

Bredon, Bredon's Norton and Westmancote Parish Council

The minutes of Bredon Parish Council Meeting held at Bredon Village Hall on **Monday 11th September 2017**.

Present: Councillors: Mr Nicholas Bradley (co-opted at Item 3), Mr Richard Coghlan, Mr Matt Darby, Mr Kevin Falvey, Mr Phil Handy (Chairman), Mr Andrew Rhodes, Mr Ian Rowland-Hill, Mr Declan Shiels, Mr Rob Sly and Brod Whiting.

In Attendance: Mr Tim Drew (Clerk), Mr Martin Miles and Mr Adrian Hardman (District & County Councillor).

Before the meeting commenced, **Public Question Time** was held; the notes of which are appended to these minutes.

1. Apologies for Absence.

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Mr Mike Johns and Cllr Mrs Diane Kemple.

2. Declaration of Interests.

Councillors were reminded to update their Register of Interests with Wychavon.

Cllr Darby declared an ODI (prejudicial) as a farming tenant of the applicant in Item 7 b) I.
Cllrs Handy and Rhodes declared an Other Disclosable Interest (non-prejudicial) in Item 7 b) I as friends of the applicant.

3. Co-option of 12th Parish Council Member.

Mr Nicholas Bradley had submitted an application for co-option. Following a brief introduction, it was **agreed** unanimously by Councillors to support the application and Cllr Bradley duly signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

4. Minutes: the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 14th August 2017 were **approved**.

5. Finances.

a) Invoices to be paid:

Village Hall

Mark Farey	VH Front & Rear (Jun-Aug 17)	£210.00
Jo Lomasney	Balance of Wages – August 2017	£986.75
Darren Rosser	Bar – August 2017	£260.00
Snow Electrics	PAT Testing	£42.00
Met Electrical	Repair Gents Toilet Cistern	£65.00
CW Hygiene Services	Consumables	£66.94

Parish Council

British Telecommunications	Purchase of 2 Kiosks	£1.00
Wychavon Sports	Entry Fee for WDC Games	£42.00
S Gwilliam	Lengthsman - August 2017	£403.50
Business Supported	Clerk's Wages (August 2017)	£745.02

Greenworks	Grass cutting (July 2017)	£1392.00
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Thomas A Spry	Glebe Field Fence Repair	£450.00

All payments were **approved**.

b) Financial Report:

The various financial reports circulated to Councillors and the Finance Support Group, were **approved**.

6. Byelaws and Risk Assessments.

Before the Draft Byelaws were submitted, it was suggested that legal advice be sought to establish how enforceable they would be in the event of a future breach; particularly relating to a traveller incident. It was **agreed** the Chairman and Clerk would engage a solicitor to progress.

The Clerk advised that Risk Assessments (particularly for the Village Hall), were a 'work in progress', but it was unlikely there would be content to review before the November meeting.

7. Planning.

a) For consideration:

- I. 17/01690/HP Bens Hollow, Dock Lane, Bredon, GL20 7LG
Change of use of the land and erection of a garage for ancillary use to main dwelling
Parish Council objects to the proposal
- II. 17/01374/HP Tudor Cottage, Manor Lane, Bredons Norton, GL20 7HB (Amendment)
Replacement of existing access with new proposed access from highway providing improved visibility splays, access and reinstatement of historic pedestrian access
Parish Council objects to the proposal
- III. 17/01754/HP 18 Cherry Orchard, Bredon, GL20 7HJ
Proposed extensions and alterations to existing domestic dwelling; part demolition of double garage; demolish garden wall and replace with hedge to enclose garden
Parish council has made general comments.
- IV. 17/01252/HP The Gatehouse, Oak Lane, Bredon, GL20 7LR
Proposed first floor extension to existing single storey property to form additional living accommodation
Parish council has made general comments.

b) For ratification:

- I. 17/01463/HP Ridgeway Barton, Eckington Road, Bredons Norton, GL20 7EZ

It was **agreed** to ratify this application, comments for which have been forwarded to Wychavon.

