

Bredon, Bredon's Norton and Westmancote Parish Council



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Neighbourhood Plan Update

The Neighbourhood Plan has now completed its independent examination, and we are pleased to report that it has been approved subject to a series of recommended modifications. The examiner found that the plan was fit for purpose, and he was satisfied that it promoted sustainable growth and set out a positive vision for the future of the parish. He complemented the wider community and the Parish Council for spending considerable time and energy in identifying the issues and objectives covered by the plan.

At the heart of the Plan are a suite of policies aimed at safeguarding the character and appearance of the parish and maintaining the gaps between villages. Before it is finally adopted, the plan must be approved by residents in a parish-wide referendum. This is expected to take place in June.

Local Transport Plan

A response has been submitted by the Parish Council to Worcestershire's recent consultation on the latest version of the Local Transport Plan. Naturally this document concentrates mainly on large road schemes within the county, the most relevant to Bredon being plans for improving the A46 southbound from Evesham and the possibility of a new link to the M5. This would bypass the Ashchurch Road thus reducing the chronic congestion suffered by motorists during peak rush hour.

On the railways plans are progressing for Worcester Parkway station which is to be built near to the village of Norton at the intersection of the Birmingham-Bristol and Hereford-London lines. Planning approval has been granted and work at the site is due to start soon.

We continue to lobby for improved bus services through the parish, particularly for a direct link with Worcester, and a keen eye will be kept on developments in electric vehicle technology to ensure that Bredon is not left behind when it comes to the necessary infrastructure.

Bredon Hill Surgery

There has been a recent change to the services provided by Bredon Hill Surgery to streamline the Doctor's time and provide a more efficient service.

Please find the latest update on their website:- www.bredonsurgery.nhs.uk

Clerk - Jackie Shields

It is with great sadness that we have to report that our Clerk, Jackie Shields, has decided to step down after 11 years of service to the Parish Council and the local community.

Appointed in January 2006, our Clerk has served under 4 very different Chair persons. Her role has changed a lot over that time, with lots of new powers passed down to a local level, and the buying of the Village Hall, but she has always faced these new challenges head on.

Jackie left saying "*I enjoyed most of my time as clerk, it can be very frustrating but also rewarding! I would like to spend more time with my family.*"

Her vast knowledge and experience has helped the ever changing face of the Parish Council and we thank her for all her hard work and dedication and wish her all the best in the future.

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/17/00011 - 47 Hill Close, Westmancote.

Non material amendment to planning permission W/15/02008/PP to insert new window in extended bedroom on north west elevation facing rear garden.

PC has made general comments.

W/17/00002 - The Byre, Manor Lane, Bredons Norton.

Single storey study/home office.

PC has made general comments.

W/15/02265 - Croft Farm Water Park, Tewkesbury Road, Bredons Hardwick.

Planning inspectorate decision Appeal Dismissed.

Date of Next Meeting :

Monday 6th March

takes place in Bredon Village Hall at 7:15pm

