

MINUTES OF MEETING OF BROADWAY PARISH COUNCIL
held at the Lifford Hall, Broadway,
on Thursday, 24th March 2022, at 7.00 pm

PRESENT: Councillor Dr. E.Wilks (Chair), Councillors R.Bennett, G. J. Franks, C. A. Grant, Miss D. Hardiman, A.A.LHolmes, L. Jones, Mrs.F.E.A.Phillips, N.D.A.Robinson (Vice-Chair), A.P.Riley, Mrs. R. Rogers, Mrs.E.Sims.

Also in attendance: County & District Cllr. Mrs. E. Eyre,
 PC Trowman, West Mercia Police,
 One member of the public.

- (1) **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** Apologies received and accepted from Councillor Dr. J. Reading and Broadway Trust
- (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 notified the Parish Council that PC Paul Brown was retiring and was taking over responsibility for Broadway with immediate effect. PC Trowman had been in the Police Force for twenty-one years and had previously served as a local fireman at Broadway Fire Station, and also living locally, so he really has the village's interest at heart.

PC Trowman reported that there had been two burglaries in Springfield Lane, both properties were unoccupied, and were currently under investigation by local CID officers. The Local Policing Team had recently undertaken a speed check along Station Road and had issued a high number of tickets. Due to the ongoing speeding problem in Station Road, the Local Policing Team had contacted County Highways Department to ascertain if bigger and better repeater signs could be installed. The noise issues from motorcycles had been evident again over the previous weekend on Fish Hill mainly due to the good weather. Signage had been ordered requesting motorcyclists to not congregate on the piece of land near to the entrance to Broadway Tower, but make use of the facilities in the car park on the opposite side of the road. PC Trowman reminded everyone who had concerns regarding these noise issues should report them directly to the police either by dialling 101 or online at www.westmercia.police.uk

Councillor Mrs. Eyre reported that she had been working with the Police and Crime Commissioner, and as the main concern of villagers was the noise issue, they were looking into making Broadway a trial site for an acoustic camera through the Home Office. In order to obtain evidence of the village's problem, Councillor Mrs. Eyre was asking residents to send an

email/letter stating their views/complaints, to the Local MP, Nigel Huddleston, copying in both Councillor Mrs. Eyre and the Police and Crime Commissioner, and also starting a petition. Councillor Mrs. Eyre asked if Evesham Police would also write a letter of support for this proposal. This would hopefully create enough evidence of the need for such equipment for use on Fish Hill. Details etc. for the suggested letter would be posted on the Parish Council website and Broadway Noticeboard social media site.

The Chair, referring to the Parish Council's Police Priority Concern List, asked if there was any update regarding drug issues within the village. In response, PC Trowman stated he was aware of drug related incidents within the village and where such incidents mainly occurred, and would include such persons and areas on his regular patrols.

Councillor Robinson, who was actively working with Rooftop Housing Group, to improve the living and social conditions at Shear House in Leamington Road, asked if PC Trowman could work with him to get a better relationship with Rooftop Housing Group which could help resolve many of the issues/concerns in that area of the village.

Councillor Franks highlighted the importance of registering for Neighbourhood Matters and how this would, with the help of PC Trowman, produce a better update on local crimes and policing issues/concerns within the village.

The Chair thanked PC Trowman for his report and for answering councillors' queries, and looked forward to working closely with him in the foreseeable future

(4) MINUTES OF MEETING OF PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 20:01:22

Copies of the draft minutes had been circulated to all councillors, and it was proposed by Councillor Riley, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Sims, that the minutes of the meeting held on 20th January 2022 be unanimously approved by all present, and they were duly signed and dated as a true record.

(5) COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORTS:

Copies of reports 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 highlighted the following and added comments to her report –

- Funding had been allocated to reconstruct part of the footpath between Broadway and Wickhamford
- Re: local issues – Councillor Mrs. Eyre reported that the Amber Homes application in Cheltenham Road had not yet come forward but could not be ruled out. All Planning Authorities have an obligation to work positively with all developers to make their scheme work, but in this case at this point in time it cannot be made to work. There is no start date for work to commence at the Lygon Arms redevelopment. The Ridgeway PIP application was approved because of the tilted balance against policy regarding self builds. The proposed development, however, cannot be built without technical agreement via a second application, and the applicant must live in the property for three years and, therefore, cannot be built by a developer.
- Footways - Councillor Mrs. Eyre reminded all councillors of the need to submit details and/or a photograph to the Clerk and/or Councillor Mrs. Eyre, stating which footways (i.e. the pavements next to roads etc., not footpaths which normally go across fields) are in need of repair/resurfacing.

