

**BROADWAS AND COTHERIDGE PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES of the MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL.**

Held on Monday February 14th, 2022, at 7.30pm at Broadwas Village Hall

Present: Cllr. Burrows (Chair), Cllr. Pearce, Cllr. Usman, Cllr. Longley, Cllr. Guest, Cllr. Clark, + 1 vacancies.

**In Attendance:** 5 Members of the public. Cllr. Daniel Walton MHDC, Cllr. Richardson Brown WCC

1. **Apologies:** Cllr. J. Worrall, Cllr. Cullen; MHDC Cllr. David Chambers.
2. **Declarations of personal or prejudicial interest and update Register of Interest Forms.**
  - a) **Register of Interests:** Councillors are reminded of the need to update their register of interests. **Noted.**
  - b) Councillors were asked to declare any **Disclosable Pecuniary Interests** in items on the agenda and their nature. **None.**
  - c) Councillors were asked to declare any **Other Disclosable Interests** in items on the agenda and their nature.
3. **To Consider Written Requests from Councillors for the Council to Grant a Dispensation (S33 of the Localism Act 2011) – written requests to be with the Clerk at least 4 days in advance.** None received.
4. **Co-option to Broadwas and Cotheridge Parish Council.** Vicki Clark made an application for co-option onto the parish council to represent Broadwas in December. Councillors were circulated the application and asked to consider co-option. Cllr. Burrows Proposed and Cllr. Pearce Seconded that Vicki Clark be co-opted onto the Parish Council for Broadwas. All in favour. Cllr. Clark then joined the meeting as a Councillor.
5. **County and District Councillors reports:**

**Cllr. Richardson-Brown; WCC Report.**

WCC are asking about Queens Platinum Jubilee event. WCC are asking whether any road closures are required. Funding may be available to support the Queens Jubilee events.

The final touches to the Council Budget for 2022/23 and an update will be given following the next Full Council meeting, when the Budget is agreed.

**Cllr. Walton- District Council Report.**

Sorry for the long report but a lot has been happening over the last month and I've also attached the report from our Chief Exec (and various other reports as asked). Much of this comes from recent full council and executive meetings just to keep everyone in the loop.

It's also worth, if you're so inclined, following my Facebook page where I do try and keep things updated as best I can. I've also attached our Town Centre Business update which is a monthly update to businesses (sometimes more often) covering the support and activities we're involved in.

**Covid**

Covid cases over the last month continue to be reasonably high but are on their way down with very few leading to hospitalisation and even less new leading to the use of a ventilator. Malvern Hills has had a slight spike compared to other areas over the last two weeks, but these increases do seem to move around the district and then settle back down. Whilst restrictions are being relaxed it's clear that we still have Covid in the district and could do for some time so it's still wise to be cautious.

I had my first experience of it over the last month as well but thankfully all was okay.

One of the big changes in the district is that the 3 counties showground vaccination is closing as it is administering very few vaccinations a day now and popup centres are being introduced – including one in the council house building with the aim of ensuring that 'harder to reach' or less willing members of the public have access to vaccinations. The purpose of this is to get to those who would not travel to be vaccinated so we're bringing vaccinations closer to populations.

We await the government's longer-term plans in terms of living with Covid which will, we believe, layout how vaccinations could be handled on a yearly basis. We will see.

In terms of support, I have attached the business support email which goes out to all businesses in the area and that covers some of the ongoing financial support. It's also packed full of lots of other information and things we're up to.

**Malvern Hills College**

At our recent full Council, the District Council committed to support the potential purchase of Malvern Hills College with a £200,000 payment to ensure it's retained as a college. We are committed to helping, where we can, but as it's currently privately owned this is an ongoing development.

We want to see an arts college back open in Malvern and we know there is support for it in the community and whilst we hold the convenient, we've motioned to continue to support any application to buy the college.

### **Car and Electric Bike Share Schemes**

This past month we have also supported a popular car share scheme which has been given a funding boost of more than £100k from Malvern Hills District Council to continue to support rural communities and reduce carbon emissions.

The Malvern Hills Community Car Club is a voluntary organisation, run by volunteers and members themselves, providing access to pay-as-you-go vehicles.

The scheme aims to improve accessibility to transport for residents in rural areas as well as to help households reduce their carbon footprint by not owning a car and having more consideration about their car use.

