West Mercia Police. (d) photographing of motorcyclists – there was currently no law preventing enticement of motorcyclists to sites such as Fish Hill to take action photographs etc., but the Police Commissioner would discuss this concern with the Chief Constable to see if there was any actions that the police and the community could take to lawfully deter such nuisance behaviour. Councillor Mrs. Eyre also reported that there were issues regarding the police not reporting back to residents when a 101 call was made, and this was being addressed. It was also suggested that a 'Community Speed Watch' scheme be set up, but this would require local residents receiving the appropriate training. The Chairman thanked Councillor Mrs. Eyre for the update on this matter, which sounded very positive regarding finding a solution (solutions) to this ongoing problem.

Councillor Mrs. Rogers raised concerns regarding a recent incident in Mill Avenue which resulted in a possible link to a vehicle being broken into later on the same day, and the lack of response to this incident by the police. The Clerk would raise this matter with PC Jackson and report back accordingly.

Councillor Franks was very supportive of both the 'Community Speed Watch' and the 'Neighbourhood Watch Scheme', and encouraged the Parish Council to support both these schemes. Councillor Franks added that these types of schemes were strongly supported within the emerging Neighbourhood Plan.

In summary, it was agreed that there needed to be more, and improved, communication between the Police and Parish Council, as there appeared to be conflicting reports on figures previously submitted and actual crimes etc. committed, from other reports obtained. The Chairman raised concerns regarding the police presence in the village, or lack of it, which was not as evident as it had previously been. It was understood that PC Jackson was not full-time, and that the position of a local community police officer had still not been filled. The Clerk would take these matters up with PC Jackson, and/or with a more senior officer if necessary, and report back accordingly.

#### (4) MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING OF PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 21:05:20:

Proposed by Councillor Holmes, seconded by Councillor Miss Hardiman, the minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held on 21<sup>st</sup> May 2020 were unanimously approved by those present as a true record. The Clerk would ensure, due to the meeting being undertaken remotely, that the minutes were duly signed and dated by the chairman.

#### (5) COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORTS:

Copies of both reports had been circulated to all councillors, and a full copy of each report was attached to these minutes.

#### **County and District Councillor Mrs. Eyre's Report:**

Councillor Miss Hardiman asked Councillor Mrs. Eyre if the exact location of the proposed crossing in Leamington Road had been agreed. In response, Councillor Mrs. Eyre reported that a Project Officer had been allocated for the construction of the crossing, and that he would be working in conjunction with residents, both schools, and the Parish Council to determine the exact location. The officer had already been in contact with the Parish Council regarding lighting to ask if it was agreeable to the removal of the existing lighting columns, as they were not up to safety standards to light the area. These would be replaced, together with additional lighting columns, which would be owned and maintained by the County Council. Councillor Hartley raised his concerns regarding the type of lighting to be used, and in response Councillor Mrs. Eyre replied that officers must follow AONB recommendations regarding down-lighting, and although it would be different lighting it would not affect dark skies and would highlight the safety aspect. Councillor Hartley made the Council aware of the harm some lighting can do to both humans and wildlife, particularly due to the proximity of housing/schools to the proposed site. Councillor Mrs. Eyre said that both of them could work with the officer concerned to ensure everything was done to ensure all safety aspects were taking into account.

#### **District Councillor Robinson's Report**:

Councillor Robinson was not able to attend the meeting, but concerns were again raised regarding issues at Shear House and, in particular, Councillor Mrs. Rogers reported that two residents had spoken to her regarding how the current situation was affecting their lives. In response, Councillor Mrs. Eyre replied that although an eviction order had been served on individuals, under the present situation no one could be evicted during the Covid 19 pandemic. Councillor Mrs. Eyre reassured the Parish Council that the District Housing Officers were liaising with the police on this matter, but highlighted that it was a very complicated issue, and added that Broadway was not alone with such problems as a number of other parishes with Rooftop Housing Group properties were experiencing similar problems.

There being no further questions/comments from either councillors' reports, the Chairman thanked both Councillor Mrs. Eyre and Councillor Robinson for their reports, and for their hard work and commitment.

#### (6) CLERK' REPORT AND CORRESONDENCE:

The Clerk confirmed that both Councillors Parmenter and Robinson had signed their Declarations of Acceptance of Office.

At the last meeting it was announced that following the sad death of David Folkes MBE, there was a now a vacancy on the Parish Council. Since that time, however, Graham Love had resigned, and the District Council and all councillors were informed of this by the Clerk. The Clerk had now been notified by the District Council that no election had been called, and that the Parish Council could now co-opt two new councillors. The Clerk had posted the Notice of Co-option on the Parish Council website, on the noticeboard, and in the Parish Council Office. Any applicants were requested to submit an application form to the Clerk by 1<sup>st</sup> September but no applications had been received to date, and the Clerk asked all councillors to actively encourage anyone they felt would be interested to apply as soon as possible.

Mr. Alan Frimley, formerly of Broadway Deli, had written to the Parish Council asking for permission to purchase a bench and/or a tree in memory of his late partner, Louise, to be located in a prominent position on the green or in the High Street. The Clerk notified councillors that there very little space on the green and/or in the High Street for an additional

bench, but there was a need to replace a bench near to the post box in Bloxham Road, so suggested that an exchange be made with one of the benches on the green and a new bench in memory of Louise be put in its place. Mr. Frimley had also expressed an interest in providing a circular bench around an existing tree but, having discussed this offer a suitable location for such a bench could not be found. Discussion had taken place for the need of additional trees in the Activity Park, which could be a suitable location for such a bench. It was agreed that a bench in memory of Louise was acceptable, and the Clerk would inform Mr. Frimley of this decision, and would discuss the above suggestions with Mr. Frimley and agree upon a location.

