

BROADWAY PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES
of ANNUAL PARISH MEETING
held at 5 Russell Square, High Street, Broadway,
on Thursday, 24th March 2011, at 8.00 pm**

Present: District Councillor D. W. Folkes , Councillors T. L. Greig,
L. D. Keane, F. L. Penny, N. Robinson, Mrs. S. Stephenson,
Mrs. J. Stock, J. Williams, Mrs. C. C. B. Wilson

In Attendance: Three members of the public

Absent: Councillor C. E. G. Toye

(1) APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Councillors R. Haslam, Mrs. A. Locker,

(2) MINUTES OF ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON 25:03:10:
Following a proposal from Councillor Greig, seconded by Councillor Mrs.
Wilson, and unanimously agreed, the Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 25th
March 2010 were signed and dated as a true record.

(3) CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

The Chairman welcomed all present stating that all parish councillors, including himself, had now served their full term on the Council before the 5th May elections when a new Council would be elected. He wished to thank all councillors for their hard work and commitment contributed over the last four years. He went on as follows :-

"Broadway is my home village, and it was a very great honour to be awarded the MBE for services to this community in the New Year Honours List. I hope to continue serving this village for a long time yet!

"A number of changes have happened in the village over the past twelve months, not least the development at Shear House Car Park. This saw the building of twelve new units of affordable houses and I had the pleasure, along with other councillors, of looking around one of the excellent units. Affordable housing is a much needed addition to the village if we are to encourage our young people to stay in Broadway, and can I say that a large majority of the units were allocated to Broadway people or those with a local connection. The car park itself does have a reduced number of car parking spaces, but there are still seventy five spaces including six disabled, plus twelve spaces for Shear House residents, and there are spaces for all the new units. The toilet block has also been demolished and is about to be relocated within the activity park. It is planned to create more parking spaces at Milestone Car Park, so Broadway will, in fact, have more parking facilities than it previously had. I would remind you that Broadway as a village is unique in having both car park and toilet facilities. The car parks also have new

directional signs to show visitors where each of the other car parks are situated, along with new visitor maps showing the facilities within Broadway. Both of these facilities were supplied with funding from the Parish Council, Broadway Visitor Management Group, and the Traders' Association.

"The Planning Committee meet on a regular basis to put forward comments on all planning applications within the Parish, and this past year has considered over seventy applications. I would remind you that it is the District Council which makes decisions on planning applications, and not the Parish Council which is an advisory body only.

"In January, I was invited to attend the opening of the Apple Vale Children's Centre in Leamington Road, next to Broadway First School, and Kate Jones and Babs Layton from the Centre gave a presentation to the Parish Council at its last meeting on the work undertaken

"The activity park continues to attract people of all ages, and my thanks go to the Recreation Ground Committee for its ongoing commitment to this fantastic facility. I would also like to pay special thanks to Messrs. John Hankinson, Jack Harris, and Colwyn Thomas, for keeping the park so clean and tidy.

"The Parish Council Tree Committee has recently organised the planting of thirty-two new trees in Station Road which will now enhance the existing trees and form an avenue of red and white blossom in the springtime, creating a beautiful feature to the entrance to the village along Station Road.

"The Parish Council meets with the Police and representatives from the three local parishes of Childswickham, Wickhamford, and Badsey, at quarterly PACT meetings when issues are discussed which affect all the parishes and can help resolve problems within one parish through the experiences of the others. It was through the organisation of this group that a Vehicle Activated Speed sign was purchased jointly by the four parishes, and which now operates in each parish for one month each quarter - in Broadway in Leamington Road and Cheltenham Road. I would like to thank the Police, especially WPC Gail Greenhouse and CSO Phil Schoenrock, for their commitment to the village.

"The village greens were again the hub of activity within the village with numerous organisations using them for their fetes and shows. This is an integral part of village life and many village organisations rely on their annual fete for fundraising, so I encourage you all to help to support these events. There were also several markets highlighting local produce through the year. In June, the first Broadway Arts Festival, celebrating the work of John Singer Sargent, took place. The whole village was involved with exhibitions, talks, lectures, demonstrations and a flower festival, taking place at various venues around the village and culminating in a big party on the village green. Who will ever forget the sight of all the lanterns along the High Street! The month of June also saw the arrival of Giffords Circus Big Top in the Hunt Field./, and the bus shelter in Leamington Road has been repainted.

“The Parish Council made its annual donations to the following organisations: St. Michael’s Church for the maintenance of the Churchyard, Wychavon Citizens’ Advice Bureau, the Tourist Information Board, Evesham Volunteer Centre, Signpost, and the Evesham and Pershore Neighbourhood Watch. In addition, grants were given to Broadway and Towerview Playgroup, Broadway Cricket Club, Broadway Arts Festival, Worcestershire Girl Guides, The Court Tenants’ Association, and Broadway Pilots. A contribution was also made towards the cost of the new car park directional signs.

“Mr. William Bailey was the winner of this year’s Community Award, donating his cheque to Broadway First Scout Cub Group.

“Finally my thanks go to our Parish Clerk, Kevin, for all his work throughout the year to ensure that the Parish Council runs as smoothly and efficiently as it does. I must also give an extra big thank you to Gwen, our Assistant Clerk, who stepped in so well when Kevin was away due to his accident.”

(4) REPORT ON AUDIT OF COUNCIL ACCOUNTS TO 31:03:10:

The Clerk reported that the accounts to 31st March 2010 had been approved by the Parish Council on 27:05:10 (page 872 item 5 of the Minutes) and audited. Clement Keys, the auditors, had indicated their approval on 27:08:10 ((page 887 item 6 of the Minutes) and the Clerk had displayed the customary statement on the notice board. A copy of the audited accounts was available for inspection at the Parish Council office.

(5) ANY OTHER MATTERS RAISED BY ELECTORS:

Mr. Peter Riley stated how well used the Activity Park was both by locals and visitors. From his property he can see the number it attracts, particularly at week-ends, and also said that some friends come from High Wycombe and have told him it is the most wonderful facility they have ever seen.

Mrs. Dottie Friedli asked if pressure could be put on Rooftop Housing Group to commence the building of the toilets in the Activity Park, and suggested that a petition could be raised. The Clerk was instructed to follow this matter up should a start date not be forthcoming from the contractors and/or Rooftop Housing Group.

There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.05 pm