There are clubs already set up in Malvern, Bransford, Colwall, Ledbury, Leominster, Fownhope and Kington.

The council has provided £101,995 from its priority commitment to Community Transport and is calling out to communities to get involved.

This funding will go towards setting up four 'satellite hubs' to help facilitate the clubs, with the small town and larger villages of Tenbury, Upton, and Kempsey being specifically targeted.

As well as this, the money will fund the set-up of an online booking system, as well as upgrade three community cars to electric vehicles.

The council has a priority within its Destination Zero plan to encourage low carbon travel across the district, including car sharing. This forms part of the council's vision to go carbon neutral as quickly as possible, but by 2050 at the latest.

As well as this, the scheme fits in with the Connected Communities Strategy where the council is supporting communities to become strong, resilient, and sustainable.

Alongside their car share scheme, they are rolling out an electric bike hire scheme which could be used to support people taking careers in rural areas. I know where I'm based that we are restricted on who we can employ because there is no public transport. An electric bike rental scheme will be a great support and will be launching soon.

You may have seen the launch yesterday in the newspaper and information can be found at Malvern Car Club.

Finally, we have Transport Summit this Thursday from 10am to 12:30 – which I'm chairing – and features contributions from First and local community schemes.

Altogether it's important we ensure we have good rural transport links and access to various types of transport. I'm particularly excited about seeing Electric bikes rolling out (literally) across the district.

### **Further Apprenticeship and Training Support**

Alongside this and alongside our current financial support for Apprentices payments of £500 are on offer to anyone starting an apprenticeship or training course as part of a new incentive scheme.

The 'golden hello' has been introduced by Malvern Hills District Council to encourage the take up of apprenticeships and trainee programmes, which help many people take their first steps in the world of work or embark on new careers.

This incentive forms part of the Malvern Hills and Wychavon Upskilling Project, which has been given £283,000 from the UK Government's UK Community Renewal Fund.

New apprentices or trainees of any age are eligible to receive the one-off £500 payment if they meet the criteria. Support payments of up to £1,000 are, still, also available to help apprentices and trainees cover the cost of travel, equipment, clothing, and other associated expenses.

Applications for this scheme must be made by 31 March 2022. Other funding schemes to help with training costs will still be available after this date.

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### **The Revised 5-year Plan.**

At our recent Full Council meeting, the revised 5-year plan for 2022-2027 was set out.

Mental health education, more investment in flooding prevention and encouraging sustainable travel are amongst the priorities that could be added to Malvern Hills District Council's Five-Year Plan.

The plan, which is reviewed annually, sets out a number of actions to be completed by 2025 under its three priority areas - Our Communities, Our Economy and Our Environment.

Its aim is to achieve the council's vision of enhancing the Malvern Hills District as a destination to explore and an outstanding place to live and work.

New actions have been added and other actions have been amended where circumstances have changed, or the targets have been updated. This comes following the recovery of the district from the impact that Covid has had both on the community and the economy.

The priorities include the adoption of the Connected Communities Strategy and work is progressing on an economic strategy both of which are funded from earmarked reserves.

The council has also included the action of doubling the amount of renewable energy generated in the district by 2030 and providing 20 new EV charging points on council car parks across the district by 2025.

Other new additions include supporting Malvern Hills District Youth Forum to improve mental wellbeing education in schools, investment in the refurbishment of five town centre toilets by 2025 and the investment £150,000 in major flood alleviation schemes, including Tenbury and Severn Stoke.

I've attached a copy. One of the biggest advantages is that a lot of the waffle has been removed and all points have clear targets.

### **Business Plan**

I've been asked specifically about financial planning at MHDC, so I've put together a brief summary and attached our Business Plan main document and also appendix which collectively shares all the information which has been passed at both Executive and Full Council meetings unanimously. I hope this is useful.

It has been a difficult time and will continue to be so but the expected funding gap over the next 5 years is expected to be £0.4 million. However, it is expected that we will be able to continue to deliver a fully balanced budget every year.

The Council has a strong track record of financial planning which has been recognised externally. This has enabled the Council to improve its financial sustainability at a time of record reductions in government grant whilst protecting front line services.

The operating context that the Council finds itself in with expected reductions in local authority funding and the long-term effects on the economy as a result of Covid means that we need to continue to plan for a different organisation in 5 years' time.

Therefore, it is critical that that we have produced this updated Business Plan, to safeguard our financial sustainability and to protect services where possible. It is necessary to set out our business planning over the medium term, which is complementary to our MTFP and corporate strategy.