The County Council had issued a temporary road closure notice for Church Street from its junction with the High Street to its junction with West End for a new customer connection by Severn Trent. The closure would commence on 18<sup>th</sup> August for an anticipated period of three days, but there would be access to any land/premises fronting the highway. Councillor Mrs. Eyre reported that the work had already commenced, and was appalled by the situation which had caused major issues in Church Street and the adjacent areas, and had badly affected businesses. Councillor Mrs. Eyre confirmed that County Council officers were working to try to resolve this matter, and to ensure that amendments were made to road closure procedures to ensure such situations do not occur in future.

Councillor Robinson had contacted **Lloyds Bank** regarding the mobile van in Broadway, and it had been agreed that the van would be in **Broadway next to the War Memorial each Friday from 10.00 am to 2.30 pm with half an hour break between 12.00 and 12.30 pm. The Parish Council would encourage both local residents and businesses to use the mobile van, as if there were low attendance figures this may result in the loss of the facility.** 

The District Council confirmed that the 2020 Wychavon Parish Games had been cancelled due to the present situation, but would hopefully be back for 2021.

The Clerk had signed and returned the Annual Lengthsman Scheme Agreement for 2020/2021, and a copy had been forwarded to the lengthsman, Mr. Maurice Parkinson.

Broadway Trust had written to the Parish Council regarding the use of the village green. It had taken legal advice over its use and had developed a revised process for its hire and use by village organisations. The Trust would like to ask the Parish Council to continue to front the process as the Greens were a resource for use by the village, and the Parish Office was an understood focal point. The Trust would provide the Parish Council with copies of the Application Form and Terms & Conditions, and would request that a diary be kept of those who wished to use the Greens. The Parish Council would have no further responsibility for authorising or monitoring the application process, or for insuring the activity on the Greens. When an enquiry was received regarding the hiring the Greens, an Application Form and Terms & Conditions would be issued, and the Chairman or the Secretary of the Trust were informed that an organisation had booked a date(s). The Trust would have a Duty Trustee system where Trustees would take it in turn to manage applications. When an application was returned to the Parish Council, the Duty Trustee would collect the form and contact the person responsible for the application. It would be the Duty Trustee's responsibility to ensure insurance, risk assessments, etc. were properly completed, and to sign off the application when all was deemed to be in order. The Clerk advised councillors that this appeared to resolve ongoing issues that had occurred over the past couple of years since the Trust revised the application process and welcomed the proposed suggestion. Following a lengthy discussion, a majority vote agreed to the Trust taking on the administration, and the Parish Office as a location to collect and return application forms, but the following points were made, and a letter highlighting these issues would be forwarded to the Broadway Trust – (a) the greens were for the use of the residents and local organisations, and due consideration should be given to all applications regardless of whether all residents approve of an event or not - an example of this would be an annual village party which had not always met with the approval of everyone in the past, but was much loved by others; (b) due to the fact that the Trust own the manorial rights to the greens, it was deemed to be fair that the Trust should be asked to make a small contribution (with an annual review) towards the mowing/maintenance of the greens; (c) an article placed in the newsletter and on the village noticeboard website clearly stating that the Broadway Trust would decide who can or cannot use the green, as in the past it had been assumed, incorrectly, that it was the Parish Council making such decisions and, unfairly, getting the blame, and (d) the Parish Council wished to have a copy of the manorial rights for its records. Councillor Mrs. Eyre added that there should be more co-operation between the Trust and businesses, i.e. restaurants/food outlets that wish to make use of the greens owned by the Trust to help get them back up and running, as had been allowed by the County Council for a temporary period on its green spaces further up the High Street.

The Clerk had been notified that the Parish Council was now eligible for the £10,000 grant from the District Council re Business Rates.

The Clerk confirmed that the village clock was now repaired and in good working order.

#### (7) APPROVAL OF ANNUAL GOVERNANACE STATEMENT:

A copy of the Annual Governance Statement had been circulated to all councillors and the Clerk fully explained each section. It was then proposed by Councillor Miss Hardiman, seconded by Councillor Riley, and unanimously agreed to its approval.

#### (8) APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS YEAR ENDING 31:03:20:

A copy of the accounts for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020 had been circulated to all councillors. The Finance Working Group held a meeting on the 11<sup>th</sup> August 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 Holmes, seconded by Councillor Riley, and unanimously agreed to its approval.

# (9) RE-APPOINTMENT OF INTERNAL AUDITOR AND REVIEW OF INTERNAL AUDIT:

A copy of the Internal Auditor's report had been circulated to all councillors. The Internal Examiner had notified the Clerk that an additional amount of £333.64 of VAT was eligible to be reclaimed regarding the Christmas Lights, and the Clerk would submit this claim immediately. The Internal Examiner, Mrs. Zoe Kirby, Myriad Services Limited, had confirmed her willingness to continue as Internal Auditor.

It was then proposed by Councillor Rogers, seconded by Councillor Miss Hardiman, and unanimously agreed, to accept both the report, and the agreement that Mrs. Zoe Kirby of Myriad Business Services continue as Internal Auditor.

#### (10) REPORTS FROM VARIOUS GROUPS AND COMMITTEES:

#### **Activity Park:**

The Activity Park Committee met at the park on Thursday, 9<sup>th</sup> July, and discussed the following issues:

• Regarding the re-opening of the Activity Park, it was agreed the park should now be officially re-opened to the public in line with recent Government guidance. The Clerk would order signage (in line with that used by the District Council) advising best practice regarding social distancing and use of equipment during the present situation. The Clerk notified committee members that the District Council had kindly agreed to fit a footoperated gel dispenser outside the toilet block similar to those being installed at the other toilets facilities in the village.

- Sections of the fencing around the park were in need of repair and quotations were being sought, but to date only one quotation had been received for £1,850 + VAT.
- A number of minor repairs were identified, mainly through wear and tear, and quotations were being sought. To date a quotation had been received for all works required totalling £2,350 + VAT.
- An additional supply of cushion-fall was required under several pieces of equipment and this had been undertaken.
- Councillor Fred. Hartley had agreed to undertake the weekly inspections and submit a report to the Clerk each week highlighting any necessary issues.
- There was a need for more trees to create shaded areas within the park, and Mr. Woods, the Parish Tree Consultant, had been asked for recommendations of types and locations.

