

# **Broadwas and Cotheridge Parish Council**

**07.01.2026**

## **Report for Item 26/12 Malvern Hills Legacy Grant Scheme**

As previously reported and discussed we have continued to collate the evidence required for the compliance stage and in tandem refine and develop the proposals.

The required evidence for compliance was submitted within the timescale and we now await feedback and hopefully a final decision which will mean that the offer is confirmed. This would then mean that we can issue the necessary tenders and contracts to progress the work. As we currently understand it there is a requirement that the works will have commenced before the close of the financial year i.e 31.3.26.

We have now been able to upload and make available on request a summary position statement which outlines the core elements of our application and the steps being taken to hopefully take up this important opportunity to attract further external investment into the parish. This report compliments the minutes and reports submitted to Parish Council meetings which also explain what has been done, that are already in the public domain.

Councillors are asked to give consideration to the following, as part of the process of finalising the works and the grant (subject to a final offer being made), and in response to feedback received from some parishioners.

To discuss and confirm intentions in regard to the following:

1. Replacement of the de commissioned item of play equipment
2. The disposal of the container and the siting of a new bench and landscaping/planting in its place.
3. To decide whether or not a form of replacement storage would be appropriate and if so where this might be sited.

4. To consider the final specifications for the re surfacing of the car park
5. To decide whether to replace the fencing or repair where necessary and treat new and existing fencing/gates.
6. To identify options and proposed content for a new notice board and siting of additional waste bins.
7. To consider the representations received regarding the proposed waterless WC (see appendix for summary)
8. To discuss possible contingencies in the light of any amendments made to the proposal and or required by the funders
9. To make arrangements for the finalisation of the budget in the light of (8) in order to bring forward a formal proposal to agree the final contribution to be made by the Parish Council as per the terms of the grant scheme and the original motion passed by the Parish Council.

Richard Burrows

Chair

## Appendix

Summary of contacts received in relation to (7 ) above.

- 5 contacts have been received and each has been responded to
- These were from residents of the Berryfields housing estate.

Their concerns can be summarised as follows. Councillors have had sight of the original submissions and have agreed the responses to each.

- Questioning the need for this facility
- Questioning the location
- Concerns re smell and other potential negative consequences.

Councillors will be aware from previous discussions that these concerns were not to be unexpected, and that in carefully selecting the type of WC (ie waterless) and the research undertaken, including a site visit and discussions with a Parish Council that has one in place, it was hoped that these had been taken into account.

Councillors will be aware that request has been submitted to the Local Authority in respect of planning advice, and that this is awaited (at the time of writing).

Councillors will already having seen the contacts and responses had an opportunity to re visit the matter, and will therefore be in a position to discuss and consider whether the rationale that formed the basis of the original decision should be reconsidered.

Councillors are reminded that any decision may or may not represent a significant change to the proposal and in any case a change would need to be discussed with the grant funders. This may or may not have an impact on the status of the grant the amount of any confirmed award.