

**BROCKWORTH ANNUAL PARISH MEETING  
WEDNESDAY 17 MAY 2017**

There were 15 people present including representatives from: Brockworth Primary Academy, Brockworth Scouts, Brockworth Elderly Groups, Brockworth Youth Trust, Tewkesbury Borough Council, Gloucestershire County Council, Brockworth Hedgehog Rescue, Barnwood Trust, St Georges Church.

The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

**1. Minutes**

The minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 11 May 2016 were received with no comments.

**2. Annual Report of the Chairman of the Parish Council – Cllr J Hunt**

The Chairman outlined the main points of his report, which was circulated to all present and can be read at Appendix 1.

**3. Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017**

The finance figures for 2016/17 were circulated to all present and can be read at Appendix 2.

**4. Report from Schools**

Mr Matt Blacker provided a report from Brockworth Primary Academy and can be read as Appendix 3. Millbrook Academy and Castle Hill School had no reports.

**5. Report from Representative of the Police – PC Emma Jones**

No representative of the Police was present, but PC Emma Jones forwarded his report which can be read as Appendix 4.

**6. Report from Representative of Brockworth Allotments and Garden Association**

Received no report from the Brockworth Allotments and Garden Association.

**7. Report from Brockworth Youth Trust**

Mr Mike Hobden, Chairman of the Trust, gave a report. A report from the Brockworth Youth Trust was circulated and can be read as Appendix 5.

**8. Report from local Youth Organisations**

Mr Simon Jeffries read out a report for the Brockworth Scouts which can be read as Appendix 6. Mr Richard Goulding forwarded a report for the Brockworth Army Cadets which can be read out as Appendix 7.

**9. Report on Brockworth's Clubs for the Elderly**

Cllr Carole Neal read out the reports for the Welcome Club and Brockworth Day Centre which can be read as Appendix 8.

**10. Report from the Tewkesbury Borough Councillors**

Cllr Ruth Hatton read a report from the Borough Cllrs which can be read as Appendix 9

**11. Report from Gloucester County Council Representative – Cllr Robert Vines**

C Cllr Robert Vines read excerpts from his report which can be read as Appendix 10.

## **12. Public Question Time**

Ms Vicki Oliver from Brockworth Hedgehog Rescue read out a report which can be read as Appendix 11.

Molly and Katie from Barnwood Trust explained about the activities they have been doing around Brockworth with the children. They had such a good response in Matson they wanted to help in the Brockworth area. They have had a good response in Brockworth and feels it is a community builder helping with building skills and confidence to try new things.

Revd. Jane Walden St Georges Church mentioned that they have had their 5-year inspection of the church building and the concern is still ongoing with the wall and bank falling into the brook. Fund need to be raised to fix this issue.

There being no further reports or questions from members of the public, the meeting closed at 20:05.

## **Appendix 1 – Chairman’s Report**

### **Introduction:**

This annual report relates to the work of Brockworth Parish Council for the year 2016/17 and describes the principle activities which it has undertaken over that period.

### **Planning:**

In 2016/2017, the Parish Council was asked to comment on 58 planning applications. There are always difficulties and differences of opinion when determining planning applications, particularly in areas covered by Green Belt and AONB. Brockworth Parish Council is always concerned about the future housing development and the consequential impact it has on its roads and other local services.

As you are all aware, the 1500 house development known as the Perry Brook was passed for development, but at the time of writing this report, we do not have a date when the building will begin.

In addition to large developments, your Council comments on household developments and change of use applications and hope you find it helpful when Councillors pay a visit to affected neighbouring properties in order that we can take their comments into consideration when dealing with these on your behalf.

Your Council also covers the following areas:

### **Rights of Way:**

The Council is always looking to ensure Rights of Way are kept clear, notifying Highways of potholes in roads and pavements and ensuring that waste and dog bins are emptied and in good condition. Doggie bags are available from the Community Centre, at a cost of 50p per pack, which is restricted to two packs per visit.

The Parish Council is very fortunate in having an effective working relationship with the staff at County Highways. It is not possible, due to workload and financial constraints, to rectify every highway, flooding and environmental problem immediately but the Parish Council has been grateful for the prompt responses and action it has received from them.

