

# BREDON, BREDON'S NORTON AND WESTMANCOTE PARISH COUNCIL

The minutes of Bredon Parish Council Meeting held at Bredon Village Hall on **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2019**.

**Present:** Councillors: Mr Nick Bradley (Chairman), Mr Richard Coghlan, Mr Matt Darby, Mr Kevin Falvey, Mr Phil Handy, Mr Neil Leyden, Mr Andrew Rhodes, Mr Declan Shiels and Mr Brod Whiting.

**In Attendance:** Mr Tim Drew (Clerk), Cllr Adrian Hardman, Mrs Charlotte Betteridge, Mrs Carol Rothman and Ms Katherine Buchan.

## 1. Apologies for Absence.

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Rob Sly (on holiday).

## 2. Declaration of Interests.

Councillors were reminded to update their Register of Interests with Wychavon. Cllr Falvey declared an ODI for Item 5 a) iii (member of applicant's family).

## 3. Adoption of the Minutes for of the Meetings held on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2019.

These minutes were **approved**.

## 4. Finances.

a) Invoices to be paid:

### Village Hall:

Jo Lomasney	Balance of Wages – June 2019	£43.46
K Falvey (reimbursement)	Microphone Batteries for VH PA System	£9.22
Wychavon	Variation to Premises Licence & DPS	£213.00

### Parish Council:

Business Supported	Balance of Clerk's Wages – June 2019	£149.47
CSA Landscape Ltd	Water Vole Survey	£120.00
Worcestershire CC	Civil Work for St Giles Bus Shelter	£1861.92
DKE Audit Services	Internal Audit 2018-19	£242.70
Square One	Noticeboard for Bredon Stores	£510.00
Greenworks	Grass - May & June + Swing Bark & Logs	£4986.00
David Gray	Lengthsman – June 2019	£407.89

The above payments were **agreed**.

b) Financial Report:

The June 2019 bank statements and cash book were **approved**.

Cllr Rhodes referred to a recent meeting of the Finance Support Group at which the Village Hall Income and Expenses for 2018-19 showed a deficit. This was due to a significant reduction in bar takings from the previous year and an increase in repairs and renewals over 2017-18, due to new entrance doors and external decoration. However, cashflow needs to improve.

## 5. Planning.

a) For Approval:

- i. 18/02631/FUL Polhawn, Dock Lane, Bredon, GL20 7LG  
*Erection of a replacement dwelling.*  
**No objection, subject to approval of the Conservation Officer.**
  - ii. 19/01355/FUL Field So 9239, Eckington Road, Bredon's Norton  
*Change of use from disused land to 5no. pitches for local travellers with 1no. static and 1no. touring caravan per pitch.*  
**Objection – as previous but with reference to breach of Highways line.**
  - iii. 19/01497/HP 24 Blenheim Drive, Bredon, GL20 7NQ  
*Two storey extension to the rear and single storey extension to the side.*  
**No objection.** A letter from a neighbour (consultee) was reviewed. This stated that the applicant had advised the plans were incorrect and would be amended. If the plans were changed the application would be reconsidered by the parish council.  
The parish council's comments for all the above were **agreed**.
- b) Approved:
- i. 19/00882/HP Burnside Cottage, Westmancote, GL20 7ES
  - ii. 19/00907/HP The Grange, Rectory Lane, Bredon's Hardwick, GL20 7ED
  - iii. 19/01028/HP Box Cottage, Lower Lane, Kinsham, GL20 8HT
  - iv. 19/00804/HP Wenrix, Chapel Lane, Kinsham, GL20 8HS
- c) Refused on Appeal:
- i. 18/3211880 East Barn, Farm Lane, Westmancote, GL20 7ES
- d) Other General Planning Matters.

No update on Mitton Bank. The SWDC are not expected to provide the formula for housing allocation until November 2019, when there may be an opportunity to challenge the methodology. Cllr Hardman will also contact Fred Davies at Wychavon.

## 6. Open Space Provision.

The three parcels of land at Fleet Lane have been sold. The future availability of any land in the parish, suitable for open space, will be monitored.

Initial enquiries to find an agent to advise on a possible purchase of Bensham Allotments have been inconclusive. It was **agreed** that the Clerk would write to the owners to suggest the convening of a meeting to discuss a possible offer to purchase.

## 7. Section 106 – Boundary Enhancement Project.

Wychavon have emailed agreeing the car park's fencing but have raised the resurfacing as an issue. It was **agreed** to get revised car park surfacing quotes and revised the Eckington Road Car Park plan.