The latest Operational Inspection had been undertaken and a report sent to the Parish Council, with a copy available within the Parish Office. Two high risk items were highlighted concerning levels of cushion-fall, and both issues had been addressed. The other minor lower risk items raised would be dealt with accordingly by the maintenance team.

Mr. John Hankinson, who had been the main driving force of the Activity Park during its design and construction, and also its ongoing maintenance, had notified the Clerk that due to his age and health, he sadly wished to tender his resignation. Regarding a replacement, the Clerk had contacted Mr. Colwyn Thomas, who currently undertakes cleaning/litter etc. at the Park, who was considering the matter. It was suggested and agreed that a notice be put on Broadway Noticeboard website asking if anyone was interested in taking on this role, and the Clerk would arrange for this to be done. It was agreed that a letter of gratitude be sent to Mr. John Hankinson for all his hard work in maintaining the Activity Park to such a high standard making it one of the top attractions in the county attracting high numbers of both locals and visitors alike every day of the year.

#### **Finance Working Group:**

A meeting was held on 11<sup>th</sup> August, when the approval of the Annual Governance Statement, the accounts for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020, and the report from the internal auditor, were reviewed. These are covered in Agenda Items (7), (8) and (9).

The following items were also discussed –

- Councillor Holmes was elected to continue as Chairman of the Finance Working Group.
- A Grant Application had been received from St. Mary's Catholic Primary School (Councillor Miss Hardiman declared an interest in this item and took no further part in discussions or in the subsequent vote regarding this item) requesting a sum of £1,000 to purchase a full range of catch-up materials, which would consist mainly of workbooks across all subjects for use with its recovery curriculum for the children.

After discussion, the Group wished to recommend that a grant of £1,000 be awarded, and it was then proposed by Councillor Holmes, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Phillips, and unanimously agreed to its approval.

• Following the death of David Folkes MBE, there was a need to appoint an additional signatory on the Parish Council bank account mandate. The Group would like to recommend that Councillor Franks be added to the list of signatories, and it was then proposed by Councillor Riley, seconded by Councillor Holmes, and unanimously agreed, by those eligible to vote (Councillor Franks took no part in the vote), to its approval

- The Group also reviewed:
  - (a) Risk Analysis Schedule for 2020/2021
  - (b) Asset Register for 2020/2021
  - (c) Health and Safety Policy

Following these reviews the Group wished to recommend that all were approved, and it was then proposed by Councillor Holmes, seconded by Councillor Riley, and unanimously agreed to approve all.

#### Neighbourhood Plan:

Councillor Franks thanked the Parish Council for the meeting held on 30<sup>th</sup> July at which members of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group presented the outline of the Plan to councillors. At the end of the presentation councillors made a number of constructive comments, which the Steering Group would follow up. Following the presentation, the Parish Council endorsed the Draft Plan which would allow the Steering Group to proceed to the next stage - Regulation 14, which meant that the Draft Plan would be going into the public domain for local consultation. The Draft Plan had been forwarded to the District Council for its health check, and had received a positive response stating that no significant issues of concern had been found. Congratulations on producing such a professional looking document were given, and the District Council was happy for it to proceed to Regulation 14. The plan was to launch the consultation on the 28<sup>th</sup> August, and would last for six weeks. Due to the current situation, regarding restriction due to Covid 19, the plan was to have the Draft Plan available to be viewed on both the Parish Council and Broadway Noticeboard websites, and also for hard copies to be made available to the public. The Steering Group was in the process of agreeing a consultation list with the District Council which would list the statutory bodies and organisations which must be consulted. Comment forms were being designed so that residents could submit their comments/views on the Draft Plan via the Parish Council website. When the Regulation 14 was completed, including responding to comments received and incorporating any necessary additions to the plan, the next stage would be Regulation 16 which was the District Council's own consultation. It was hoped that this would be all completed by the end of the year, and an Independent Examiner could then be appointed to undertake an examination of Broadway's Neighbourhood Plan. Due to government restrictions, the earliest the Referendum could then take place was May 2021, but Councillor Franks emphasised that the further through these processes the Plan proceeded, the more weight it carried. The Memorandum of Understanding had been signed by the Chairman and returned to the District Council. The District Council had, however, requested that additional notes be added to the agreement, which should now state that the properties on the Kennel Lane site be a maximum of thirty properties, and this could only strengthen the position regarding this site.

Councillor Franks asked the Parish Council if it was agreeable to underwriting an additional £7,000 to support the final costs of the Neighbourhood Plan. The Group was unable to obtain funding from the Lottery Grant, but was applying for additional funding from Locality and was hopeful that this funding would be forthcoming. This could, however, take some time to complete and receive the funding, and in order not to cause any delay the additional £7,000 would cover any outstanding costs in the meantime. After discussion, it was proposed by Councillor Miss Hardiman, seconded by Councillor Holmes, and unanimously agreed to this request. Councillor Franks thanked the Parish Council for its support and endorsement of the Plan and for the additional funding, and also for the hard work and commitment of the members of the Steering Group and the Consultants, Avon Planning Services, which was re-iterated by the Chairman, who particularly thanked Councillor Franks for his leadership of this very important project.

#### **Youth Club:**

Councillor Holmes reported that the pre-application had been submitted to the District Council Planning Department and a reply had been received stating that no major issues had been raised, apart from some possible concerns regarding tree roots on the Youth Club site and the adjoining school site. An Ecological Appraisal had also been undertaken and, again, no problems had arisen. Councillor Holmes reported that the next stage was to arrange a meeting of the Steering Group, together with Mr. Alex Bolt, the Architect, to discuss and agree final designs etc. This would shortly be arranged so that a full planning application could be submitted. Once the planning application had been approved, quotations for the works would be requested etc. Councillor Holmes notified the Council that he had liaised with Councillor Mrs. Eyre to finalise the licence agreement with Broadway First School so that the school grounds could be used as an emergency/fire exit for the Youth Club.