In the period 2010/11 to 2026/27 the total cumulative reduction in government funding will be over 70% in real terms or around £5.9m.

Councils will have changed markedly over that period with Council Tax increasing in importance from 43% to around 74% of the total funding.

The Business Plan identifies the impact of reducing grant funding at a time of increasing costs as creating a budget gap of £0.4m by 2026/27.

Updating last year's plan, the proposed plan seeks to close the funding gap with an ambitious mix of growing the business, joint working, identified savings and reasonable charging in specific service areas. Finally, the Government settlement announced in December was broadly in line with that assumed in the MTFP. Any detailed changes will be built into the 2022/23 draft budget for approval in February.

As our Parish Council meeting is just before Full Council in Feb, I can take away any questions with responses for March's meeting.

### **Rural Working Hubs**

We've been talking with Village Halls around the district to set up our first rural working hub based on a village hall. This concept gives local residents a space every week where they can come together with local businesses and entrepreneurs to work together and share a space. It's particularly good for those who have been working remotely or have set up a business recently.

The first test centre will be Lindridge, and more details will follow.

### **The Boundary Commission Review**

As you'll have seen the Boundary Commission has published its initial thoughts and the consultation is now on so, please submit any thoughts. As it stands Lower Broadheath would become its own one-member ward – with Rushwick leaving to join Bransford as another one-member ward. Broadwas and Cotheridge would join a larger Martley and Teme Valley ward.

For David and me our ward is being split into three but due to the growth of both Lower Broadheath and Rushwick the changes have to be welcomed to ensure that each area has the correct level of representation.

I do think it benefits Broadwas and Cotheridge to be partnered with Martley and Teme Valley as the villages are far more rural than Lower Broadheath or Rushwick. I also agree with reducing the number of Councillor, especially in more urban wards and ensuring there is a better balance to serve the electorate.

You can see the plans and have your say at:

<https://consultation.lgbce.org.uk/node/24708>

It is recommended that Parish Councils and individuals have their say.

There followed some questions and answers relating to the Boundary Commission process and also the revised MHDC plan and balance between focus on towns and rural areas of the District.

#### **6. Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> January 2022.**

Cllr. Pearce Proposed and Cllr. Guest Seconded that these were a true record. All in favour.

#### **7. Matters Arising not covered on the agenda:**

##### **a) To reset dates for Dementia Friendly Community meeting and "Meet your Neighbour/Parish Plan.**

Cllr. Worrall to review the situation after Easter.

##### **b) Update on registering the Parish Assets with the Land Registry.**

Robert - has spoken to our solicitors and this is all in hand due to Land Registry delays results should be with us in August.

**c) Progress re checks with Land registry re land adjacent to Taberness Close and A44**

Cllr. Pearce reported that following a recommendation from Worcestershire CALC he had sought advice from Kempsey Parish Council who advised to go to WCC who charge a fee to check the land registry for ownership. Our Solicitor, (Parkinson Wrights) reported that the land ultimately goes back to the Crown if an owner cannot be found. Cllr. Pearce suggested it may be better to go through our Solicitor to sort this out and that Cllr. Pearce instruct Parkinson Wright Solicitors for this. Cllr. Guest commented that it would be best if the Parish Council tried to register the land. Cllr. Burrows asked Cllr. Pearce to take the necessary steps to take this forward.

**d) Update on discussions with Royal Mail on Post Box next to Bus Shelter.**

A meeting took place last week with WCC where this was discussed. WCC Hannah Davies has contacted Royal Mail directly to resolve matters. An email has been received from WCC with a response from Royal Mail. Concerns were expressed on the length of time this has taken. Cllr Burrows advised that he had contacted WCC subsequently and other interested parties to suggest that further information was obtained, given that such assurances had been given on at least 2 previous occasions. He noted that given the latest time line provided this would mean that assuming the box was replaced and re positioned by then, this would be a year from when it was removed.

**e) Update re Track, Gladwish Field, A44/Church Lane drainage/ repairs to surface irregularities (A44 Broadwas).**

A44 flooding between Cotheridge and Broadheath turns. This was raised at liaison meeting held between PC, WCC Highways and County and District Councillors last week. WCC Highways agreed to follow up with SWDP and MHDC, he Parish Councils suggestions to reduce risk by employing preventative measures. It was noted that there had been recent activity with sides of the Lower Broadheath turn. The Parish Council welcomed regular maintenance and monitoring, but remains concerned to establish whether or not the County Council and partners are in a position to indicate whether they are prepared to take further steps and if so when this might be the case.