I am aware that a lot of resident have complained about pot holes which you have reported and have taken a long time to be filled. The reason why this often happens depends on the size and depth of the hole. For deep and large holes the time to fill them is 24 hours. For medium size holes, it can take 3 weeks to 3 months. Small holes can take 6 weeks to 6 months. I agree that this does not help when you are using the same bad road every day. Hopefully, by the time you receive this report, Ermin Street will have been resurfaced.

### **Parks and Open Spaces:**

Last year our maintenance cost was considerably less than the year before. Sadly, this year, we have had one of our most expensive play items- the play tower at Pound Farm – set fire by vandals. The cost to remove this was very high but it had to be done for safety reasons.

I reported to you about the section 106 money for the MUGA to be constructed at Pound Farm last year. The money is now available and we are waiting for planning permission to install it. Unfortunately, the project is held up at the moment by the Lead Local Flood Authority. We hope we will receive planning permission soon and the MUGA will be completed in the near future.

The Parish Council continues to look after the Nature Reserve on Green Street. Many thanks go to the residents who volunteer their weekend mornings to maintain and tidy the area. The Council and the wildlife are very grateful.

### **The Community Centre:**

Over the last 12 months we are pleased to say that the building has been extremely busy with the room bookings continuing to increase. This achievement has been to the well-maintained building and the pleasant and courteous way all the staff welcomes and looks after visitors during their time here.

The coffee shop is no doubt an asset, as there are always good breakfasts, lunches and refreshments available from 10am to 3pm Monday to Friday, all at reasonable prices together with a smile and a welcome. We also hold a Senior Citizens Luncheon Club every Friday at 12 noon for Brockworth residents at a cost of only £4.00 for a 2-course cooked lunch and includes a cup of tea or coffee. To ensure you get a seat, bookings should be made in advance as we are only able to seat 30 people. This past year we have also installed a quick lunch bar with ready-made snacks, salads and sandwiches for those in a hurry and we have also introduced a new children's menu.

The extension to the Community Centre that I reported on last year is still awaiting planning permission which means the MUGA which will go into Mill Lane playing field has not yet been relocated.

### **Brockworth Newsletter:**

The bi-monthly Parish Magazine is now being produced quarterly by the Parish Council and you will notice some of the advertisements and pages are now in colour (including the Parish Kitchen). As we have taken on the advertising from the previous printer it means we will be able to show a profit and reduce the Parish cost. The delivery will still be carried out on our behalf by the local Scouts.

### **Taxi Vouchers:**

The taxi voucher scheme is still running and very successful. Vouchers are provided for the disabled and Senior Citizens to the value of £76. Along with the vouchers, there is a list of participating taxi firms that will accept the vouchers and can be used any time.

### **Library and Youth Centre**

The library which was transferred to the Brockworth Community Project has now been open under new management for over six years and is improving each year. However, they still need more people to use it and of course still needs money in order to be able to continue to run it. The Parish Council has again supported them with a £750.00 grant for books which is budgeted

through the Parish Council precept. The Community Project also applies for various grants from other organisations.

### **Moorfield Pre-School:**

The Moorfield pre-school is a thriving pre-school that is approved for the two years old early education entitlement. With the growing population in Brockworth they are struggling to have enough space and storage to accommodate all the children that are applying for spaces. The Parish Council helped the pre-school and its growing demands by providing them grant funding to purchase a reading shed, gardening shed and water wall for their outdoor space.

### **Allotment Project:**

The Parish Council secured a grant for Tesco Gags for Help in the last year and were very happy to work alongside Brockworth Primary Academy to create an Allotment Project for the students at the school. The children have two allotments, a new potting shed/greenhouse and all the tools they need to start growing fruit and vegetables. We look forward to seeing the bounty at this year's Harvest Festival.

### **Mill Lane Path:**

The Parish Council have been seeking funding to complete the path around Mill Lane Playing Field. The hope is to create a tarmacked walkway to allow pushchairs, wheelchairs, runners, dog walkers and all those who use Mill Lane Playing Field easier access to access the field and other parts of Brockworth.

### **Youth Service:**

It is an exciting time for the Youth Centre in Brockworth. A new charity, The Brockworth Youth Trust, is taking over the premises and is promising many new and exciting programs for the youth of Brockworth.