- Footpath – details of a proposed division of footpath BY-545 by the flood alleviation scheme had been forwarded to all councillors, and Councillor Mrs. Eyre asked all councillors to submit their comments to the Clerk prior to the deadline for submission on 21st April.
- Section 106 Monies – Councillor Mrs. Eyre notified the Parish Council that the S106 funding could be reallocated elsewhere if no proposals were put forward for its use in Broadway. With regard to S106 funding for cycling, Councillor Mrs. Eyre suggested that a meeting be arranged with a small group of local cyclists to ascertain their views and to report back any suggestions to the Parish Council for approval. Councillor Mrs. Sims also suggested that consideration be given to funding areas where cycles could be parked safely in the High Street and /or other areas of the village. There was also a need to allocate funding for projects under open spaces agreements – possibly towards a new Burial Ground. The Clerk to follow up the land owned by the Worcester Diocese for use as a Burial Ground and report back accordingly.
- Crossing facilities for St. Mary's School – a request would be submitted for an assessment regarding this, and Councillor Mrs. Eyre would report back accordingly.
- A quotation had been obtained for a second VAS sign for the village, which would be discussed further at the next Safety and Security Committee meeting.
- A46 – a consultation to be undertaken re speed changes and a vehicle activated sign to notify drivers of vehicles approaching the Hinton crossroad from Childswickham.
- Councillor Mrs. Eyre reported that she had been approached by a local food outlet asking if they could sell cakes/biscuits etc. from a mobile cycle in the Activity Park, and after discussion it was agreed that the Parish Council was agreeable to this being trialled subject to all necessary licences etc. being obtained.

District Councillor Robinson's Report:

Councillor Robinson highlighted the key areas of concern within his report as (a) the proposed sale of the land on the site of the existing football club, and (b) the ongoing issues surrounding Shear House.

Councillor Robinson would report back on both these issues as and when more information was available.

There being no further questions for either Councillor, the Chair thanked both for their reports and for all their hard work and endeavours on behalf of the Parish.

(6) CLERK'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE:

The Assistant Clerk had now set up all councillors with their new generic Parish Council email address, and the Clerk reminded all councillors to only use this from now on for Parish Council matters. The Clerk also reminded all councillors to only use the new office email – clerk@broadwayparishcouncil.org to contact the Parish Office.

The Clerk had received the new Worcestershire's Lengthsman Scheme agreement form for 2022/2023 which had been completed, signed, and returned as requested. Broadway's budget for the scheme, covering the period 1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023 had been increased to £2,544.29 (last year £2,212.43). A copy had been forwarded to the Lengthsman accordingly.

The Clerk had now received a second quotation for the necessary repairs to the weather damaged stonework on the War Memorial of £803.00 + VAT compared to the first quotation of £1,650.00 + VAT. The Clerk contacted the War Memorial Trust and submitted a pre-application grant form and had been notified that the Parish Council was eligible for a grant.

The Clerk would now submit the form, together with an application for Listed Building consent, to the District Council. At the last meeting, Councillor Jones raised concerns at the number of people sitting on the Memorial, and it was suggested that a notice be hung from the surrounding chains. The Clerk and Councillor Jones had discussed this further and suggested that the notice should read as follows - "Please show respect to our War Heroes, and do not sit on the Memorial". All councillors were in agreement with this proposal and the Clerk would arrange the signage accordingly.

Following agreement at previous meetings the two benches in memory of the late David Folkes MBE and Harry Morris had now been purchased, together with the plaques and would be installed imminently. Both families would be notified accordingly

(7) REPORTS / UPDATES OF COMMITTEES / GROUP:

Finance Committee:

The Finance Committee held a meeting on Tuesday, 22nd March, at the Parish Office and discussed the following items:

- Mowing Contract - the Clerk had advertised the tender notice for the renewal of the mowing contract, and the only contractor to respond was the existing contractor, Maurice Parkinson Contract Services. The Committee recommended, therefore, that the Parish Council continue with the existing contractor for a further three years. It was proposed by Councillor Miss Hardiman, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Sims, and unanimously agreed, that the existing contractor retained the mowing contract.
- Wychavon Parish Games – the Clerk had been notified that the Parish Games were re-commencing for 2022, following their cancellation during 2020 and 2021 due to the pandemic. Broadway Parish Council had previously sponsored the Crib event, and the Committee would, therefore, like to recommend that the Parish Council continue with this for this year's event. It was proposed by Councillor Sims, seconded by Councillor Hardiman and unanimously agreed that the Parish Council would again sponsor the Crib competition, and the Clerk would notify the organiser of the Games accordingly.
- Grant Applications – the Broadway Arts Festival had previously organised a number of workshops for both local primary schools and young people in Festival Years, but from 2022 it had decided to offer similar workshops, which would also include the secondary schools in Evesham and Chipping Campden attended by many children from Broadway, during the interval years. After discussion, the
- Committee recommended that a grant of £1,000 be awarded to the Arts Festival. It was proposed by Councillor Mrs. Rogers, seconded by Councillor Franks, and unanimously agreed, that the award of £1,000 be granted
- The Broadway Magazine Group have also requested funding towards the printing costs of the magazine, and after discussion it was agreed that representatives from Broadway Magazine Group be invited to meet with the Finance Committee. The Parish Council is fully supportive of the magazine and wishes to continue this, but would like more details regarding the funding of the magazine etc. The Clerk will arrange a meeting accordingly.
- Clerk's Salary – The National Joint Council for Local Government Services had agreed the new rates of pay applicable from 1st April 2021, and the Committee recommended that the Clerk's salary be increased and back dated accordingly. It was proposed by Councillor Mrs. Sims, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Rogers, and unanimously agreed, that the Clerk's salary be adjusted accordingly.

- Assistant Clerk's Salary (GAT) – the Committee recommended that the Assistant Clerk's salary be increased by £1 per hour with immediate effect. It was proposed by Councillor Miss Hardiman, seconded by Councillor Bennett, and unanimously agreed, that this be implemented with immediate effect.

Visitor Management Group:

A meeting was held on Wednesday, 2nd March, at the Parish Office, and a full copy of the minutes is available at the Office. The following matters from the meeting were highlighted by the Chair of the Group, Councillor Robinson:

- Councillor Robinson had taken over as Chair of this Group and highlighted the importance of the link between the Parish Council, the District Council, and the Business Association, in promoting businesses and tourism within the village.
- A-Boards – a proposal had previously been put forward to develop an alternative and more elegant solution to using A-boards, and a small group was taking this forward and would report back accordingly.
- Late-Night Christmas Shopping Events – Councillor Robinson highlighted the Business Association's concerns regarding the need for more volunteers to help with the practicalities of putting on the events, such as management of car parking and litter picking. The need was also highlighted to get more businesses involved, particularly those who currently provide no assistance. It was also noted that Broadway's Late-Night Shopping Events are highly regarded within the Wychavon area and attract visitors from near and far to see our beautiful village with its shops and display of Christmas Lights.
- GWSR – Councillor Robinson emphasised the need to get better communications between the railway and the village, particularly as a representative from the railway does not attend village related meetings. Councillor Dr. Wilks reported that she was arranging a meeting with the Marketing Director from GWSR to discuss exactly such issues and would invite Councillor Robinson to attend. Councillor Grant, who is also a shareholder of GWSR as are many residents, suggested that the issue of better communications with the village should be raised at its next AGM. Councillor Miss Hardiman raised concerns about the car park opposite the railway station, as she felt, (and this was supported by several other councillors) that the car park was only for use by users of the railway. It was suggested that the signage be changed to indicate that the car park could be used by all visitors, not just those using the railway. The Clerk would contact the District Council and report back accordingly.

There being no further comments the Chair thanked Councillor Robinson for his report.

(8) PLANNING:

Local Government Boundary Commission Electoral Review:

As agreed, the Clerk submitted the Parish Council's support for the District Council's proposal of two single member wards –

(1) An Elmley Castle and Childswickham Ward: Elmley Castle, Netherton, Hinton on the Green, Aston Somerville, Wickhamford, Childswickham, and that part of Broadway north of the railway line

- (2) A Broadway Ward consisting of the remaining part of Broadway south of the railway line.

Parish Council comments:

MEETING 24:01:22

Application W/22/00081/PIP

MR. M. DAVIES

Ridgeway, Station Road

Permission in Principle for 3 x self-build dwellings

The Parish Council viewed the application in detail and have taken into account the comments of both the applicant and the objections to the application and wish to object to this application as the proposed development is outside the development boundary and SWDP2C does not support the principal of development of self-build plots outside of such boundaries. SWDP 2 seeks to strictly control housing development outside of defined development boundaries apart from in specific circumstances, the proposed development would be contrary to the provisions of SWDP 2C. The proposal would fail to safeguard / enhance the open countryside. The provision of additional housing in this context fails to provide justification to depart from the adopted strategic policies contained within the development plan, and furthermore the District Council can demonstrate a robust five-year land housing land supply which gives full weight to the above policy. The Parish Council believes in the principal that this would go against the core planning principal that planning should be genuinely plan-led. The Parish Council is also of the opinion that this application is contrary to SWDP 21 A, B(ii) and SWPD 25A both of which state that a proposal must demonstrate that any development is appropriate to, integrates with and enhances the character of the surrounding landscape, and the setting of the AONB.