c) Approved:

- I. 17/01270/HP Manor Cottage, Manor Lane, Bredons Norton, GL20 7EZ
- II. 17/01231/FUL Land off Brookfield Lane, Bredons Norton
- III. 17/00804/HP Nursery House, Kemerton Road, Westmancote, Bredon, GL20 7EN
- IV. 17/01477/HP Peppercorn Cottage, Chapel Lane, Westmancote, Bredon, GL20 7ER

d) Withdrawn:

- I. 17/01060/FUL Bredon Marina, Dock Lane, Bredon
- II. 17/01386/FUL Gellesters Farm, Tewkesbury Road, Bredon's Hardwick, GL20 7EB

e) Neighbourhood Plan:

No update. It was agreed that the Clerk would arrange for hard copies of the Plan to be produced and distributed to Councillors and made available for interested parties. Wychavon's Printing Services to be contacted to assist.

f) Cheltenham, Gloucester & Tewkesbury – Joint Core Strategy (CGT JCS):

I. Legal Opinion

Cllr Sly declared an interest and abstained from any vote.

No response received from Wychavon to the Parish Council's legal opinion emailed to them on 16th August 2017, although it is understood they are entering into a 'Planning Statement' with Tewkesbury Borough Council. The JCS Inspector has agreed to enter the opinion into evidence.

Clerk had been contacted by a Consultant from Tristan Fitzgerald, representing the developers, Barratt Homes and Mactaggart and Mickel. This was to arrange a meeting with the Parish Council Planning Committee, in advance of their proposed public meeting to discuss a future planning application for the Mitton Bank development.

It was **agreed** to pre-empt any approach by developers by providing information and the Parish Council's position to parishioners, through the Parish Magazine, Social Media and Noticeboards. It was also **agreed** the Planning Committee would consider meeting the developers to understand their proposals, but only after taking advice from CALC.

II. Hedgerow Restoration

Cllr Darby is obtaining a quotation and will provide the Clerk with a specification for two further quotes using of mechanical tree pruning "scissors". It will be necessary to prepare the public for the visual shock of hedgerow restoration by emphasising the long-term benefits for the hedge. The likely start date of any work is January or February 2018.

III. Hearing on Transport Matters

The presentation from the recent Ashchurch Parish meeting, at which the 'Thinking Space' questionnaire was introduced, was discussed.

8. Staffing Group.

No update.

9. Village Hall Working Party / Painting & Decorating.

Cllrs Falvey, Johns, Kemple, Rowland-Hill and Shiels will meet to discuss and progress the Working Party. No painting & decorating quotations have been received to date.

10. Sale and purchase of Telephone Kiosks.

Of the two kiosks at Westmancote and Queensmead, the former is still active (dial tone) and the door issue not resolved. Cllr Shiels to progress. There has also been an interest shown by some Kinsham parishioners with ideas for the Kinsham kiosk, which will be discussed at the October meeting.

11. Glebe Field & maintenance.

Although the boundary fence on Main Road has been repaired, the field is not lettable due to the fence condition on other boundaries. The Church has indicated they need more land for burials. It was agreed that the Glebe Field could be transferred to the Parochial Church Council (PCC) in due course. Ongoing discussions are to take place between the Council and PCC.

12. Refurbishment of Benches in Parish.

Following the 'Spruce Up' of the benches by Ringway at the Dock (and also St Giles Road & Triangle) it was agreed that other Parish benches to be specified (e.g. Westmancote & Bredon's Norton), should be repaired and refurbished by the Council. Clerk to liaise with Cllr Rhodes and contact Thomas Spry to undertake works.

13. Maintenance of the Playing Field / Role of Bredon Community Play & Recreation (BCPR).

The BCPR team are meeting in September.

14. New Homes Bonus 2017-18.

The Chairman and Vice-Chairman met with representatives of the Wychavon's Localism and Community Funding Advisory Panel. It was confirmed that the Panel will not support the applications received from the various organisations in Bredon Parish.

