



Broseley Town Council Annual Report 2018/2019

Introduction by Councillor Mick Burton, Mayor of Broseley 2018/19

Hello Broseley

During my year in office not having a permanent Town Clerk created some difficulties. But having a good, dedicated team of Councillors and also a great team of staff meant that we coped. Therefore, I would like to say a big 'thank you' to all staff and Councillors for their support and commitment.

As I write this report work is coming to an end on the Birchmeadow Park drainage scheme which when completed will give us two great pitches and a drier and better park for all who use it.

The Neighbourhood Plan is now well under way after much lively debate at the meetings. A consultant has been commissioned to advise and draw up the final document which will go to a referendum.

A huge 'thank you' is due to all Broseley's many fabulous volunteers. Too many to mention everyone by name as space restricts me but credit must go to Birchmeadow Centre Management team for all their work in producing a lively calendar of events, Broseley in Bloom for another great display, Broseley Festival providing two more superb days of entertainment, Broseley Christmas Lights for another great event, Broseley Festival of Motorcycles, Haycop Group, Broseley First Responders and the Friendly Bus team. Max Beddoes Karate, also Darren and Adam from Broseley Youth Sports are just a few who come to mind. Thank you all again for all your hard work in creating our small town of Broseley as a wonderful community in which to live, work and play.

Councillors and Staff

Your Broseley Councillors for 2018 - 2019 were:

Name	Address
Mr Michael Burton, Mayor (Broseley East)	1 Wilkinson Avenue, Broseley TF12 5DX
Mr Roy Childs (Broseley West)	20 Sherlock Hoy Close, Broseley TF12 5JB
Mrs Lynda Garbett (Broseley East)	Tyning Cottage, Chapel Lane, Broseley TF12 5JD
Mr Mark Garbett (Broseley West)	Tyning Cottage, Chapel Lane, Broseley TF12 5JD
Mr Michael Garbett (Broseley East)	Tyning Cottage, Chapel Lane, Broseley TF12 5JD
Mr Gavin Goodall (Broseley Wood)	1 Newland Rise, Bridgnorth Road, Broseley TF12 5EH
Mr Simon Harris, (Broseley East)	53 Wilkinson Avenue, Broseley TF12 5DZ
Mrs Ann Maltby (Broseley East)	18 Foundry Lane, Broseley TF12 5DN
Mr Tarlochen Singh-Mohr (Broseley East) (From September 2017)	260 Coalport Road, Preens Eddy, Coalport TF8 7JG
Mr Alan Taylor (Broseley East)	7 Hockley Road, Broseley TF12 5HS
Mr Ian West, Deputy Mayor (Broseley West)	2 Wesley Court, Duke Street, Broseley TF12 5LS

Town Clerk

Mrs Trudi Barrett (Town Clerk April –July 2018)

Mr Paul Russell (Locum Clerk September 2018 – March 2019)

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Responsible Finance Officer

Mrs Andrea Williams

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Shropshire Councillors

Mr Simon Harris

Mr David Turner (Broseley Wood)

Financial Report

Statement of Accounts for the Year Ended 31st March 2019

Income

Precept	214,784.00
Neighbourhood Fund	4,777.03
Cemetery	21,453.00
Grants	0.00
Bank Interest	331.29
Miscellaneous	10,756.37
Library/Car Park/Open Spaces	23,648.97
MUGA	14,362.75

290,113.41

Expenditure

Administration	17,376.34
General	8,129.15
Christmas Lights	8,809.00
Burial Ground	8,987.41
Birchmeadow Centre	11,874.52
Birchmeadow Park	16,650.00
Grants & Subscriptions	32,832.47
Public Toilets	6,542.87
Salaries & Wages	98,195.04
Library Salaries & Wages	15,648.66
Library/Car Park/Open Spaces	10,928.94
Street Lighting	11,343.01
Miscellaneous	3,622.37
MUGA	4,218.79
Neighbourhood Plan	1,683.48
Everybody Active	-101.00

256,741.05

Surplus for Year 33,372.36

Balances Brought Forward 355,607.03

Balances Carried Forward 388,979.39

The accounts and Annual Return for 2018/2019 are made available for public inspection for a period following approval and audit. Members of the public who wish to see the accounts should contact the office for details.

Town Councillors do not receive any payment for the voluntary duties they undertake. The Mayor receives an allowance to offset some of the costs associated with acting as Mayor of Broseley and representing the town at many functions during the year.