Application W/22/00026/HP

MR. & MRS. ALEXANDER

Hadley House, 6A Leamington Road

First floor extension over sitting room

The Parish Council raised no objections to this application

Application W/22/00034/OUT

BROADWAY STAGE 2

Land at (Os 0893 3822) Station Road

Application (including details of means of access) for one proposed infill self-or-custom-built dwelling with associated driveway, car parking and landscaping. Provision of additional passing bay to shared driveway.

The Parish Council object to this application and make reference to (a) the refusal of a similar application 21/01855 which was refused under SWDP 2 which seeks to restrict control of housing development outside the development boundary, and again this proposal would fail to safeguard or enhance the open countryside. The District Council can demonstrate a robust five-year land housing land supply which gives full weight to the above policy, and would go against the core planning principal that planning should be genuinely plan-led, and (b) SWDP 25A which states that any development must demonstrate that they are appropriate to and integrate with the character of the landscape setting and the Parish Council are of the opinion that this is not the case with this proposal. The emerging Neighbourhood Plan seeks to protect the landscape character and open countryside and protect and enhance biodiversity and the natural environment within the village under the Natural Environment section of the Plan. SWDP 5 also seeks to protect and enhance green infrastructure and protect and enhance biodiversity and the natural environment.

Application W/22/0033/CU

MR. T. WALDRON

Assoc. Ref: W/98/01160/CU

Nos. Unit 1 and Unit 2, Orchard Farm, Evesham Road

Change of Use from Agricultural Building, used as an Egg Packing

Station, to B1 Office and Light Industrial, as approved under

W/98/01160/CU – removal of conditions 8 & 9.

The Parish Council objects to the removal of both conditions 8 & 9 as it is of the opinion that the current operational hours are appropriate as restricted by condition 8, and that the restrictions imposed under condition 9 with regards to vehicular access should also remain in place.

Application W/22/00107/CU

MR. T. WALDRON

Nos. Unit 1 and Unit 2, Orchard Farm, Evesham Road

Change of Use from Agricultural Building, used as an Egg Packing Station, to B1 Office and Light Industrial, as approved under W/98/01160/COU – variation of condition 6.

The Parish Council object to any variation to condition 6 as it does not want to see any increase in the number of units and the use of said units without the prior approval of the planning authority.

Application 21/02999/HP

MR. R. BAKER

Battrige Cottage, Church Street

Two storey rear extension, replacement single storey rear extension, new basement and associated works.

The Parish Council object to this application due to the design aspect of the expansive area of glass at the rear of the property and make reference to (a) the emerging Broadway Neighbourhood Plan's Policy NE.10 regarding protection of dark skies, and (b) SWDP 21 B(ii) in that development proposals must complement the character of the area. If the design of this aspect of the application was to be amended to take into account the above concerns the Parish Council would review its comments and look upon the application more favourably.

MEETING: 17:02:22

Application W/22/00200/FUL

HEREFORD & WORCESTER Fire & Rescue Service Head

Broadway Fire Station

High Street

Demolition of existing fire station and construction of new fire station (phased to allow existing station to remain operational until works completed). Variation of Condition 2 of planning reference 21/01226FUL

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

Application 21/02995/HP

MR. M. BARRINGTON

Cowley House, 7 Church Street

Replacement windows to front elevation

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

Application W/22/00216/HP

MR. & MR. SENIOR

Hillstone, Springfield Lane

Erection of two-storey rear extension, first floor front extension, conversion of integral garage to habitable accommodation, and erection of front gate (variation of Condition 2 reference 21/92187/HP)

The Parish Council has a Dark Skies Policy (Policy NE.10) within its emerging Neighbourhood Plan which states that new developments should be designed and sited to help reduce light pollution, and the Parish Council would like consideration to be given to this as part of the decision making process, and are agreeable to it being delegated to officers.

Application W/22/00002/HP

MR. & MRS. BRAIN

21 Bloxham Road

Erection of rear extension, porch and replacement garage

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

Application 21/02162/FUL

MR. & MRS. R. BELFIT

Acorns Head Farm, West End Lane

Amended elevation plans to (a) reduce amount of glazing/openings in converted building and (b) structural survey to demonstrate building is capable of proposed conversion.