The Chairman thanked Councillor Holmes for his report, and for all his hard work and endeavours to date, and also that of all the members of the Steering Group. Councillor Miss Hardiman wished to especially thank Councillor Mrs. Philips for her long and dedicated commitment to the Youth Club over the years.

#### (11) PLANNING:

#### **Parish Council Comments:**

MAY:

Application 20/00662/ADV

MR. JULIAN JAMES

Budgens Store, 16 Russell Square, High Street 4 Graphic Panels to trolley Bay (non-illumiated)

The Parish Council raise objections to this application for the following reason - it is contrary to the need for signage constraints within a Conservation Area

Application 20/00834/HP

MR. A. GLEAVE

49 Gordon Close

Erection of garden room

The Parish Council raise no objections to this application

Application 20/00873/FUL

#### SPITFIRE BESPOKE HOMES LTD

53 Leamington Road

Residential development, a community well-being building, new vehicular access, landscaping and public open space as approved on application reference number: W/13/00680/PN but without compliance with condition no.2 (to amend list of approved plans, to reduce total number of units to 124 and amend the design of plots 73 - 103 - (variation of condition 1 to planning reference 17/02421/FUL).

The Parish Council raise no objections to this application

#### JULY:

Application 20/01136/FUL

LOCKLEY HOMES

Land Off, Leamington Road Erection of three dwellings

The Parish Council strongly objects to this application for the following reasons – it is situated in open countryside and it is outside of the development boundary; it is in a flood area; and the proposed entrance/exit to the site is directly next to the roundabout on the Broadway by-pass (A44) and would create a great danger to vehicles using the road, turning in and out of the proposed site and also travelling towards the village of Willersey and existing housing (Smallbrook Road)along Leamington Road.

Application 20/01068/CU MORCROFT PROPERTY DEVELOPMENTS LTD.

Croft House, Childswickham Road

Change of use from offices to two dwellings

The Parish Council objects to this application because the proposed dwellings are in open countryside and therefore contrary to SWDP 2C. It should also be noted that this land has previously flooded.

Application 20/01025/CU MR. TRIPP

Little Orchard, Springfield Lane

Change of use from agricultural land to domestic garden

The Parish Council object to this application and refer to the refusal of application W/13/01671/PN reasons (1) & (2) re protection of the green wedge, which this land is part of. It is also agreed that the fences should be return to the original boundary of the property.

Application 20/01030/CU MR. THOMPSON

Kamesthorne, Springfield Lane

Change of use from agricultural land to domestic garden

The Parish Council object to this application and refer to the refusal of application W/13/01671/PN reasons (1) & (2) re protection of the green wedge, which this land is part of. It is also agreed that the fences should be return to the original boundary of the property

Application 20/01022/CU MR. & MRS TAEE

Abbotts Grange, 5 Church Street

Change of use of garage to two holiday lets / ancillary guest

accommodation units

The Parish Council raise no objection to the conversion from a garage to holiday let, but do object to the enclosures which contain the hot-tubs, which are not in keeping with and affect the character of surrounding listed buildings.

Application 20/01231/LB L McGILL

House on the Green, Church Street

Replacement windows

The Parish Council raise no objections to this application, subject to Heritage Officer's approval

Application 20/00956/HP MR. S BATES & Assoc. 20/00959/LB 70 High Street

Replacement of diseased box hedge with a limestone ashlar wall

The Parish Council raise no objections to this application

Application 20/01438/HP MR.A HASLAM

15 Church Street

Erection of wall and gates to front following removal of fence

The Parish Council raise no objections to this application, but would ask that consideration be given that the wall and gates be inset more as with the property next door.

Application 19/01983/HP MR. & MRS GILLARD

Springbank, Station Road

Formation of habitable room in roof space with front and rear dormers

The Parish Council raise no objections to this application

Application 20/01375/HP MR. R HOWIE

9 Bibsworh Avenue

Erection of garden room/study in rear garden

The Parish Council raise no objections to this application

Application 20/01320/HP MR. & MRS PIERCY

Holly Tree Cottage, Pennylands Bank

Raising of roof structure to create first floor accommodation and single

storey sunroom extension

The Parish Council raised no objections to this application, but note that the adjoining property is very close, and appears to be joined to the applicant's property and concerns were raised that the owner of the adjoining property has not made any comments and would like to ask that it is checked that this owner has been contacted.

Application 20/01372/CU

#### MR. R HAMMONDS

Rose Garth, Springfield Lane

Change of use from agricultural land to domestic curtilage

The Parish Council object to this application and refer to the refusal of application W/13/01671/PN reasons (1) & (2) re protection of the green wedge, which this land is part of. It is also agreed that the fences should be return to the original boundary of the property.

Following a meeting with representatives from the Lygon Arms and their architects and subsequent discussions it was agreed, by a majority discussion, that the following comments be submitted to the Planning Department:

Application 20/00863/LB

#### LONDON AND REGIONAL PROPERTIES LIMITED,

Lygon Arms. 28 High Street

Proposed internal and external works to the former Engine House to facilitate its use as an administrative hob for the hotel

The Parish Council raise no objections to this application, subject to Heritage Officer's approval.

Application 20/00897/FUL

#### LONDON & REGIONAL PROPERTIES LTD

Lygon Arms, 28 High Street

Conversion of the Old Engine House for hotel administration. Refurbishment of existing garden buildings, conversion of existing store building to guest suites. Conversion of former piggery to creche facility. Modification and refurbishment of store and demolition of existing garden store building. Erection of new events building, 5 guest suites in hotel grounds and new garden store building. Replacement staff accommodation. Reconfiguration of car parking areas & associated landscaping works. Alterations to Back Lane to provide pedestrian walkway

The Parish Council had discussed the above application at great length and agreed that the proposals put forward were an improvement to the existing site, but were of the opinion that the proposals could be better, and would like to work in partnership with the Lygon Arms to achieve this.

The Parish Council, therefore, **object to the application** in its present format.

Members of the Parish Council would like the Lygon Arms to understand that it does genuinely support the concept of this project, subject to the issues raised being addressed, but it was agreed that currently, in its opinion, parts of the plans were not of the standard acceptable for Broadway, and the whole project needed to be something of which the village was proud.