### **Financial:**

At the end of this year 2016/2017 the accounts showed a healthy balance allowing the Council to approve a budget for 2017/2018 which required a small increase in the Parish Precept (Council Tax). The annual accounts continue to identify specific items of possible expenditure held in the reserve account for such matters as the maintenance and improvements to our Community Building, Play Areas etc.

An increase of £8,000 was added to the Parish budget to allow for the potential call for election as it was nearly necessary in 2016/2017.

### **Appreciation:**

Unfortunately, our Clerk Sarah McColl-Dorion has decided to leave us and on behalf of Brockworth Parish Council I would like to wish her the very best of luck for the future. We shall miss her and thank her for her help and support. She and I worked very closely together.

We are pleased to say that Mrs Mariska Smook, who has been the Assistant to the Clerk, has taken the job as the Parish Clerk and Miss Julie McMahon, who has been our Administrator has moved into the position as Assistant to the Clerk. Both positions are effective from the 3rd of April 2017.

**Jim Hunt**  
**Chairman – Brockworth Parish Council**  
**May, 2017**

## **Appendix 2 – To receive a statement of the Parish Council’s Accounts for the year ending 31 March 2017.**

The precept received by the Parish from Tewkesbury Borough Council for 2016/17 was set at £169,057.00

Staff costs were £82,424.86 in the last year which was slightly less than the previous year. This figure does not include agency cover and contractors hired.

The Community Centre cost £109,504.11 run in the past year which is an increase on the previous year as new equipment has been purchased to meet the demands of the growing catering business. Several expenditures were necessary to maintain the now 9-year-old building. Additional expenditure was made in 2016/2017 to allow for planning and architect fees for the proposed Community Centre extension. The Community Centre’s income has increased from the previous year:

£65,103 in 2011/12  
 £81,378 in 2012/13  
 £83,273 in 2013/14  
 £83,786 in 2014/15  
 £77,141 in 2015/16  
 £81,072 in 2016/17

### Grants and other services

During the past year, the parish council has given out grants to local groups totalling £15,653.98 (list below). We continued the taxi voucher scheme for qualifying residents at a cost of £1,375.00 We have also continued to provide Citizen Advice Bureau services to Brockworth residents through the Community Centre which cost £3,120 for the year. Through the Brockworth Community Project we were able to provide four weeks of summer school holiday activities to young people, at a total cost of £2199.50. In 2016/17 the Parish Council were able to assist Moorfield Road Pre-School with a small grant of £1,459.48 to purchase outdoor reading and writing sheds and a water wall.

### Grants & Donations awarded to:

Friends of Castle Hill School  
 Poppy Wreath 2016  
 Welcome club  
 Brockworth Community Project (Youth & Library)  
 Roses Theatre  
 Moorfield Road Pre-school

### Public Open Spaces

In addition, the council spent £13,052.80 on grass cutting and £2851.06 on Parks & Open Spaces.

### Rights of Way

The parish council continued with the Parish weed spraying service which cost £1,650.00 in 2016/17.

The year end accounts are being audited soon but are available to view by appointment.

Income & Expenditure for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2016:

	2015/2016
<b>Income</b>	
Precept	171,170.00
Council Tax Support Grant	10,060.00
Investment Income	141.13
Burial Ground	5,290.00
Hall and Other Lettings	28,857.05
Office Hire	14,972.40
Parish fete	
Catering Income	30,420.24
Sec 106 Grants	
Youth Centre Lease	2,862.09
Other Grants	3,877.00
Miscellaneous Income	2,428.38
Youth Centre Repair Costs	
Playground Refurbishment Project Grants	
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>£270,078.29</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>	
Staff Costs	96,252.12
General administration incl Audit costs	22,497.97
Sec.137 and Other Grants	8,041.49
Members Allowance	115.18
Burial Ground General Maintenance	2,573.00
P & OS Various	40,924.54
RoW Various	1,520.00
Taxi Voucher Scheme	1,060.00
Community Building	35,751.39
Catering Expenditure	9,287.97
Agency Costs	11,827.82
Horsbere Brook Project	
Insurance	1,948.25
Training	430.00
Advertising and Publicity	
Youth Provision (included in S137 and other grants)	10,475.00
Playground Refurbishment Project	820.00
Contingency budget	
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>£253,158.43</b>

Income & Expenditure for **Community Centre** year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017:

	2016/2017
<b>Income</b>	
Hall Lettings	13445.52
Conference Room hirings	13194.80
Meeting room	3610.85
Office 1 Hire	7318.32
Office 2 Hire	4386.56
Office 3 Hire	7960.39
Office 4 Hire	267.36
Office 8 Hire	954.55
Youth Centre Lease	2617.52
Misc. Hire income	215.75
Catering Income - Kitchen	20497.70
Catering Income - Hirings	6603.46
Bad Debts	-0.84
	<b>81071.94</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>	
Salary costs (including contractors and agency cover)	51327.87
Business Rates	10246.00
Gas	1895.04
Electricity	3846.43
Maintenance	19214.56
Equipment	1294.62
Cleaning	2486.60
Training	275.00
Office expenses	542.51
Telephones	1837.49
Security	7397.66
Health & Safety	764.67
IT/computer	321.25
Redecorations	85.34
Repairs to damage caused	130.00
Catering expenditure	6094.71
Water Rates	565.76
Staff Cover	941.60
Publicity	237.00
	<b>109,504.11</b>

Income & Expenditure for Parish Council year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017:

	<b>2016/2017</b>
<b>Income</b>	
Precept	174900.00
Interest Received	1599.44
Burial & Cremation Fees	9625.85
Allotments	100.00
Other Grants	1314.27
Sale of Dog Bags	836.49
Village Income	800.00
Misc Income	191.46
<b>Total</b>	<b>189367.51</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>	
Parish Council Staff Costs (including contractors and agency cover)	66713.29
PC - Office Costs	6351.62
Advertising & Brockworth News	6258.70
Professional Fees & Subscriptions	3383.00
Training and Health & Safety	334.05
Insurance	2438.77
Rates	159.28
PC - Audit Costs	1020.00
Computers Costs	2005.93
Members Expenses	2031.20
Youth Grants	12199.50
PC - Maintenance	400.00
Chairman's Allowance	110.75
Doggy Bags	403.50
Bins (Dog & Litter)	648.20
Parks & Open Spaces Costs	2851.06
Allotments	136.66
Cross Hands Meadow (Shell Land)	280.00
PROW Costs	750.00
Sec 137 & Other Grants Given	525.00
Burial Ground Grass Cutting	1290.00
Burial Ground General Maintenance & Hedge Cutting	805.00
Burial Ground Development Costs	9473.00
TBC & CAB Advice Centre Support Costs	2496.00
Library Support	1500.00
Taxi Voucher Scheme	1375.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>125939.51</b>

### **Appendix 3 – Brockworth Primary Academy Report**

In the academic year 2016-17, Brockworth Primary took on an additional 15 children (45 total) from September 2016. Our numbers on roll have increased by approximately 100 over the last 5 years which is very much due to our improved standards and standing in the community. With very few exceptions, parents' feedback is extremely positive about the academy.

We have been able to develop our site in order to cater for the greater number of children, and visitors to us always comment on the lovely environment and resources available.

Our sporting successes have continued: The football team were finalists in the GPSFA plate, runners-up the league and GL1 five-a-side. Our academy captain scored his 98th goal for Brockworth Primary in the GSPFA final in his 82nd and final game. We've continued to make great strides in netball and basketball and are hopeful of success again this summer in the cricket league.

We continued to strengthen our links with the local community: regular class visits to library; a varying group of children visit Millbrook Lodge each week to spend with the residents; use of the Tithe Barn for our Christmas Carol Service; the Open the Book team visit us fortnightly for assemblies; Brockworth RFC have visited some of the classes for rugby taster sessions; we now have the lease on two allotment plots.

We are very grateful for the help and support we received from the Parish Council in acquiring the grant for the new gate, which is due to be fitted within the next few weeks. This will undoubtedly mean easier access for many of our children who come from the Mill Lane side of the academy, and, no doubt far less congestion and parking issues on and around Moorfield Road. The further extension of the path will also make it simpler for us to utilise the facilities at Millbrook Academy, such as the pool, science lab and kitchen facilities.

Our next major project is the renovation of the trim trails on the playground which are in need to replacing. We are hoping to secure grant funding for this and therefore any help that the Parish Council could give would be greatly received.

We are hoping that our successes continue over the next 12 months.