The Parish Council has a Dark Skies Policy (Policy NE.10) within its emerging Neighbourhood Plan, which states that new development should be designed and sited to help reduce light pollution, and it very much appreciates the alterations made to the glassing areas within the upper section of the proposed development. The Parish Council being mindful of Policy NE.10, would ask that consideration be given to reducing the large glassed areas on the ground floor in addition, and are agreeable to it being delegated to officers.

MEETING: 24:02:22

Application W/22/00247/HP

MR. & MR. P. BAILEY

27 Gordon Close,

Erection of single storey rear conversion

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. The Parish Council is agreeable to this being delegated to officers.

MEETING: 14:03:22

Application W/22/00514/HP

MR. & MRS. SENIOR

Hillstone, Springfield Lane

Erection of two-storey and single storey rear extension, first floor front extension, conversion of integral garage to habitable accommodation, and erection of front gate

The Parish Council has both a Protect and Enhance Biodiversity and the Natural Environment Policy (NE.6) and a Dark Skies Policy (NE.10) within its emerging Neighbourhood Plan. The Parish Council would like consideration to be given to both these policies as part of the decision-making process in line with the recommendations within the Bat Survey. The Parish Council is agreeable to this application being delegated to officer

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)

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

Wychavon Approvals:

Application W/22/00081/PIP

MR. M. DAVIES, Ridgeway, Station Road

Application for Permission in Principle for 3 x self-build dwellings

Application W/22/00200/FUL

HEREFORD & WORCESTER FIRE AND RESCUE

Broadway Fire Station, High Street

Demolition of existing fire station and construction of new fire station (phased to allow existing station to remain operational until works are completed) (Variation of Condition 2 of planning reference 21/01226/FUL)

Application W/22/02999/HP

MR.R. BAKER, Battridge Cottage, Church Street

Two-storey rear extension, replacement single story rear extension, new basement and associated works

Application W/22/00026/HP

MR. & MRS. J. ALEXANDER, Hadley House, 6a Leamington Road

First floor extension over sitting room

Application W/21/00597/HP

MR. & MRS. FOLKES, 3 Salubrious

Front, side and rear single storey extensions

Application W/22/00033CU

MR. T. WALDRON, Nos.Unit 1 and Unit 2, Orchard Farm, Evesham Road

Change of Use from Agricultural Building used as an Egg Packing Station to B1 Office and Light Industrial as approved under planning application 98/01160/CU – removal of Conditions 8 and 9

Application 21/02898/HP

MR. B. CROSS, 10 Phillips Road

Two storey rear and front extension

Application 21/02483/HP

MRS. S. SLATTER, The Knoll, Springfield Lane

Erection of a proposed stable building and extension to balcony above

Application 21/02966/HP

MR & MRS. LENG, 154 High Street

Installation of roof lights to facilitate the conversion of the existing stable block into ancillary habitable accommodation

Application 21/02965/HP	MR & MRS. LENG , 154 High Street Replacement of the existing of the Rear Garden Room extension
Application 21/02572/HP	MR. O. GLEAVE , Sargent House, Lower Green Conversion of garage to utility room, insertion of 6 dormer windows to roof and glazed to gable
Application 22/00247/HP	MR & MRS. P. BAILEY , 27 Gordon Close Erection of single-story rear extension

Withdrawal:

Application W/22/00216/HP	MR & MRS. SENIOR , Hillstone, Springfield Lane Withdrawn 02/03/22
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(9) SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS/RECEIPTS: from 01:01:22 to 28:02:22