The reasons for objecting to this applications were as follows:

- (a) The proposed **Conference Centre** is situated within the Broadway Conservation Area and the AONB. It does not conform to the Village Design Statement, as is not within the character and keeping of Broadway and could also see a significant increase in cars using the car parks on Back Lane
- (b) Regarding Back Lane The Parish Council instructed BWB Consulting Limited to undertake a Traffic Survey, a copy of which can be viewed via the District Council planning portal under the application number above. The Report raises a number of issues and in summary states that:

  Back Lane is a cul-de-sac which provides a carriageway width of less than 5m (narrowing significantly at a number of pinch points) without pedestrian facilities in areas. It provides access to a number of large car parks and provides servicing facilities to a range of local businesses and residential properties. There are a number of historic buildings which abut the edge of the lane which do not allow highway widening works to be implemented and impedes visibility. This does not allow free-flow of two-way traffic movements and would be further constrained by the proposed footway. The proposed footway is not proposed to be physically segregated, it is also unlikely to be respected by pedestrians or vehicles. The development proposals would result in a significant number of trips over a day and the parking arrangements are unlikely to be sufficient to accommodate these trips based on the indicated capacity of the venue. The level of car parking

proposed would need to allow for a large number of vehicles associated with functions to park. This would result in peak traffic flow periods at various time on the day.

The Parish Council also raise concerns regarding access to the site by the Fire Authorities in the event of a fire.

In conclusion, it is considered that Back Lane is not suitable to accommodate an increase in vehicles and the proposals would materially impact upon its operation and road safety.

BWB have suggested that the applicant undertake a number of surveys/evidence gatherings to support the development proposals in order to address some of the issues raised as listed in the report.

(c) The location of the proposed new Staff Accommodation is outside the village development boundary, but the Parish Council having read SWDP 35 understands that as the proposed site of the staff accommodation adjoins the development boundary and is physically related to visitor accommodation within the boundary this could be allowed. The Parish Council would, however, like to refer the Planning Officers to Application No: 13/01671 - Land between Springfield Lane and Averill Close, Broadway, which was refused after appeal and as part of the reason for refusal was relevant to the above and read as follows - (1)The proposal fails to safeguard, restore or enhance the character of the natural and built environment and does not relate to the sensitivity of the wider context to accommodate change by virtue of the loss of this green 'wedge' of land that separates the residential areas of Springfield Lane and the development off Leamington Road. This green 'wedge' breaks up the built form of the village and helps to identify the separate urban areas. (2) The proposed development would have a detrimental impact on the setting of the conservation area, by virtue of the loss of part of the green open wedge of land that acts a 'buffer zone' between the modern Averill Close dwellings to the east and dwellings on the north side of 'preservation (of the existing character and appearance of the conservation area) will be achieved by refusing permission for'... 'development which would be harmful to the (rural) setting or character or appearance of the conservation area'.

The above 'Green Wedge' is highly featured in emerging Broadway Neighbourhood Plan, which is shortly to enter regulation 14, as an area which needs to be protected and this was supported by over 90% of the responds to the village survey undertaken as part of the evidence gathering for the Neighbourhood Plan.

#### Wychavon Approvals:

Application 20/00052/HP	Mr. A. Haslam.	15	Church Street
Application 20/00032/111	wii . A. Hasiaiii,	10	Church Succi

Demolition of existing conservatory and erection of single storey rear

extension

Application 20/00341/HP Mrs. K. Green, 85 High Street

Replacement of ground and first floor windows and replacement of

front door and frame

Application 20/00629/HP Mr. N. Priest, 21 Orchard Avenue

Demolition of conservatory and erection of single storey rear and side

extension

Mr. McGrigor, 4 The Mews, Sheldon Avenue Application 20/00549/HP

Proposed rear sunroom

Application 20/00959/LB Mr. S. Bates, 70 High Street

Replacement of diseased box hedge with limestone ashlar wall

Application 20/00873/FUL Spitfire Bespoke Homes, land at Learnington Road

Residential development, a community well-being building, new vehicular access, landscaping and public open space as approved on application reference number: W/13/00680/PN but without compliance with condition no.2 (to amend list of approved plans, to reduce total number of units to 124 and amend the design of plots 73 - 103 -(variation of condition 1 to planning reference 17/02421/FUL).

**Budgens Store**, 16 Russell Square

4 x graphic panels to trolley nay (non illuminated)

Application 20/00062/ADV

Application 20/00834/HP Mr. A. Gleave, 49 Gordon Close Erection of garden room Applications 20/00689/LB Mr. T. Morris, The Bakehouse, Back Lane Partial removal of east facing gable and rebuilding to match original erection of replacement roof as amendment to approval for three bed dwelling and alterations to building granted by 18/01895/CU and 19/00619/LB Mr. S. Miles, 53 Leamington Road Application 20/00593/HP Proposed two storey side extension Application 20/00745/HP Mr. Bolt, Tuck Mill, Childswickham Road Raising of roof of ancillary outbuilding to provide first floor Mr. and Mrs. V. Lihari, 35 Bibsworth Avenue Application 19/02698/HP Rear extension and loft conversion Application 20/00225/HP Mr. and Mrs. Lee, Three Ways, Springfield Lane Extension to create enlarged porch Application 20/00006/HP Miss L. Emms, 2 BibsworthAvenue Double glazed conservatory with dwarf wall (retrospective) Application 20/00402/HP Mr. Marchant, 14 Orchard Avenue Replacement of conservatory with single storey side and rear extension Mr. & Mrs. S. Halbert, The Fairway, Lower Green Application 19/02132/HP Demolition of old garage and build new garage Application 20/00010/HP Mr. P. Scott, 7 Smallbrook Road Erection of porch Application 20/00908/HP Mr. and Mrs. Terefenko, 10 Orchard Avenue Erection of single storey side extension and retrospective permission for single storey rear extension Application 20/00863/LB London & Regional Properties Limited, Lygon Arms, 28 High Street Proposed internal and external works to the former Engine House to facilitate its use as an administrative hob for the hotel Mr. and Mrs. Taee, Abbotts Grange, 5 Church Street Application 20/01023/LB Alterations to facilitate change of use of garage to 2x holiday let/ancillary guest accommodation units **Refusals:** Application 20/00648/HP Mr. Elmagdoub, Hallam, Evesham Road Erection of double garage with store Application 20/00346/LB Mr. S. Beale, 35 High Street Second storey rear extension with flat roof

