

Bredon, Bredon's Norton and Westmancote Parish Council

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Precept Frozen

The Finance Committee has aimed, as in recent years, to keep the cost per household frozen for another year. It is a complex calculation, involving a number of factors, which alter every year, making it difficult to match last year's council tax exactly. If you do notice a change it should only be minimal.

Radio Appearance

Our Village Hall Caretaker, Jo Lomasney, and Councillor, Declan Shiels, both appeared on BBC Hereford and Worcestershire during the Breakfast programme on 5th January. They were interviewed as part of the topic "Are we taking village halls for granted?"

If you would like to hear what they said you can listen again (until 4th February) by following this link. They appear about 1 hour 56 minutes into the episode:-

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p0416g9f>

Retired Residents

The Parish Council was sad to see that the Darby and Joan club has had to cease its monthly meetings in the Village Hall after 60 years.

Such activities are beyond the remit of the Parish Council, but Jackie Shields, Clerk, and Mike Johns, Councillor, have volunteered to explore the possibility of finding a way to continue this sort of club in the village.

If you would like to organise and run a monthly afternoon gathering of retired residents, please telephone Jackie on 01684 773984, or Mike on 01684 773041.

Parish Clerk Vacancy

We will have more information in next month's article, but if you are interested in applying for the role as our Parish Clerk please contact the Chairman, Phil Handy, for more details and an application form.

His contact details are:- Email: aphandy@btconnect.com; Tel: 01684 ??????

Reporting Burglaries

There have been a number of burglaries in the Parish over the last few months. Please be extra vigilant and follow the advice recommended by West Mercia police: <https://www.westmercia.police.uk/Home-security>

Also, please inform the police of any incidents because they use the statistics as a valuable resource in the tackle against crime.

The Great British Spring Clean

The Parish Council is backing a campaign to get half a million people out and about cleaning up their local communities in March 2017.

As part of its support for the country's biggest-ever community clear up (www.greatbritishspringclean.org.uk) we are seeking volunteers to take part in an organised litter-pick starting at Bredon Village Hall on Saturday 4th March at 10am. All equipment will be provided on the day.



Planning Applications

The Parish Council's role is only advisory. For more details, please refer to www.wychavon.gov.uk.

For consideration by Wychavon:

W/16/02698 - Storage Barn at, Westhurst, Eckington Road, Bredon. Change of use of agricultural building to a dwelling house & associated development - notification for prior approval. PC has made general comments.

W/16/02669 - Gable Point, Chapel Lane, Kinsham. Two storey side extension and alterations. PC has made general comments.

W/16/02712 - Hop House, Manor Lane, Bredons Norton. Proposed two storey side extension, single storey rear extension, conversion of existing garage into dining room. New glazed canopy to the rear elevation and associated internal and external works - as approved under permission reference number W/15/01427 but without complying with condition 5 (to amend list of approved drawings). PC has made general comments.

W/16/02896 - Peppercorn Cottage, Chapel Lane, Westmancote. Single storey extensions to rear together with 1st floor extension over existing. PC has made general comments.

W/16/02808 - 1 Oak Lane, Bredon. Side extension. PC has made general comments.

W/16/02960 - Gellesters Farm, Tewkesbury Road, Bredons Hardwick. Proposed agricultural storage building. PC has made general comments.

W/16/02698 - Barns Close, Main Road, Bredon. Erection of a single storey rear extension. PC has made general comments.

Date of Next Meetings :

Monday 6th February
takes place in Bredon
Village Hall at 7:15pm