

Broadwas and Cotheridge Parish Council

Clerk's Report 10/01/24 Ref: 23/53

1. Lengthsman.

Our Lengthsman will attend the February council meeting so that he can meet all members and answer any questions you may have. All three VAS signs are currently working well. January works will be undertaken on Saturday 6th and will concentrate on drainage and laying salt in preparation for the colder weather forecast.

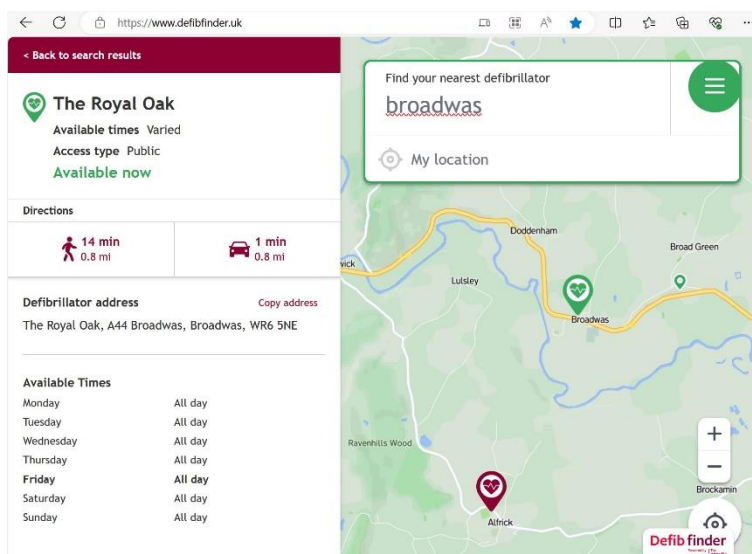
2. Correspondence.

Had correspondence from a member of the public regarding an ongoing issue at the junction of Lightwood Lane and the A44, caused by slurry tankers. Details were passed onto Cllr Barbara Williams, Cllr Richardson Brown and our Chairman.

3. Defibrillator.

The parish defibrillator needed a software update, this has been done by the manufacturer, however it was discovered that the battery and the pads for the defibrillator had expired. New ones have been acquired and the defibrillator is fully working and back in situ at the Royal Oak Public House. The defibrillator is now registered with the British Heart Foundation and can be found on this map here:

[Defib finder – find the defibrillators nearest you.](https://www.defibfinder.uk)



The screenshot shows the Defib finder website interface. On the left, a sidebar displays details for 'The Royal Oak' defibrillator: available times are varied, access is public, and it is available now. Directions are provided for a 14-minute walk (0.8 miles) and a 1-minute drive (0.8 miles). The address is 'The Royal Oak, A44 Broadwas, Broadwas, WR6 5NE'. Available times are listed as 'All day' for every day of the week. On the right, a map shows the location of Broadwas with a green heart icon indicating the defibrillator's position. The search bar at the top of the map contains the text 'broadwas'.

The heated box will need to be looked at in the future as currently the box is unlocked. The locking mechanism on the box is faulty, but access to the defibrillator is not impeded and it is currently usable.

4. Berryfields contract work.

An advert was placed on the website and sent to several interested parties concerning the hedge tree work that needs to be undertaken at the Berryfields site. As of yet I have had no formal quotes but I will chase the ones who did show interest hopefully to obtain quotes. This may be due to the Christmas New Year break and the bad weather.

Work will be shortly undertaken to start the process of a new contract for maintenance for Berryfields for the year 2024/25.