Withdrawals:

Application 20/01136/FUL **Lockley Homes,** land off Leamington Road

Erection of three dwelling

Application 20/01068/CU Morcroft Property Developments Limited,

Croft House, Childswickham Road

Change of use from offices to 2 x dwellings

Withdrawn 06/08/20

Withdrawn 04/08/20

#### SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS/RECEIPTS: from 01:05:20 to 31:07:20 (12)

Payments:	verified by the Clerk together with two nominated signatories	net of VAT
Worcestershire County Council / pension contribution		521.11
Unicom / teleph	none / internet	122.58
Unicom / office	electricity	-58.17
RJ Agricultural	Services / millennium garden	100.00
Paperstation Li	mited / stationery	19.95
Came & Compa	any / insurance	4,533.84
Wychavon District Council / annual bin cleaning charges		151.62

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Avon Planning Services / neighbourhood plan  K. Beasley / clerk's salary – May	1,539.00 1,365.20
G. A. Tomkins / assistant clerk's salary – May	470.80
Worcestershire County Council / pension contribution	521.11
Unicom / telephone / internet	61.29
Unicom / office electricity	96.70
E-ON / village green electricity	18.30
Water Plus / office water	38.48
Maurice Parkinson Contracts / lengthsman scheme	220.00
Maurice Parkinson Contracts / mowing contract	750.00
Maurice Parkinson Contracts / general maintenance	300.00
K. Beasley / clerk's salary – June	1,365.20
G. A. Tomkins / assistant clerk's salary – June	470.80
H.M.Revenue & Customs / PAYE	1,138.15
Wychavon District Council / quarterly refuse charge re Activity Park bin	370.50
Worcestershire County Council / pension contribution	521.11
Unicom / telephone / internet	61.45
Unicom / office electricity	93.80
Zoom / zoom subscription for meetings	23.98
Cotswold Security Group Ltd / security contract	89.00
Avon Planning Services / neighbourhood plan	1,560.00
EBC Group UK Ltd / photocopier charges	28.48
CPRE / annual subscription	36.00
R Farnworth / defibrillator maintenance	391.14
P Valender / planter maintenance	37.95
P Reading / Christmas lights	4,922.04
Cotswold Security Group Ltd / security contract	89.00
Time Assured Ltd / clock maintenance	900.00
Colwyn Thomas / activity park maintenance	131.25
Maurice Parkinson Contracts / lengthsman scheme	56.00
Maurice Parkinson Contracts / mowing contract	750.00
Maurice Parkinson Contracts / general maintenance	20.00
K. Beasley / clerk's salary – July	1,365.20
G. A. Tomkins / assistant clerk's salary – July	470.80
S Williams / neighbourhood plan expenses	75.00
Receipts:	72.00
Lloyds Bank / gross interest	2.30
HMRC / VAT Repayment	8,646.46
Lloyds Bank / gross interest	2.84
Lloyds Bank / gross interest	2.82
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#### (13) COUNCILLORS' REPORTS AND ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA:

Councillor Mrs. Rogers enquired regarding the future of the Broadway Community Award, as the instigator and initial sponsor, Dr. Walter Wentz, had recently sadly passed away. The Clerk replied that the award had been running since 2001, and the board with the names of the winners was now full, so suggested that if the Council wished to continue with the award, a new sponsor and board was required. The Clerk asked councillors to bring their thoughts/recommendations back to the next meeting for consideration.

Councillor Miss Hardiman advised the Council that Broadway Library would be reopening on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> August, albeit with reduced opening hours (Mondays 10.00 am to 2.00 pm, and also on Wednesdays 10.00 am to 2.00 pm). Councillor Miss Hardiman thanked the County Council, and especially Ms. Jodie Ford, the Library Manager, for all helping to

ensure the library was now able to open safely, having undertaken all of the risk assessments etc., and also for ensuring that the library's online services had been available whilst the actual library was closed because of Covid 19. Councillor Miss Hardiman also asked if the Parish Council would consider marking the passing of former long standing District Councillor and Chairman David Folkes MBE in some way, and again the Clerk suggested that councillors bring their thoughts/recommendations back to the next meeting for consideration.

Councillor Dr. Wilks queried whether, when the two schools in the village reopened in September, additional space was required due to social distance requirements, and could the use of other suitable buildings in the village be made available?

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.55 pm and opened the PUBLIC INFORMATION SESSION:

There being no members of the public present the Chairman finally closed the meeting at  $8.55~\mathrm{pm}$ 

Date /Time Next Meeting: Thursday, 15th October 2020, at 7.00 pm (via 'Zoom')

#### **Clir ELIZABETH EYRE - COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORT August 2020**

#### **COUNTY and DISTRICT ISSUES**

**Children's Social Care:** Worcestershire is the leading authority in the West Midlands for contact with children in Social Care. According to West Mercia Police, the number of offences has risen by 54% over five years.

Schools: 202 schools across the county are were providing education to reception, year 1 and year 6 pupils when they closed and the total proportion of children in school was higher than the national average. There had been positive feedback received from parents, teachers and pupils regarding the experience within schools since the re-opening. Despite the relaxation on social distancing guidance in schools, the 3-tier system (smaller schools/lower staff numbers) present challenges for the wider re-opening of schools in the Autumn. Pupils in years 10 and 12 in secondary schools, sixth form and further education colleges across the county returned early July. A limit of 25% of pupil numbers is in operation to ensure compliance with social distancing guidelines. There appears to be a "COVID summer school fund" set up by the government to help feed children during the holidays. Children eligible for free school meals in term time in England will get a six-week voucher. There is guidance re holiday clubs and summer support on the latest government updated website.