Payments:	verified by the Clerk together with two nominated signatories	net of VAT
Cotswold Security Group Ltd. / security contract		89.00
Desertoak Ltd. / Youth Club redevelopment		21,264.03
Mr. P. Reading / Christmas lights expenses		5,207.47
Water Plus / office water		52.35
Worcestershire County Council / pension contribution		535.45
Orchard Furniture / new benches		820.00
Wychavon District Council / annual bin cleaning charge		77.59
E-ON / Village Green electricity		167.23
Unicom / office electricity		225.97
Unicom / telephone, internet		66.31
Newsquest Media Group / Public Notice fee		117.60
Starboard Systems Ltd / computer licence		468.00
Vale Press Ltd / promotional expenses		110.00
Vale Press Ltd / promotional expenses		140.00
Society of Local Council Clerks / annual subscription		215.00
K. Beasley / clerk's salary – January		1,396.27
G. A. Tomkins / assistant clerk's salary – January		502.60
L. Chapman / assistant clerk's salary		96.00
L. Chapman / stationery		8.99
ProCom Services / computer maintenance		146.66
Avondale Self Storage Ltd. / Youth Club redevelopment		86.00
Paperstation Ltd / stationery		55.54
Broadway Community Library / annual donation		2,500.00
Cotswold Building Supplies / Christmas lights expenses		1.56
Tower Trophies Ltd / plaque for benches		75.00
Worcestershire County Council / lighting initiative charge		9,270.56
Kompan Limited / activity park maintenance		3,555.90
Worcestershire County Council / pension contribution		535.45
Unicom / office electricity		243.57
Unicom / telephone, internet		72.24
Desertoak Ltd. / Youth Club redevelopment		27,236.41
K. Beasley / clerk's salary – February		1,396.07
G. A. Tomkins / assistant clerk's salary – February		401.80
L. Chapman / assistant clerk's salary – February		450.00

Receipts:

Lloyds Bank / gross interest	0.62
Lloyds Bank / gross interest	0.58

H. Southern / donation re Youth Club	200.00
Signpost / contribution to office alarm	81.87
CLG payment re Youth Club	10,000.00

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

Councillor Miss Hardiman thanked the new Assistant Clerk, Lisa Chapman, for all her work in setting up the new emails etc.

At the last meeting, Councillor Jones had raised concerns regarding A-boards and had investigated further. He was concerned not only about the appearance of these boards, but also from a health and safety aspect, and reported that a high percentage of all A-boards in the village were not compliant with the regulations – (a) the A-board should be touching or on the land of the business premises, (b) allow at least 1.8 metres of pavement for pedestrians to walk on, (c) one A-board per business, and (d) should be removed when the business closed. The main issue was enforcement, and the County Council, under the Highways Act 1980, can remove any A-board not complying with the regulations above but, unfortunately, this was not happening. Councillor Jones proposed that a letter be written to the County Council asking them to implement their own regulations. After much discussion, it was agreed that a letter be sent to all businesses explaining the regulations and the consequences of not adhering to them. This would then be followed by a letter to the County Council asking them to enforce such regulations as necessary. The Chair thanked Councillor Jones for all his hard work and endeavours in trying to resolve this ongoing and emotive subject.

Councillor Mrs. Sims would like to help set up a Residents' Association on the Avenues, to help facilitate better communication with this section of the village. It was also suggested that the former Residents' Association on the Sands Estate be resurrected, and it was suggested that this could be organised in conjunction with the proposed Neighbourhood Watch Scheme and set up in other areas of the village as well.

The Chair closed this part of the meeting at 8.45 pm and opened the PUBLIC INFORMATION SESSION:

There were no questions / comments from the public and the meeting was, therefore, closed.

The Clerk was aware of the ongoing issue of sharing the Lifford Hall with the Brass Band practising in the main hall. It was suggested that the next Parish Council meeting be moved to the Library, and all councillors were in agreement to trial this.

***Date /Time Next Meeting: ANNUAL MEETING - Thursday, 12th May 2022, at 7.00 pm
to be held in The Library, Leamington Road***

District Councillor Nigel Robinson's Report – March 2022

As previously indicated, there is a review of electoral boundaries being undertaken over the whole country. Wychavon District Council are very near to finalising their review and the number of councillors will be reduced from 45 to 43. The Broadway and Wickhamford will see a significant change. Currently two councillors represent Broadway, Childswickham and Wickhamford. The proposal is for one councillor to represent Broadway south of the railway line and another councillor to represent Childswickham, Wickhamford, Hinton-on-the-Green, Aston Somerville, Netherton, Elmley Castle and Broadway north of the railway line. This provide wards whose populations are in line with the district council average. The Parish of Broadway for Parish Council purposes will not change.

I have recently corresponded with Jayne Pickering, Deputy Chief Executive of Wychavon District Council regarding Milestone Ground. She has indicated that bids have been submitted to the District Council and initial discussions have been held with a number of interested parties to clarify points. They are still in the process of consideration and yet to agree the successful bidder. Once they are in the position to release the information, Jayne will be in touch to advise us of the next steps and advise the purchasers of the benefits of liaison with the Parish Council.