They indicated that NHB was not available to organisations, but they may be sympathetic to a re-submission (approximately £4k) from Bredon's Norton, as there has been only limited funding in previous years. The application for 20 mph speed limit sign in Bredon's Norton was outside scope (i.e. Highways issue). They also agreed to 'ring-fence' approximately £26k for a more inclusive parish project providing a legacy, benefits to the community and deliverables (agenda item for October meeting).

It was **agreed** to notify the unsuccessful NHB applicants, to consider setting up a future Parish Council 'Awards Fund' with appropriate controls as a future agenda item and to donate £1,000 to Bredon Cricket Club, £1,000 to Bredon AFC, £1,000 to Bredon Playgroup and £250 to Bredon Community Care, as a one-off payment.

15. Door to Door Cold Calling in Parish.

There have been reported instances of young men calling on households to sell goods, demanding money with threats and intimidating elderly residents. It was **agreed** that Cllr Falvey will review options for making the Parish a 'non cold call area' and discuss further at the October meeting.

16. Cycle Path – Bredon to Kinsham.

Cllr Shiels will investigate and report at the October meeting. This may be a possible NHB Legacy Project.

17. Correspondence for information.

Barista Buggy requested providing coffees for sale at organised matches on the Playing Field on Saturday afternoons. Cllr Falvey to draw up a future policy, including parking spaces and tidiness. It was **agreed** the Clerk should write to Barista Buggy, allowing them to trade on a trial basis until Christmas 2017.

18. Progress Reports for information.

a) Clerk.

Report had been circulated. Grass Cutting Tender to be raised at the November (not December) meeting in advance of the 2018 season.

b) Bredon Village Hall.

Front step still to be painted.

It was **agreed** to pay (>£50) for defibrillator pads if required.

Bredon AFC had requested permission for a new waste bin which would mean the Village Hall's commercial waste bin could be removed (agenda item at October meeting).

Permission for a defibrillator outside the shop will be discussed at the October meeting.

c) Bredons Norton Village Hall.

Nothing to report.

d) County & District Councillor.

The availability of a Community Grant Scheme at Wychavon was highlighted.

A Gully Emptying Machine has been employed around the parish.

A grant of £1,000 has been made to Bredon Hancock's Trust Tri-Centenary, to launch a fund.

Worcestershire County Council is warning of future potential Council Tax rises combined with substantial cuts, due to budgetary shortfalls.

Pavements in Blenheim Drive are listed for repair.

Eckington Path delayed by completion of Droitwich High Street repair project over-run.

e) Tennis Club Lease.

Revised wording about Insurance provision should be acceptable. It was **agreed** to submit to Tennis Club.

f) Bredon Community Play & Recreation (BCPR)

No report.

g) Bredon Hill Conservation Group (BHCG)

No report.

h) Website and Parish Magazine

Mitton Bank, Ringway Bench refurbishment, Nicholas Bradley (photo/profile).

19. Councillors Reports and Items for Future Agenda.

Nothing to Report.

20. Date of Next Meeting.

Monday 9th October 2017 at 7:15pm.

As the Clerk will be on holiday, Jackie Shields was approached and has agreed to act as Clerk and take minutes.

Notes of Public Question Time

Martin Miles from BCPR and the BG2G committee provided an update of Bredons Big Day Out which was successful, well attended and raised £1,250.

The Bredon Gig 2 Give 2017 event will be held on 18th November 2017 and will require the village hall all day. Looking to sell 350 tickets and raise more than last year's £3,500 for Parkinson's, Midland Air Ambulance and BCPR. This will be an agenda item for the October meeting, which will cover: Licensed doormen, Prosecco Bar, Gin Bar, use of village free of charge and the clean-up group.

The next BCPR meeting will cover the broken tread on the lower bridge, woodchip play surfaces, play day jungle climber and the forthcoming Gloucestershire Playing Field Assessment. This will also be an agenda item for the October meeting.