

## Broadwas and Cotheridge Parish Council

### Chair's report for meeting of the Parish Council 19.6. 2024

Since our last meeting on the 22.5.24, councillors and the Clerk have responded to a number of communications from parishioners and regular matters such as planning applications.

Our annual parish meeting was well attended by parishioners and we were grateful to receive a number of reports from local organisations and groups, as well as some verbal updates at the meeting.

We have responded to a number of requests and enquiries from parishioners. This has included some face to face meetings.

This time of year is an important and a busy one for the Parish Council, as it closes and submits its accounts for the last financial year. At tonight's meeting Councillors will be required to scrutinise the internal auditors report and complete a self assessment of the overall performance of the Parish Council in regard to its management of public funds.

As chair I attended the recent Village Hall Management Committee AGM. There are no vacancies on the committee which is a really positive step. The activities and achievements reported, as well as the plans for the future are a credit to the dedication and enthusiasm of the committee.

There have been some preliminary research and discussions undertaken, regarding the benefits of reviewing our Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP). The meeting tonight will be asked to decide whether it is in the best interests of the Parish to commence a review. This will be a time consuming but important undertaking, if agreed, as the current NDP plays a key part in the planning process and determination of applications.

As previously reported largely thanks to Lisa we are making progress in a number of key areas. We do however have a number

of outstanding commitments, which include the repair of the barrier at Berryfields, the provision of awareness raising and training for the defibrillators, the purchase of benches to mark last years coronation, the purchase a road side bin for the lay-by on the west side of Broadwas and the provision of new signs for Broad Green SSSI.

Richard Burrows

Chair.