## 8. Signage at the Entrance to Station Road.

Cllr Shiels has been in contact with the BT Exchange's Facilities Manager and will follow up on the use of a single advertising board on the approach road. Businesses need to be promoted but advertising kept orderly.

## 9. Advertising on Parish Website.

It was **agreed** this could be offered free for local businesses, as an alternative to Facebook.

## 10. Correspondence for Information.

The Clerk provided the following update:

- Charlotte Betteridge has completed an application for co-option. The Chairman and Clerk will meet with her to discuss the workings of the parish council in more detail and her co-option will be an agenda item in August.

- The Probus Club have written to the parish council regarding the non-availability of spaces in the main car park for members with limited mobility when they use the Village Hall on Tuesdays. Although it is not feasible to allocate spaces it was **agreed** the Clerk would contact the various clubs and organisations, which use the area around the Village Hall and Playing Field, to request that their more able-bodied members endeavour to use the Eckington Road Car Park. The Transport and Highways Group will also discuss the issue at their next meeting.

## 11. Progress Reports and Updates

### a) Clerk:

Correspondence relating to council grants and various training course have been circulated to Councillors.

### b) County & District Councillor:

- County Council spending for 2019-20 is already running ahead of budget.
- The Worcestershire Passenger Transport Strategy is now available.
- Proposal to resurface footpath in Church Street to be reviewed.
- Complaints have been received about the odours from the Bredon Village Fish & Chip shop. A suitable extraction system was a planning condition.
- Checking with Wychavon Planning Officer to establish why the rebuttal of the developer's legal opinion had not been published on the website.
- Harriett Baldwin held a surgery at Bredon Village Hall in May.

### c) Bredon Community Play and Recreation:

- Request to hold 2020 Big Day Out on 27<sup>th</sup> June was **agreed**.
- It was confirmed that disposable BBQ's are not allowed on the Playing Fields.

### d) Assets of Community Value.

- Royal Oak application now being reviewed in September 2019.

### e) Transport and Highways Group.

- Response from Emily Barker (WCC) still awaited.
- Cllr Hardman to arrange meeting with Barry Barnes (WCC Highways).

### f) Natural Networks.

- All quotations for Glebe Field and Playing Field Corner now received and will be circulated to councillors. The path, bridge and pedestrian gate are the most expensive items. Section 106 funding will be required.

### g) Bredon Art.

- Applying for various local and national grants. U3A will offer undisclosed funding. Cllr Leyden will arrange for plastic and metal art rail samples.

### h) Reeds Almshouses.

- This item was deferred to the August meeting.

### i) Defibrillators.

- Looking into solar power at Kinsham Kiosk. Cross Keys installation date to be confirmed. Village Hall defibrillator upgrade not proceeding. Kiosk painting to commence in July/August. Training courses will be published in September parish magazine when arranged. Station Drive interested in funding own defibrillator.

### j) Assets of Community Value.

- See d) above.

### k) Village Hall Improvements.

- Building work for the Office/Meeting Suite commences w/c 15<sup>th</sup> July 2019.

### l) SmartWater.

- Bredon's Hardwick and St Giles distribution being planned. Locations for signage around the parish were discussed and **agreed**. Lengthsman to install.

m) Police Liaison.

- One crime was reported in Bredon in June 2019. On 27th June, person(s) unknown approached a parked vehicle and stole a handbag which contained a purse, make up and a Dell laptop. The suspect has leaned into the open window of the vehicle in order to get the items on Eckington Road.
- The Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) is keen to provide more articles and other content for publication in local parish and community newsletters, outlining his work in the area on behalf of local communities, as well as highlighting notable local police activity, and seeking engagement from local communities. Clerk to respond.

n) Website and Parish Magazine.

- Next parish magazine not published until September.

## **12. Councillor's Reports and Items for Future Agenda.**

It was **agreed** that Cllr Darby would ask the Bredon Hill Conservation Group (BHCG) to object to 19/01355/FUL (5 a) ii above).

It was **agreed** that Cllr Falvey would arrange for quotations to cut back the trees at The Dock and removal of the dead tree at the Eckington Road car park.

Cllr Bradley proposed the parish council hold an informal strategy meeting and discuss Wychavon Community Grants at the August meeting to determine suitable applications.

## **13. Date of Next Meetings.**

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> August 2019.

Meeting closed at 09:30pm.