

Broadwell Parish Council – July 2022

UK Shared Prosperity Fund

Cotswold District Council have agreed a few projects to receive funding from the first year's allocation of the UK Shared Prosperity Fund. The Fund provides the Council with £1m over three years with £109,000 to be spent in the first year.

The projects initially to receive support will be the renovation of the Old Station in Cirencester, local projects across the District through Crowdfund Cotswold, and the Council's 'Clean and Green' initiative.

Future allocations will be decided by the CDC SPF Fund Group.

Ukrainian Refugee Crisis.

Homes for Ukraine	CDC
As at week commencing 30/06/2022	
No of properties with sponsors	95
No of properties inspected	88
No of properties with inspections booked	1

The latest information about the Council's response to the situation in Ukraine can be found via the link below.

<https://www.cotswold.gov.uk/communities-and-leisure/support-for-communities/ukraine-support/>

Holiday Activities and Food Programme (HAF) 1 - 26 August

The scheme which is funded by the Department for Education is designed to provide eligible children and young people with free, fun activities during the summer break.

For more info: <https://www.haf.worldjungle.org.uk/> , which includes links to more information regarding other services.

Cost of Living Support

There is a wide range of support available from the Government, local councils, utility companies and others to help you if you are struggling to pay your bills.

To help you access all the different schemes and services, CDC has tried to pull them all together in one place, via the link: <https://cotswold.gov.uk/costofliving>

GCC Community Speedwatch Fund

The Community Speed Watch Safety Fund is in partnership with the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner. This fund will provide communities with the tools they need to combat speeding in their area, helping to make our roads safer for everyone who uses them to walk, cycle, and drive. More details can be found here:

<https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/your-community/the-community-speedwatch-fund/>

The Deadline for Applications for Tranche 1 of the fund must be submitted by **31st August 2022**

Stow Local Plan

As per the minutes of the last meeting, there was a discussion around the Stow LP and the identification of potential sites for housing development. The site pertinent to Broadwell is designated in the Strategic Housing and Economic Land Availability Assessment (2021) as S61. The commentary for this site states:

S61: Land east of Roman Road: 350 homes: Detailed site assessment provided in Part 2, although this finds the site to be unsuitable for development. Discount

The full report can be found here

<https://www.cotswold.gov.uk/media/iryb5d4j/2-2-04o-site-assessments-stow-on-the-wold.pdf>

1. Summary

The site is on the same side of Stow as the refused planning permission for up to 146 dwellings on the Land east of Griffin Close site, which subsequently had an appeal dismissed. With S61, however, not only would the development also be considered to be ‘major development within the AONB’ but the scale of development would be considerably larger and more harmful to the AONB than the Land east of Griffin Close site. The site is on higher ground than the Griffin Close site and is more visible within the surrounding landscape.

Stow is a hilltop town and development in this location would not be in keeping with the settlement pattern. The scale of development on a slope would erode the character of the town, as well the rural setting in which the town sits. It would adversely affect the intrinsic value of the AONB and the proposal is assessed to have “High” landscape impact.

The development of S61 would also harm the rural setting of a Scheduled Monument, it would harm the setting of the Conservation Area, and it would harm the settings of a Grade I listed building and a Grade II listed building.

Other considerations, such as the loss of productive agricultural land, whether the access via Broadwell Road is suitable for the scale of development and potential archaeological issues would also need to be explored further but may also be further constraints to the development of this site.

Recommendation

S61 is unsuitable for allocation in the Local Plan.

Parking Wheat Close

A meeting was held on site (11th July) with Chris French (Building Maintenance Surveyor) from CDC, to discuss the various options for repurposing the grassed area for parking.

The size of the plot provides some limitations in scope depending on the options discussed: Fully marked bays on tarmac surface with dropped kerb and drainage – max 4 cars; Geo grid surface protector – up to 7 vehicles.

Chris will contact a known contractor to obtain more accurate pricing, as well as the flood engineers at CDC for thoughts.

Jenny Poole – CFO at CDC – has passed on the details to her interim replacement to prepare a rough proposal on funding.

Flood Alleviation

Laurence King (Flood Engineer) has given an update with respect to the proposed swale and bund initiatives in the village:

There is some progress to report on the procurement of the work, in as much as CDC have granted a waiver to allow me to obtain a quotation from a known competent contractor asap to find out how realistic the budget now is for the planned 2 pieces of work.

I have also spoken to the land agents involved again and the CDC legal team to alert them to the need for them to draft the required draft agreements.