Grant Funding

During the Financial Year 2018/19 the Council was able to support several local organisations and events through both its Project and Service Support Grant Funding schemes. Grant funding provided throughout the year was as follows:

Project Grants

		£
The Ironbridge Gorge Brass Band Festival	To support the Brass Band Festival	100
Broseley & District Horticultural & Crafts Society	To support the annual flower show.	75
Broads (Everybody Active Dance for Fitness)	To support the Dance for Fitness project	650
Broseley Army Cadets	Towards the purchase of a new uniform.	850
Ironbridge Gorge Walking Festival	To support the provision of a programme of guided walks in and around the Ironbridge Gorge, including Broseley.	200
Broseley Walkers are Welcome	To support the Walkers are Welcome group annual subscription	60

Service Support Grants

		£
Broseley in Bloom	To support floral displays around the town.	3,000
Broseley Christmas Lights Committee	To support Christmas lights around the town.	1,783
Broseley Festival	To support the staging of the Broseley Music Festival 2018.	4,500
Birchmeadow Centre Management Committee	Towards the management and upkeep of the building.	2,000
Victoria Hall Management Committee	Towards replacement lighting and ceiling at Victoria Hall.	3,000
Citizens Advice Shropshire	Towards the provision of an advice service in Broseley.	3,000

The Council continues to consider the provision of financial support to local groups. Application forms and further details can be found on the Council's website or obtained from the office.

Council Meetings and Committees

The Council held full Council meetings every month throughout the year. The Council has three standing committees: Planning, Estate and Staffing. The Planning Committee met every month, the Estate Committee met bi-monthly and the Staffing Committee met as required. Members of the public were invited to attend and listen at Council meetings and had the opportunity to speak in the Public Participation session of the Full Council meeting or Planning Committee meeting. 10 minutes were set aside for public participation at the beginning of those meetings when members of the public could raise issues of concern or pass on information.

Planning Committee Report by Councillor Ian West, Chair 2018/2019

The Planning Committee meets monthly to consider planning and related matters on behalf of the Town Council. As well as responding to Shropshire Council on specific planning applications, including proposed work on trees, the Committee also oversees the Council's policies on highways and footpaths. Members of the public are able to attend meetings and to speak in the public participation period at the start of each meeting. The Planning Committee have reviewed and, where necessary, provided comments to Shropshire Council on 72 applications this year. The Planning Committee's activities this year have also included the monitoring of the work to develop a Neighbourhood Plan for Broseley, preparing Broseley's response to Shropshire Council's consultation on preferred development sites, discussing with Shropshire Council the use of Community Infrastructure Levy funds within Broseley, and holding discussions with registered providers of affordable housing on their aspirations for increasing the provision of affordable housing in the town.

Estate Committee Report by Councillor Michael Garbett, Chair 2018/2019

A quieter year for projects at the Birchmeadow Centre. The front doors have been replaced as have a couple of windows. Stairway lighting has been improved and vision panels have been made in some doors to improve safety issues. The flat roof has been repaired and new double doors for the cellar are ordered and awaiting fitting. A small extension to the stage has been agreed and plans to go ahead with this are in the pipeline. The solar panels have saved on electricity costs to the centre and feeding export tariffs have benefitted the Town Council by approximately £1,000 this year.

The MUGA Chair was taken over by Gary Price and outgoing Chair Mike Kaiser was thanked for his work over many years.

The play equipment has been removed from Park View and we are waiting for Shropshire Council to engage with us to decide on a suitable future for it. New benches have been installed in the Memorial Green and a Flagpole has been erected.

Shropshire Council have now replaced all their street lights in Broseley with energy-saving LED lights and the Town Council is working on a survey and timetable for the replacement of the approximately 170 Broseley Town Council owned lights to have them replaced also. There has been an increase in groups using the library for meetings and drop-in sessions. The decision to install electrical car charging points has been put on hold while we wait to see the results of trials by Shropshire Council in other towns. CCTV cameras have been installed both inside and outside the Library building and also an intruder detector alarm system. Recycling bins have been removed from the car park by Shropshire Council which caused a problem with fly-tipping at a cost to Broseley Town Council to have rubbish removed.

Plans to increase the size of the cemetery are progressing slowly. Plans for a new Welfare Building on the site are still being discussed. The Chapel is to be opened to the public imminently and work has taken place to remove clutter from the Chapel in readiness. The Council will purchase a 20ft container to provide an indoor working space, which will include an electricity supply, for use by the Groundsmen.

Outside Bodies

During 2018/19 representatives from the Council served on the following outside bodies: Birchmeadow Centre Management Committee, Birchmeadow Park Management Committee, Victoria Hall Management Committee, Local Joint Committee, MUGA Group, Severn Gorge Countryside Trust, Ironbridge Gorge World Heritage Site Steering Group and the JL Edwards Memorial Trust.

Communications

During the year the Town Council published four issues of its newsletter, Town Talk, which was distributed door to door throughout the town. The Council regularly contributed to the Broseley Quarterly and What's What magazine, as well as issuing press releases to the local newspapers. Council notices, including the schedule of meetings and meeting agendas and minutes, were displayed on Council notice boards and on the Council's website and were also available from the library and the Clerk. Liaison was maintained with visitbroseley.com to ensure that clubs and events in the town were included on this website. The office was open to visits from the public on Thursday mornings from 10am to 12 noon.

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