

Broadwell Parish Council – March 13th 2024

CDC News

- The 2024/2025 budget was passed by a majority in Full Council (23 For: 8 Against).
A motion by the Conservatives to freeze member allowances and use the funds to retain free Sunday parking was defeated by the administration.
- CDC's Council tax will increase by £5 for a Band D property (£153.93)
- Green Bin licences will increase to £64 (from £57)
- Car parking charges will be increased
- Free parking on Sundays in CDC car parks will be phased out

- Residents are invited to give their views on updates to Cotswold District Council's adopted Local Plan (2011 – 2031) to make it 'Green to the Core'. **Consultation will close on the 7th of April.**

It is important that residents take part in the consultation to ensure that the Council is made aware of any concerns or aspirations that residents have regarding future development.

- The Stow NDP is still being reviewed by the independent inspector

Forthcoming Committee Meetings

Wed 20 March 2pm: Council

Thursday 21 March 4pm: Overview & Scrutiny

Planning

Applications as per the agenda, plus late additions

THE PLANNING ENFORCEMENT TEAM

The current enforcement officer is a contractor, and his contract ends at the end of March. Efforts are being undertaken to ensure there remains adequate short-term cover. Arrangements are being made to recruit two permanent enforcement officers and these will be advertised soon; a new assistant enforcement officer has been appointed.

Changes to the Committee 'call in' process will go live from the 1st of April. Any request by the Ward Member for an application to be heard by the Planning Committee must now be made within 28-days of the validation date.

Grants

Cotswold District Council Rural England Prosperity Fund
Community Infrastructure Capital Grants offer between 2K and 10K for improving community buildings. There are three application rounds, with deadlines of 27th March, 23rd May, and 12th July. The application process is being administered by GRCC on behalf of the council. For information and advice about applying, visit www.grcc.org.uk

Village Halls Small Grants Fund
Grants of between £2,000 and £5,000 are available for improvements to rural community buildings in England, as the latest part of the Queen's Jubilee grant fund released by DEFRA. These grants can cover up to 20% of project costs, and the fund is expected to stay open until December 2024. For more info, visit: acre.org.uk

Are you ready for the elections?

Voters are encouraged to make sure they are registered and have photo ID ahead of the May Police and Crime Commissioner elections. Anyone applying to vote by post will need to provide their national insurance number as part of the application. If you have an existing postal vote arrangement, you will not need to apply again.

Flood and River Pollution Meetings:

Sir Geoffrey Clifton-Brown next flood meetings will take place on Friday 26th April 2024. The Moreton-in-Marsh meeting will be from 10-12am at the Moreton Area Centre.

Please note that Sir Geoffrey will also be holding a separate public meeting on river pollution on Friday 17th May 2024 at 10-12am at the Cotswold District Council Chamber. Any constituent is welcome to attend.