**Appendix 4 - Report from Representative of the Police – PC Emma Jones**

**Annual Brockworth Parish Council Report 2016/2017**

HO Band	HO Category	Crime 01APR16 31MAR17	Crime 01APR15 31MAR16	+/-	% Crime Diff
Violence	Threats to Kill	2	0	2	0.00%
Violence	Assault with Intent to cause Serious Harm	3	2	1	50.00%
Violence	Harassment	4	8	-4	(50.00%)
Violence	Assault with injury	36	26	10	38.46%
Violence	Racially or Religiously Aggravated Assault with injury	0	0	0	0.00%
Violence	Public Fear, Alarm or Distress	3	4	-1	(25.00%)
Violence	Racially/Religiously Aggravated Public Fear, Alarm or Distress	4	0	4	0.00%
Violence	Assault w/o Injury on a constable	1	0	1	0.00%
Violence	Assault w/o Injury	14	11	3	27.27%
Violence	Possession of Other Weapons	1	1	0	0.00%
Violence	Possession of Article with Blade or Point	0	1	-1	0.00%
Violence	Cruelty to Children/Young Persons	5	0	5	0.00%
Sexual offences	Sexual Offences	14	13	-1	0.00%
Robbery	Robbery of personal property	2	1	1	100.0%
Burglary	Burglary dwelling	15	16	-1	( 6.25%)
Burglary	Attempted Burglary Dwelling	1	0	1	0.00%
Burglary	Attempted Distraction Burglary Dwelling	0	1	-1	0.00%
Burglary	Burglary non-dwelling	14	16	-2	(12.50%)
Burglary	Attempted Burglary non-dwelling	2	0	2	0.00%
Theft	Interfering with a Motor Vehicle	6	2	4	200.0%
Theft	Aggravated vehicle taking	1	0	1	0.00%
Theft	Theft in a dwelling	5	11	-6	(54.55%)
Theft	Theft by employee	1	1	0	0.00%
Theft	Theft of mail	1	0	1	0.00%
Theft	Theft of pedal cycle	6	2	4	200.0%
Theft	Theft from vehicle	13	16	-3	(18.75%)
Theft	Shoplifting	22	42	-20	(47.62%)
Theft	Theft/unauthorised taking motor vehicle	4	4	0	0.00%
Theft	Other theft/unauthorised taking	15	20	-5	(25.00%)
Theft	Theft making off without payment	15	11	4	36.36%
Fraud	Fraud by False Representation, Cheque, Plastic Card and Online Banking (not Ebay or Paypal)	9	3	6	200.0%
Fraud	Abuse of Position	0	0	0	0.00%
Criminal damage	Arson not Endangering Life	2	0	2	0.00%
Criminal damage	Criminal damage -dwelling	12	20	-8	(40.00%)

<b>Criminal damage</b>	<b>Criminal damage -non dwelling</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>33.33%</b>
<b>Criminal damage</b>	<b>Criminal damage -vehicles</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.00%</b>
<b>Criminal damage</b>	<b>Criminal damage -other</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>11.11%</b>
<b>Criminal damage</b>	<b>Threat / possession w/i -criminal damage</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.00%</b>
<b>Drugs</b>	<b>Drug trafficking</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>25.00%</b>
<b>Drugs</b>	<b>Possession of Drugs(Cannabis)</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>-6</b>	<b>(60.00%)</b>
<b>Other notifiable</b>	<b>Possession of Firearms Offences</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0.00%</b>
<b>Other notifiable</b>	<b>Blackmail</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0.00%</b>
<b>Other notifiable</b>	<b>Kidnapping</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0.00%</b>
<b>Other notifiable</b>	<b>Offences against state / public order</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>-1</b>	<b>(33.33%)</b>
<b>Other notifiable</b>	<b>Perverting the course of justice</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>-1</b>	<b>0.00%</b>
<b>Other notifiable</b>	<b>Obscene Publications etc</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0.00%</b>
<b>=</b>		<b>288</b>	<b>286</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0.70%</b>

### **Appendix 5 - Report from Brockworth Youth Trust (Youth Report)**

The Trust was set up as a Charity on 25<sup>th</sup> of January 2017 the aim is to improve and expand the facilities available to young people in Brockworth, a manager has been appointed and he is in the process of appointing two youth workers to assist him. The trust has a web site to keep everyone informed and up to date on what is going on. We also now have our own bank account. As you may be aware the Community Centre is being expanded, the plans are currently with the Planning Department at TBC, there will be a larger hall and a new kitchen this will allow the youth trust to use the existing hall and kitchen which will mean a lot more room and allow activities such as computer work to be separate from physical things i.e. Table Tennis, Snooker etc. The bigger kitchen will mean the cooking events will be much easier and can be expanded. It is hoped that once the new facilities are in place it will draw in a lot younger people who will then have a strong influence on what happens at the youth trust.

