

Bredon, Bredon's Norton and Westmancote Parish Council

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More Councillors Required

We co-opted and welcomed Neil Leyden onto the Council. We still have 2 vacancies left and would particularly encourage women to put themselves forward, so that the Council is more representative of the community (unusually, the Council is all-male at the moment).

At the start of a new term for the Parish Council, we unanimously elected Nick Bradley as Chairman. Nick has done a brilliant job over the last few months, after the previous Chairman stepped down.

Natural Networks Public Exhibition

The exhibition for the Natural Networks project was visited by concerned residents, eager to know more about the improvements the Council is proposing to Glebe Field and the Playing Fields Corner. Their questions were answered and their fears allayed. Hopefully, the applications for funds will prove successful and the project commence, enhancing the biodiversity in the Parish and adding 2 excellent facilities for public use.

The project has received the backing of Bredon Hancocks School, Bredon Playgroup and Bredon Community Play & Recreation. They are all excited for local residents, especially children, to be involved, helping create and maintain these beautiful areas.

If you would like to be involved, kept up to date on the project, or have any questions or concerns, please contact the Clerk, who will pass details to the Project Manager.



Police Report

We would like to make you aware that we have a new member of the team PC Daren Riley. Daren has been a police officer for 18 years, the last 11 years he has been part of the Operational Patrol Unit as an Armed Response Officer. Daren grew up in Worcester and already knows the area well from his patrols; he is looking forward to engaging with the community.

We have had 3 crimes reported in Bredon in April, including three separate reports from the Kemerton Lake Nature Reserve of youths, from Evesham, causing damage over Easter. They removed the warden's boats, stole locks and chains, pulled up route marker posts, destroyed wildlife posters in the hide, lit fires and threw a large amount of litter into the lake. Please be aware that we are working with the Nature Reserve to identify improvements in security as crime prevention and will be putting up signage around the lake.

Kemerton Lake warning

There have been a number of recent incidents at Kemerton Lake Nature Reserve involving teenage children. Safety is everyone's number one priority. Please spread the word that the lake is not safe for swimming. It contains very thick entangling weed, sudden changes in depth & quicksand-mud in places. Entering the water carries a serious risk of drowning.



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/19/00806 - 1 Fairview Cottages, Westmancote. Certificate of lawful use existing for land to be used as garden. The PC has no objections.

W/19/00889 - Peppercorn Cottage, Chapel Lane, Westmancote. Application for prior notification of proposed demolition of a garage. The PC has no objections.

W/19/00882 - Burnside Cottage, Westmancote. First floor balcony to rear. The PC has no objections – subject to approval of conservation officer.

W/19/00701 - Meadow Hill, Eckington Road, Bredon's Norton. Proposed dwelling in grounds of Meadow Hill/Lee House. The PC objects. See Wychavon website for more details.

W/19/00947 - The Home Farm, Manor Lane, Bredon's Norton. Reconfiguration of the existing farm shop building, to provide a smaller farm shop and a single dwelling. The PC has no objections.

Date of Next Meeting:

Monthly Meeting

Monday 10th June

takes place in Bredon Village Hall at **7:15pm**