**Business** Businesses in Worcestershire have been given nearly £200million in government support packages. Worcestershire County Council has set up unique platform called Worcestershire Innovation for businesses within the county to collaborate.

The National Farmers Union have thrown their support behind the Here 2 Help business scheme - talks April – July between the NFU and Worcestershire County Council has resulted in a limited number of capital grants between £2,000 and £10,000 (50% match funded). The agriculture and horticulture business grants are part of a £3 million programme to help businesses recover, adapt and develop. NFU members can find out more about the Here2Help Business programme online. The money will support new and innovative investments in technology, rather than the purchase of standard equipment.

BT has announced it is working with Worcester Bosch and W5G on the UK's first live 5G smart factory to accelerate its vision of smart manufacturing. BT is

providing its expertise across 5G Private Networks, wearable devices, Internet of Things, data analytics and mobile edge computing. BT will enable W5G to accelerate through the next phase of its development, moving it to a sustainable, scalable footing by expanding its scope to include new industry 4.0 (Fourth Industrial Revolution) enabled use cases. Worcester Bosch are working to boost productivity by using autonomous robots to transport products and materials.

**Charities:** Charities and local organisations will be getting a foot in the door with local projects, with the help of Crowdfund Worcestershire.

**Town and village centres** continue to be busy as non-essential shops and hospitality and some leisure and heritage has begun to open. District Councils, in partnership with the County Council, have measures in place to enable safe shopping accepting people need to be responsible for their own actions.

**Libraries**: Worcestershire's libraries have opened after being closed for 3 months. Six of Worcestershire's libraries are currently re-open on Saturday July 4th, in line with phase three of Central Government's relaxing of lockdown restrictions. Evesham opening hours 10:00 to 1700 Monday to Friday and 10:00 to 16:00 on Saturdays

**Adult Care:** The level of infections in Care Homes in Worcestershire remains stable and in line with levels across the West Midlands. All staff and residents in Care Homes with positive cases of COVID-19 have been tested. Increasing concerns re the financial viability of Care Homes linked to a reduction in admissions. Worcestershire County Council Care Home Support plan has been published and is available at:

www.worcestershire.gov.uk/downloads/download/1437/worcestershire\_s\_covid-19\_care\_home\_support\_plan

As with school capacity issues, adherence to social distancing guidance will impact on Day Care capacity provision.

**Acute Trust:** Pressure continues to ease on the Acute Trust with the number of active cases and new admissions still falling.

**Covid:** The Regional Testing Facility at Worcester Warriors can process approx. 600 tests per day. Capacity is managed within the Department for Health and Social Care system, with availability being released to meet demand as

required. Review of "pop-up" locations underway as some of the locations reopen, e.g. West Midlands Safari Park. The Test and Trace service is live. A team of Environmental Health Officers and Public Health Practitioners are providing this locally in Worcestershire. The Worcestershire COVID-19 Outbreak Control Plan is now publicly available form 1 July.

Request submitted to Department for Transport for 200,000 free-issue face coverings for public transport operators and passengers.

**Here2Help** has helped 3,200 people. Now the contact centre has scaled its opening times to reflect the reduction in calls for assistance. Options around extending the service on a more permanent basis, working as a multi-agency partnership with the Health and Care Trust.

Working across District & County we continue to contact shielded individuals whilst the cohort is being advised about changes to advice and guidance

**Roads Transport etc**: Traffic volumes are estimated to be running at 78% of pre COVID 19 levels. There is a lot of evidence, post Covid, more people will use cars than before Covid as it is safer, and they have their own bubble. Any work on speeding will be particularly timely. Worcester News launches Facebook group to keep people updated with everything travel.

Highways surface dressing and maintenance have almost returned to "Business as Usual".

**Finance** is a challenge: Councils were almost balanced year end with reserves, now there are challenges. The collection fund at the year-end will show up the short fall in Council tax and be an issue, and of course business rates may be.

June Scrutiny A head's up if you are interested in Broadband now and where we are going as a Council, how our lead handled floods then went straight into Covid -19 and our approach to Grant Shapps letter re loss of transport, and our approach to Active travel the Economy and Environmental Panel's recent Scrutiny available on YouTube (Worcestershire Council) is very interesting.

**Wychavon's intelligently Green Plan** The plan covers the next ten years. It focuses on two types of carbon emissions. It aims to:

 reduce Wychavon's own carbon emissions by 75% by 2030 from 3,066 tonnes to 767 tonnes

- halve the district's carbon emissions by 2030 and get to net zero by 2050 at the latest.
- Double the size of Wychavon's low carbon economy by 2030
- Triple renewable energy generation across the district by 2030
- Capture at least 500 tonnes of co2 every year by 2025 through restoring, enhancing and creating a range of habitats across the district

Following the Council meeting Wed 22<sup>nd</sup> July, the new plan is on the website

The county council's 2020 to 2025 pollinator strategy was launched during Bees Needs' week.

#### **Planning**

Lygon Application – expected to be heard in October

Land off Cheltenham Road application has come in

**Delay to SWDP Review**. It was hoped the document would be ready for public examination in early 2021. But lockdown restrictions have made it impossible to complete several technical assessments and evidence gathering needed to support the plan. This includes additional traffic and air quality modelling. These cannot be carried out currently as vehicle movements are still not close enough to pre-lockdown levels. The plan to be sent for public examination will be published, subject to approval by all three South Worcestershire Councils, in October 2021. It will then be submitted to the Secretary of State in February 2022. The expectation is it will then be examined before the end of 2022 and adopted shortly after.