A44 Broadwas ,Royal Oak to west - Ongoing issue re noise and vibration caused by HGV's striking kerbside iron works and surface irregularities. A number of residents have reported concerns and there has been some response but actions were limited and have not impacted on the problem. This was raised at last weeks meeting and new orders have been raised to identify cause and solutions. (A new liaison engineer has been appointed (Dave Teesall) and he attended the meeting last week. Follow up to and monitoring of drainage in Church lane has been confirmed.

**The Track**

From Aaron Black – Enforcement Officer MHDC– “With regards to the Track I have been able to speak to the landowner's son and I have received communication from Herefordshire Council who appear to be pursuing the same operators of the site for issues in their County and there may be connections to the site at Cotheridge which I am liaising with them on. You may recall late last year myself and Keeley from the EA were supposed to meet with him on site, unfortunately he had to cancel due to Covid. I am re-arranging this for a couple of weeks' time to discuss the current unacceptable situation and their intentions, they understand the need to resolve the issue. As I have said in the past it is first and foremost the landowner's responsibility to find a solution, however if they fail to act after being given sufficient time and opportunity the Council may take further action subject to the public interest test.” There were some questions raised which Cllr Walton addressed. Cllr Burrows requested clarification and confirmation that MHDC were in a position to address matters directly with the Landowners son, understanding that resolution initially rests with the landowner, and that it would be helpful for there to be a firm and clear timeline attached to this enforcement matter.

**Gladwish land-** Cllr. Walton reported that a briefing note has been prepared for present and prospective land owners and that MHDC are going to ask the agents to place this on their website. MHDC will also send to present landowners, all to be sent this week. With regards to the abandoned camping equipment, this did not form part of the notice MHDC served previously - Enforcement will speak to community services to see if there is anything they can do. In relation to the dog pen Enforcement it was noted that the Enforcement Notice has been part complied with in terms of the use ceasing. However, the second part to remove the fencing has not. This is being pursued with the landowner in discussion with legal services at MHDC.

**Water accumulation** A44 before entrance to Broadwas heading east (toward Worcester) . Highways have agreed to treat this as a “wet spot” and are raising orders to address the problem.

**f) Parish councillor and Footpath warden vacancies**

1 remaining PC vacancy - clarification and information shared re the Footpath warden scheme – Cllr. Burrows suggested the PC advertise in Footprints Magazine.

**g) Connected Communities - Improving amenities on Berryfields**

A meeting is being arranged in March with the dedicated officer between Broadwas PC and Broadwas Sports Association to establish whether the scheme may be something we could separately or together explore.

**h) Request from VHMC re signage on A44**

Following a meeting with Hannah Davies WCC, it is understood that signs can be changed on the basis of a) condition, b) aesthetics - do they work and fit . From WCC point of the view the present sign does not meet the threshold for replacement. However, VHMC could re approach provided they were prepared to pay for it re the possibility of a different type of sign - we will advise VHMC of contact etc.

It has also been agreed to set up a meeting to look at signage generally and speeding with all the main agencies present.

**8. Correspondence –**

**• MHDC – Boundary Commission Proposed Changes**

Councillors were able to discuss the proposed changes which would mean the Parish being placed in a different ward, which would be larger and mean that it is possible we would have less access to District Councillor time. Councillors to look into this and discuss it at the next PC meeting with a view to submitting or not, views before the end of the consultation period on 24th March

- Correspondence was noted and had been circulated to councillors prior to the meeting -

**9. Finance:**

**a) Treasurers Report (Payments and Receipts up to 14<sup>th</sup> February 2022)**

**February 14th, 2022, Payments List**

Payee	Description	TOTAL
Broadwas Village Hall	Hall Hire Jan	30.00
C Hirst	Clerk Salary Jan 22	£351.92
HMRC	Tax Deductions Jan 22	£88.00
C Hirst	Expenses to Feb 14th 22	£57.58
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>£497.50</b>

<b>Total Cash at Bank at Feb 11th 22</b>		
<b>Treasurers Account</b>		<b>43,457.30</b>
<b>Treasurer's Account Berryfields</b>		<b>£10,267.42</b>
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£53,724.72</b>
<b><u>Receipts:</u></b>		
	<b>Total Receipts not previously reported</b>	<b>£0.00</b>

