

Parish Council Chairman's Report – May 2019

The Chairman's report is a brief summary of the year's activity of the Parish Council with the emphasis on the word brief. It would be remiss of me if I did not also recognise the efforts and support, I have received from the whole team, both present and retiring members. The Parish Council has been supported by two lady Parish Clerks; Helen Plevy and latterly Carole Hirst. So, my thanks to them all.

1. The NDP process

NDP is the acronym for Neighbourhood Development Plan which provides communities with a means of having more of a say in how they want their local area to progress. It also helps provide a defence against developers who may be more focused on money than on the health and wellbeing of the inhabitants. Hopefully the process is entering its final stage and the parish will be able to vote on its acceptance or not.

2. Closer relationship with police regarding speed awareness

I have had several meetings with interested parties concerning the problems of the A44. Data is being gathered and there is a move to add more warning symbols on the approaches to Broadwas.

3. The Parish Website

New this year, the website <https://www.broadwas-cotheridge.com> has generated a lot of interest. It allows for easy access to; Parish Council minutes and agendas, MHDC Planning portal, village hall booking, and much more. It is regularly updated.

4. Section 106 request for funds for developing Berryfields sports area

The PC applied for funds for additional play equipment for youngsters, a new surface for the track and outside fitness equipment. The application was successful, and the equipment has been installed and the resurfacing has been completed.

5. The Parish Council

This year's team has dwindled to 4 councillors and a clerk. The minimum number of councillors that allow us to operate is 3. We need more volunteers to serve. So, if you feel you can help, then please let any of the councillors know. There are 10 meetings through the year, and it would be a great loss if the community did not have its own Parish Council.

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