The last version of the South Worcestershire Development Plan included proposals to build:

- A new town at Worcestershire Parkway delivering 5,000 homes by 2041, with the potential for another 5,000 after that
- A new town at Throckmorton Airfield delivering 2,000 new homes from 2030 with the potential for further expansion in the future
- An expanded settlement at Rushwick delivering 1,000 new homes from 2030 once a new railway station has been secured
- Plans for 810 new homes on various sites around Worcester, more than 700 at Droitwich Spa, more than 200 in Evesham, almost 900 in Malvern, more than 660 in Pershore and 60 in Tenbury Wells.
- More than 900 new homes earmarked for villages across Wychavon and 390 within Malvern Hills District

 On top of this the document contained plans for providing another 273 hectares of employment land to allow for the growth of businesses and job creation.

Proposals in the preferred options document, which can be viewed by clicking on the link below:

http://moderngov.malvernhills.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?Cld=103&Mld=2837&Ver=4&J=4

#### **Local issues**

**Flailing complaint** re hedged bypass – was necessary due to undermanagement. Is the most cost-effective way at the right time.

**School Crossing** Leamington Road – I have raised £31,564.31 for this crossing. The parish will pay £2,000 the county found £40,000. This work cannot carry on in Winter Oct – Feb so starting March 2021 – hopefully done ready for Sept 2021 term.

A board enforcement policy and how it will work awaited

**Fish Hill** response from the Police and Crime commissioner had a good number of avenues to follow. Whilst speeding a factor, the noise, volume of bikers and repeated use of a circuit is a large concern. Loads to get my teeth in to:

- The Department for Transport are undertaking trials of noise detection and enforcement equipment, but the results of this are not yet available. The pilots were due to commence towards the end of 2019. When there is an approved device, PCC would be very interested in investigating the use of such equipment at Fish Hill.
- I am to ask for a noise survey the last one was done when there was police activity hope to do when no police activity.

- Will work with MP to request review of criteria re average speed camera so we might obtain one for Fish Hill
- PCC considering speed watch scheme on Fish Hill
- PCC to follow up re bad behaviour posted on web

Collin Lane Speeding – implementing some proposals by WCC

Gully near Waterloo Bridge – on schedule for repair and moving

**Bloxham/Sands/Morris Rd** – Yellow lines in place but need to follow up Bloxham Road issue, not working effectively yet.

West End repairs - not on schedule yet

**Leaning sign outside Break on High Street** – outstanding

**CBS lorries and Catholic School** – work in progress

**Jackie Phillips and Catholic school crossing lady -** work in progress

Fir trees back of Hill – speaking to National Trust

**Request for the new footway** Childswickham Road to be carried on to Leedons Park – no funding yet

**Leedons** material change of use – following up

**Leamington Road footway work** – later in year

**ROW 645B and 522B to be upgraded** – hoping by year end plus bin for upgraded path

**20mph in village** not supported by officers

Recycle bins in the village – discussing with WDC

Kerb stones in front of Glythorp

Extra stretch of footway Small brook – now planned works

**Spitfire play equipment to be removed** – not able to be repositioned as no warranty could be provided

**Repainting worn double yellows primrose** CA High Street – early August

**Broadway Fire Station** – planned work

Neighbourhood Plan - reviewed

Orchids annual reminder to R Deri and Roadside Nature reserve status – help from Broadway Natural History Soc personnel work in progress

**Divisional Fund Balance AONB** and Other around 1,900 for AONB projects, 1,000 for Broadway. Will be applying for Covid Recovery funds to set up Community support group.

**Bowling Club needs** -street plate, info board, private gate sign

**Refurbishment Gravels** – chasing funding

**Broadway High Street Wooden Post Policy – obtaining** 

**S106 from planning applications** – still no allocation by PC – chasing so community does not lose money.

**Tower approach** - cars parking - impact on Farmer – working with Gloucestershire

### Leedons

- replanting to scheme of trees and hedges
- awaiting topsoil removal from church piece
- Fence Leedons google maps v photos

**Graffiti** underpass Bibsworth Lane PC to resolve

Posts by Hillside lodge - checking

grid/etc turning circle PC asked to arrange for length man to clean

**Policy re dropped kerbs** ringway - discuss with AA needs amending

**Sewer monitoring** Childswickham Rd 3 days – awaiting update re sewer upgrade.

**Speeding Snowshill Road and Cheltenham Road** – working on a paper to come to the Parish Council in September with help of residents and Ros Rogers.

## **District Councillor Nigel Robinson's Report – August 2020**

All meetings, as the Parish Council, continue to take place via Zoom. Of major importance to Broadway is the development of the South Worcestershire Development Plan (SWDP). This continues very slowly and will not be ready until at least the Autumn of 2021. The Broadway Neighbourhood Plan will tie-in with the SWDP and there are, so far, no surprises for Broadway. The development sites will be off Station Road and Kennel Lane. It is imperative, however, that we have more influence than in the past to ensure balanced developments in both areas and we need to maintain a very tight scrutiny over the Planning Department of Wychavon District Council.

The situation at Shear House, Leamington Road, Broadway has started to deteriorate again. As indicated before, Rooftop are precluded from taking action by temporary Government legislation. I have recently received another three letters of complaint from tenants. A new local manager, Lisa Tandy, has been appointed by Rooftop and she is meeting one of the complainants, Heather Southern, on Tuesday 11th August. When the law allows affirmative action I will again be chasing Julia Harrison, Housing Director of Rooftop, to resolve the issues.

Another Application for Street Trading has been received to sell flowers in the centre of Broadway. I have galvanised opposition to this and with the help of the Broadway Trust, Broadway Business Association, Broadway Parish Council and neighbouring businesses I can now report that the Application was withdrawn at the end of last week.

My £500 emergency budget grant remains unspent and will have to be repaid by 31st August. However, if any fellow councillors know of any need in the village in connection with the Coronavirus please contact me. The Government issued a huge range of new measures on 24th July regarding the easing of the lockdown most of which is in connection with work and business. I have passed these onto Joe Aspey, Chairman of BBA. They are available for councillors to read on the Governments website. I have also been chasing Lloyds Bank to return and they have again been trading for last two weeks in their previous location adjacent to the War Memorial. As a village, especially the businesses, we need to use the bank more often otherwise I could see them moving on.

**Nigel Robinson**