**Cllr. Guest Proposed and Cllr. Pearce Seconded that the above payments be approved. All in favour.**

- b) Bank Reconciliation as of 2nd February 2022.** The bank reconciliation was reviewed by Cllr. Guest and agreed as reconciled. **Noted. The Clerk advised the meeting of the most recent figure.**
- c) Budget update Report on 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2022.** The Chair asked those present whether they had any questions. There were no questions. **Noted.**
- d) Confirmation of extension of contracts for Lengthsman and Grounds Maintenance Contractor to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023.** RJC (Grounds Maintenance and PLO) has been notified that their contract for their services will be extended by a further year giving the Parish Council time to reconsider what is delivered. Adrian Bullock (Lengthsman) has been contacted but as yet no response has been received to discuss the Lengthsman contract.

#### **10. Planning Report – Cllr. Pearce.**

**21/02321:** Land at A44 Broadwas – Change of use for siting of 4 travellers’ caravans etc. New application. The Parish Council is obtaining specialist advice. The report from the consultant is due by 18.02.2022. The Parish Council will then meet via zoom on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30pm. Cllr. Pearce to correspond with the planning officer on extending the consultation date.

**21/01000:** Ridgeacre Farm Broad Green Broadwas – Development of Live/Work unit. Appeal submitted by applicant following refusal of application by MHDC. The Parish Council has reiterated to the Inspector its concerns regarding this application.

**21/00457:** Ivy House Farm Broadwas – Internal alterations to Listed Building. The Parish Council submitted a “No Comments” response. Approved by MHDC.

**20/01303:** Tack Farm Broadwas – Erection of stables, kennels, barn, tourist accommodation plus relocation of dwelling and creation of lake. A range of concerns raised by Councillors and by members of the public. Response submitted to MHDC. The Parish Council agreed to write to the Planning Officer reiterating its concerns regarding the vehicular access in the light of the Planning Inspector’s decision on Application No 19/01832. MHDC being chased for update.

**21/02237:** Laylocks Nurseries Cotheridge – Shop extension and associated works. The Parish Council agreed to support this application. Approved by MHDC.

**21/02270:** Far View Lightwood Lane Cotheridge – Single storey front extension and rear balcony. New application. Does not appear to be contentious. Councillors to look at the application by the 18<sup>th</sup> February. Otherwise, Cllr. Pearce will respond as no comment.

**21/02018:** Little Acres Cotheridge – Demolition of garage block and construction of single storey extension. The Parish Council considered this application to be beneficial and agreed to support it.

**21/00510:** Redgables Court Lane Cotheridge – Two storey side extensions and alterations to external appearance. Appeal submitted under fast-track Householder Appeal Service. No opportunity for the Parish Council to make further representations although the Inspector will be given details of all representations made in respect of the original application. Permission granted on appeal.

**21/01512:** Upper Howsen Farm Cotheridge – Change of use of existing agricultural building to a single dwelling in lieu of existing consent for Class C1 visitor accommodation. The Parish Council has submitted a response objecting to the application as it is contrary to SWDP Policy 2 being in open countryside and not in a sustainable location.

**19/00532:** 1 Cotheridge Court Cotheridge – Conversion of outbuildings into ancillary living accommodation. The Parish Council has supported this application.

**Revision to SWDP** No further progress regarding the classification of Broadwas as a Category 2 Settlement. Consultation period for final draft of the SWDP Revision due to commence in July 2022 but the documentation may be in public domain by end of May 2022.

The Parish Council shared our concern that one of the WCC submissions in the current planning consultation may contain factual inaccuracies and this is being picked up by the County Councillor and Highways Liaison Officer. .

#### **11. Community Fibre Partnership Gigabyte/ Full Fibre Connection for Broadwas and Cotheridge project –**

Cllr. Burrows has contacted WCC for an update and their response was that Openreach are going through an internal review and at present all new projects are on hold (not including projects, which are already progressing e.g., Cotheridge and Little Green). Contact has been made with Openreach who will supply update on 2 ongoing schemes shortly and have agreed to refresh quote for Broadwas pending completion of national review so that assuming the submission remains in the scheme it can be picked up again.