The reply leaves me a little concerned and after considering Broadway Parish Council's two previous meetings with the planning department I am wary of the outcome. I would suggest that liaising with our Parish Council should be a 'must' and not a piece of advice. A couple of months ago representatives of Broadway Parish Council met with Bradley Thomas, Leader of Wychavon District Council, and the issue of questionable management by Rooftop Housing Group was raised. Subsequently, Boris Worrall, Chief Executive of Rooftop Housing Group, contacted me and we met in Broadway on Tuesday 8th March with Betty Phillips. The issues of crime, drug dealing, poor maintenance, untidy gardens and tenant allocation was raised along with requesting any garage to rent for storage.

Boris Worrall has replied in writing to say - There have been no convictions and we cannot take action without evidence. Zoe Wood, Rooftop Housing Neighbourhood Officer, will continue to liaise with police. Zoe Wood will continue to visit regularly to check for excessively untidy gardens and will urge any tenants to be tidier when necessary. She will continue to check that garden maintenance visits are complied with. Boris Worrall has undertaken to meet again in May which is very encouraging. Also, I will add that one home at the entrance to Shear House carpark has had scaffolding up for nearly two months and a promise had been made to take this down. A resident in 10 Shear House had died the previous Wednesday and the police broke in to investigate. None of the neighbours were notified. There is also at Shear House a considerable amount of rubbish and garden waste was lying around uncollected at the time of the meeting. Betty Phillips, Boris Worrall and I also walked around the estate pointing out neglected homes and areas.

This is my third meeting with Rooftop Housing Group and despite the outcome again being somewhat disappointing I have now established a relationship with Boris Worrall. Zoe Wood is the third Neighbourhood Office I have met over the last three years and so it has been difficult to develop any continuity to resolve matters.

Nigel Robinson

Broadway - Cllr ELIZABETH EYRE COUNTY and DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORT March 2022.

County Update

Highway Budget 22/23 Improvement to highways has been one of Worcestershire's residents' top priorities for many years now. Worcestershire County Council has approved plans to invest additional funds into improving and maintaining the county highways as part of its annual budget setting. The increased spending forms part of the council's budget for 2022/23, which was approved on Thursday (February 17) at a Full Council meeting. The budget showcases the administration's commitment to keeping Worcestershire moving and ensuring our roads are safe for everyone to use. Highways will see an increase in investment, with an additional £6 million per year for the next three years on top of the money already committed, totalling £36 million over the next three years set aside to fix potholes and make other improvements to Worcestershire's roads. This will enable improvements to continue from last year and will produce another 145 miles of new road surfaces. Plus there is an additional £4 million per year, for the next three years, has also been made available to improve and maintain the county's footways.

Apologies for delayed responses from Highway liaison officers due to storm Eunice and Franklin - Life warnings issued in Bewdley, 130 trees to be cleared, main roads cut off due to floodwaters, gully's out extensive flooding on Hylton Road, the need to switch off permanent lights, the need to install the appropriate traffic management/diversion routes, the closure of Bridges, have all taken their toll and their available time. Highways working with our contractors had to deal with a significant number of incidents on the network across the County and run the Highways Control Centre for extended hours to help residents report problems. The storms and the impactful flooding along the River Severn similar to the last major floods in 2020 caused real disruption, in Bewdley, Worcester, Severn Stoke, Upton, and Powick

Govt response to the landscape review concerning National Landscapes (AONB) whose primary purpose is to Preserve and Enhance: A review was commissioned in 2018 and published in 2019, after a 12-week consultation there were 27 recommendations. We should see non-legislative changes in 2022 and legislative changes in the 3rd or 4th sessions. Clear messages are

- A more coherent network is needed not the two-tier approach we have now National Parks and AONBs. They need to get closer together. One strategy is needed.
- AONBs will be rebranded as national landscapes. The Cotswolds was a pioneer in this area. It is already called a National Landscape.
- The Government will protect 30% of the land-nature recovery network.
- There will be an Agricultural transition.
- There will be more delivery in connection with the secondary purpose: enjoying and having regard to the people who live in the AONB/ There will be greater links to public health.

We will also have to watch for any plan making changes, especially any permitted development rights. And any NPPF changes which could impact the area.

Local Transport – Bus strategy has gone to Cabinet it is a public document, waiting to see if we receive funding from the central government before discussing further. As you know I work tirelessly to get a system that is sustainable for my rural residents especially the youth, those going to college, and older residents.

Local Issues:

1. Key Planning Application Consultations

- Neighbourhood Plan- poor response from Wychavon re economic strategy – the LEP has one, so did Advantage West Midlands for the rural areas – Ian Edwards (Ex LEP now WDC Economic Development lead) looking to see if anything helps. Pleased to see responses submitted to the Examiner on 21st.
- 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.