The trust will rely on various grants which are available from a number of national sources, and fund-raising events to enable it function.

### **Appendix 6 - Report from Brockworth Scouts**

The Scout group like many groups and outside activities has its share of ups and downs and our last year has not been any different.

We have recently seen an upturn in younger children which has been a great boost as we had lost a few to another scout group newly set up at Coopers Edge School, we are still short of children from ages 8-11 though. We have capacity to take more in but shortage of adult helpers and leaders means we shall need to start a waiting list certainly for Beavers the younger group.

We have with the thanks from the council 109 money and now have the extra storage space, a new kitchen was finished last September giving us the much-needed safer usage space and a much more pleasing environment.

I was hoping to get a balance figure from the treasurer for today but should be completed shortly.

Our next plan will be to seek a grant to replace the roof on the buildings as this is now 30 years plus and only surviving the rain with lots of repair paint periodically.

We would also like to obtain a minibus as this would be cheaper than the hire option we use now, we have discussed several options such as a community bus which it would be useful to find out if there would be others interested in this option.

We would also like permission from the council to fit and place some bird boxes that the children have made in the woodland along the Horsbere brook water.

Thanks to the council for their help in keeping us running.

### **Appendix 8 – Report from Brockworth Army Cadets**

Mr Richard Goulding forwarded the following report:

From January 2016 Brockworth Platoon Army Cadets attended many bag packs at Morrisons, to help collect for a number of different charities. These included, Sue Ryder, All sorts in Dursley and the Poppy appeal, which we also collected for in Tesco.

In the January 2016 we had between 15 and 20 cadets parading on a regular basis, but unfortunately that started to drop across the year, and we now have 5 regular paraders. We attended the remembrance service in Brockworth, as well as Gloucester Day and Back badge day.

In October 2016 we were presented an award by the Honorary Company of Gloucestershire for all of the charity work we had done throughout the year. This year we are looking to help Morrisons again by collecting for Armed Forces Day, and we will be attending the Castle hill school fete to try and recruit. We also carried out a leaflet drop in Coopers Edge in February 2017.

### **Appendix 9 - Report from the Tewkesbury Borough Councillors**

Cllr R Hatton welcomed everyone to the meeting and explained that there is a team of three councillors who represent Brockworth on the Borough as well as the Parish Council and will be the spokesperson tonight.

#### **Finance**

Council Tax has had a slight increase but we are still the fifth lowest in the UK. The New Leisure centre which opened in Early 2016 is next to the Council Offices has already provided the council with an income of £150,000 from management fees since May 2016. The new

commercial property investment which cost £14 Million pounds will provide at today's rentals an income of £430,000 Annually for the Borough. The new corporate website we have installed is only costing £150,00 per year. Instead of £13,600 which is an excellent saving.

Solar panels were installed on the council offices which is reducing our electricity cost by £8,000 annually as well as helping to protect the environment. From Press reports you must be aware that the borough council has replaced its ageing waste and recycling fleet of vehicles at a cost of £3.5 Million pounds. The new vehicles are larger and more energy efficient and can carry larger loads so they make less trips to the recycling plants, again saving not only in costs and Fuel but are more environmentally friendly.

### Economic Development

An assessment and employment land review has now been carried out with in the borough and funding has been secured. Consultations are already takin place regarding development around the junction 9 area of the M5. We have successfully gained £377,000 worth of funding from the local enterprise partnership this will host a lot of small businesses and is the first of its kind in the country. We have had a success in regenerating new signage and other tourist attractions through out the town of Tewkesbury, also completing the 'missing Link' of the riverside walk and launching a new business website for small and medium businesses within the town.