#### **12. Parish Council website - update on progress.**

Other demands have meant that progress has been slower than hoped for. Cllr's have been asked to contribute and a number of areas are being progressed. There is a need to agree a launch date asap.

### 13. Regular Parish Council Reports

- A **Berryfields** - usage report – No bookings for pitches made – Cllr. Burrows received a detailed quote today and parts have been ordered regarding work to play area as highlighted in the annual playground inspection- likely that work will take place as weather improves, Details to be circulated
- B **Broad Green** - Liaison has taken place with local residents, and we are making enquires to establish level and extent of the respective responsibilities held by the various councils with a view to determining options.

### 14. Parish Plans to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee (2<sup>nd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> June 2022).

Keith Brooks (VHMC) has had a meeting with the school. They are looking at tree planting. The Village Hall and the Primary School are looking at joint plans which the Parish Council could join up with. Cllr Burrows welcomed these initiatives and indicated that the Parish Council would support if possible any ideas and or suggestions from Cotheridge and Broadwas Parishioners and or groups.

- 15. **Any Other Business** – It was agreed to convene a zoom meeting of Councillors on the 28th February to consider all submissions and the Consultants report in order to draft and make submission. It had also been agreed that Cllr Pearce would ask the Clerk to update MHDC re the PC process with a view to the deadline being extended. If this were not to be the case then the above meeting would be brought forward.

### 16. Agreed Matters from Exempt Items

Date of next meeting:

Ordinary Parish Council Meeting on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2022 at 7.30pm

The Meeting closed at 21:35pm

Signed Chairman..... Date 14<sup>th</sup> March 2022

### APPENDIX 1 - PUBLIC QUESTIONS

Cllr Burrows thanked all for attending and explained how this part of the meeting worked.

He also thanked and noted all those parishioners who had submitted comments, and assured those present that these were being closed reviewed by Councillors to ensure that any submission from the Parish Council reflected the views of parishioners.

He also advised the meeting that the Parish Council had already taken a number of steps including commissioning an external specialist to provide advice.

#### Re: planning application 21/02321

Parishioners near the site were not notified of the planning application. Did the Parish Council know about this application what has the PC have done about it?

Cllr. Burrows responded that he Parish Council were notified as statutory consultees a couple of days prior to this going on the MHDC portal. MHDC took a decision to place the notice in a public place rather than deliver letters. (It was noted that the Parish Council has had cause to raise with MHDC its policy and practice in respect of notifications).

WCC Highways response has been discussed with our County Councillor, over concerns about its accuracy. This has now been withdrawn and it is likely that the consultation date will be extended as WCC re-address their response. As noted the Parish Council has engaged a specialist to provide advice.

The Parish Council intention is to reflect and take into account the public's comments and "Planning Policy" when placing their response.

Cllr. Guest reported that the application is in contravention of Broadwas and Cotheridge Neighbourhood Plan. He also reported that the south side of the A44 has been designated for the view in the NDP.

A parishioner reported that in the past there has been a Traveler's site which was closed down and sold on and now that has a house on it. Cllr Burrows noted and said that the Parish Council had been made aware of this and had looked into it.

Cllr. Burrows commented that the Parish Council consider all the Statutory Authorities submissions before making comments.

A further parishioner commented that letters have been sent out by MHDC in reference to another recent application however only some of the immediate neighbours were included.

Another parishioner highlighted that the village has a history (over 30 years) there had been, long-standing concerns about number and position of exits onto A44, Footpath links with 521C across the road. Although blocked with thick hedging, it should also join with 518C. The footpath has already been fenced off and is only about 3 feet wide, never mind 3 metres.

Another parishioner questioned from the information in the application as to a) whether the family were "homeless" given protected characteristics, and to what extent any residence would be permanent and contained to this family. There is no guarantee other travellers will not have access.

Another parishioner cited the Planning application Statement that the village has 'demonstrated limited capacity to absorb new development' and wondered whether/how is this relevant? It was noted that both site surround fencing and internal plots has already been carried out and it was not clear whether a) consent was required and if so b) had it been obtained.

Following a wide exchange of views and information Cllr Burrows thanked all present and noted that Cllr Pearce had indicated he would feed views and information back to the specialist consultant and would include them in formulating the Councils submission. He encouraged all concerned to continue to share information.

**Other Matters.**

Broad Green – Peg House Farm – The hedges badly need cutting. The parishioner agreed to supply address details for the Lengthsman to speak to the owners.