- 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.

2. Enforcement of several cases *confidential*

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

4. Footpaths: DIVERSION OF FOOTPATH BY-545 (PART), FORMERLY FOOTPATH 10, Representations by 21st April. The extinguishing of the old route by bund – please give Kevin and me your views.

5. S106 monies – Councillors will be aware of the monies they have access to. I am aware some of these monies may well be used outside the parish as we still do not have any plans. I have asked NR to organise a meeting with the appropriate committee sometime next week. I have a suggestion for an action plan for cycleway funds, open space funding.

6. Jubilee – WCC through my divisional fund has given £2870 to support the cost of the marquee.

5. School crossing St Mary's when should the assessment be requested?

7. Roadworks and countryside service outstanding

- o Pye Corner, water on the road, outstanding

- Footway A44 Wickhamford to Broadway cost 93k 6 sections. Asked for 1st section around 5 houses to Galipott – worst, Gallipot /Slingett to Police bay. Awaiting delivery date.
- Work on brambles near the turn to orchard farm cleared 18/2 ready for knotweed treatment.
- Daston Close footway 4 days 21/3-24/3 – give and take management.
- Coming to planning Pennylands Bank 21/01331/CU Change of use of land to equestrian and erection of stable block, horse walker, and menage for private use.

6. Waste - Burning of inappropriate materials on farmland – snowhill road - watching brief. Please advise if notified.

7. Safety and Security committee issues

- **CCTV cameras for Activity Park**, (note BBA looking at CCTV cameras in High Street) request to Fire Authority.
- **Average Speed Cameras Fish Hill** – needs partnership WCC/Police/PC/ PCC, etc to raise funds and agree.
- **Noise Fish Hill (Motorbikes at weekends and evenings)** **Request that the parish write to Nigel Huddleston MP describing the problem and ask that Fish Hill be made a trial site for the new acoustic cameras being trialled by the Home Office?** Please copy me in the letter and John Campion the Police and Crime Commissioner
- **Supporting parish's push for a community speed watch arrangement on the Cheltenham and Snowhill Road**
- **neighbourhood watch arrangements** working with PC
- **community smart water programme**, working with PC
- **2nd VAS camera** working with PC

- o **A46 working with National Highways** to achieve Evesham to Teddington
 - minor interventions agreed and planned,
 - Vehicle activated sign triggered by cars approaching A46 from Childswickham
 - Hinton cross speed review consultation and possible change

8. Request from a resident for 30mph to be painted on road near Horse and Hound: cost £300 per pair – speed date says westbound 1858, eastbound 884, mean average both ways 24mph, highest 85% percentile westbound 29mph, eastbound 31mph. **This is now a closed item parish did not wish this marking.**

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 Footpath 521B / Bloxham Rd - the main pipe into the culvert was the surface water drain from Philips Rd. Ascertaining who is responsible? This has been inspected by a depot Inspector, the watercourse is blocked. Wychavon District Drainage following up, in touch with owner 34. August query updated Jan 2022.

11. Youth Club – Phase 1 work progressing. Parish addressing funding shortfall. Working to support phase 2 with a letter, and help in reviewing the business plan.

12. Collapsed drain Childswickham Road – Enquiry 122 broken kerb and a pothole repair: completed on 23/09/2021. A blocked gully was found further along Childswickham Road A work order was raised and completed 25/10/2021.

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 amenity. 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 discounting parking for employees is to be planned.

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

16. The upper part of High Street issues, completed

- Hole in the grass verge opposite 63, High Street, several potholes in the footway on both sides of High Street, from Leamington Road to a point adjacent to 250, High Street.

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.

leaning information board. I sent a service request to Wychavon District asking if they could confirm they are responsible for its maintenance. They have recently sent a response that the enquiry is with their Property Services department.

17. Burial Ground – no success in finding grounds.

18. Rooftops – Hoping to meet with Cllr Robinson, Director of Housing, WDC lead, Director Rooftops soon after Director of Housing starts. **No invite yet**

19. Request from Parish Councillor for footbridge from one side of A44 to the other as Broadway Residents north of the roundabout take their life in their hands crossing from one side of the A44 to the other when walking into Broadway Officers this would I think link into the SWAT6 Vale East Active Travel Corridor (Evesham to Honeybourne). A project such as a bridge would only be deliverable if there was either a major road scheme proposed for the A44 or significant housing/employment allocation from which we could secure funding for the project. Should such an opportunity arise we would explore it, but I am not aware of anything in the short/medium term which would be relevant.