### Housing development.

The Main modifications for the J.C.S have been approved by the three councils and the responses have been sent to the inspector for consideration and public examination hearings which will be held during the summer with thirteen neighbourhood plans now in place we will continue to offer support to other town and parish councils for the development of their neighbourhood plans. Cllr H Turbyfield and I represented Brockworth on a working Group for the development of a new housing and homeless strategy for 2016-2020, which has been adopted by full council. In the period 2016-17 we have delivered 47 affordable homes above our target of 150 making a total of 197. We are also working with our partners to prevent residents becoming homeless, Severn vale housing association are undertaking visits to tenants who are most likely to be significantly affected by the forth coming welfare reforms. Your local team of councillors Harry, Ron and Ruth will continue to work and support the community of Brockworth at all times. Thank you

## **Appendix 10 - Report from Gloucester County Council Representative – Cllr Robert Vines**

Cllr Robert Vines explained to the meeting that he has been fairly silent at the two previous meetings of the Parish Council and since the County Council elections of 2 weeks ago is now in a position to share thoughts with the meeting.

Being successful on May 4<sup>th</sup> Cllr Robert Vines has earlier today attended the first meeting of the County Council in this 4-year cycle. The conservatives group have a majority so have formed the administration for the council. Cllr R Vines will sit on the planning committee, commons and rights or way committee and Health Care and Overview Scrutiny Committee. Issues over the past previous twelve months to this parish appear to be the Roads and Pavements. The condition of the surfaces are less than perfect so hopefully network, potholes and general determination take their toll, but Ermin Street did receive some recent attention. The parking on the side of the Roads for the workers at the Business Park still remains a problem, any ideas for long lasting resolution are always welcome. The on-going building on the Invista site progresses and will bring more residents for Brockworth and we all assume Perry brook will be started soon.

## **Appendix 9 - Report on Brockworth's Clubs for the Elderly**

Cllr Carole Neal delivered the following reports on behalf of Brockworth Daycentre and St Patrick's Welcome Club:

### **Brockworth Daycentre**

The Brockworth Daycentre is a lunch club which meets on Wednesdays 10-1pm in the Youth Centre. It has existed for nearly 35 years, during which time the membership numbers have fallen from 40+ to 11 today, which includes 4 helpers who collectively run the club.

Of the members, 4 are aged 90+, 2 are 80+ and the other 4 are of 70+. The low numbers mean low income and as the numbers are decreasing may not be ongoing for the next year. The ladies like to go out for lunch, usually at Painswick Golf Club or a pub. All we do on Wednesdays is natter, play bingo, have lunch and put the world to rights.

### **St Patrick's Welcome Club**

The Welcome Club continues to meet on Wednesday afternoons during school term time. Meetings are held in St Patrick's Church Centre, Brockworth, from 2.00pm – 4.00pm. Numbers are diminishing and New members are always very welcome.

## **Appendix 12 – Brockworth Hedgehog Rescue**

Ms Vicki read out the following report:

The last year has been amazing, in September we were granted Registered Charity status that has helped us to continue our work on a higher level, since then we have had a turnover of just under £10k.

Between September and January, we had our new hospital shed built, delivered, installed and then fitted out, we received huge public support and trade support from Master sheds, Walden and Fletcher Electricians and Steve Southgate Carpentry

We are now fully fitted and with recent money donations have purchased more caging and an Intensive Care Unit.

We are now charity partners with both the Hucclecote and Parton Road branches of the Co-Op and receive the money they charge for the purchase of carrier bags, that has purchased our ICU. In January we appeared on BBC Winter watch, after they spent 11 hours with me filming on a day in December, the response to that has been fantastic.

Today the Hedgehog Warning Road Signs have gone up and we are the First road sign trial in the UK, that will run until October, the signs have been fully funded by the rescue and the trial has been supported by the Parish Council and the Gloucestershire County Council Highways.

On Friday I travel to Denmark to present to their organization about how Hedgehog Rehab is done in the UK, Denmark have an organization that supports all its carers with full funding, whereas here in the UK all the rescues are totally independent and have to provide all their own funding.

Our recent open day was a huge success and saw between 300-400 visitors help us raise £2400, including a lady who shaved her head for us.

Our first year saw us help 152 hedgehogs with that raising to 302 last year, we look forward to what the next 12 months will bring