

# BREDON, BREDON'S NORTON AND WESTMANCOTE PARISH COUNCIL

The minutes of Bredon Parish Council Meeting held at Bredon Village Hall on **Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2020**.

**Present:** Councillors: Mr Nick Bradley (Chairman), Mr Matt Darby, Mr Phil Handy, Mr Neil Leyden, Mr Andrew Rhodes and Mr Brod Whiting.

**In Attendance:** Mr Tim Drew (Clerk) and 58 members of the public.

## 1. Apologies for Absence.

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Richard Coghlan, Cllr Kevin Falvey, Cllr Jo Lawlor, Cllr Declan Shiels and Cllr Rob Sly.

## 2. Declaration of Interests.

Councillors were reminded to update their Register of Interests with Wychavon. Cllr Darby declared a non-prejudicial ODI for Item 3 a) (as a farming tenant of a party connected to the application).

## 3. Planning

This agenda Item was chaired by the Chairman of the Planning Working Group, Cllr Handy.

- a. Planning Application Consultation 20/00008/OUT Land East Off Bredon Road, Off Tewkesbury Road, Bredon's Hardwick  
*Outline application with all matters reserved for a site for primary school phase classrooms [up to seven] and ancillary facilities to serve the local community - use class D1.*

Wychavon have confirmed a 14-day extension to the consultation. Clerk to confirm the deadline date is now 20<sup>th</sup> February 2020.

As a result of the views expressed by the public, including parishioners and residents, it was proposed by Cllr Rhodes and seconded by Cllr Whiting to object to the planning application. Cllr Darby and Cllr Bradley will draft a leaflet for the public which will be circulated by the parish website, social media and noticeboards, by 24<sup>th</sup> January 2020. It was **agreed** the parish council's formal response would be drafted by 4<sup>th</sup> February and discussed as an agenda item at the meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> February 2020 and would cover:

- Schools should be planned strategically by means of the SWDP review;
- Against Neighbourhood Plan policies including NP1;
- Issues regarding sequencing and predetermination;
- Education issues (2-tier vs 3-tier, etc.);
- Traffic & air quality issues;
- Landscape harm;
- Harm to AONB setting;
- Harm to significance of listed building;
- Possible downstream flood risk;
- Loss of best agricultural land;
- Lack of information available to public.

## 4. Date of Next Meeting.

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2020.

**Notes of Public Question Time:**

***Planning Application 20/00008/OUT – Primary School at Mitton Bank***

In order to seek the views of the public, including parishioners and residents, this consultation was from 7:15pm to 8:05pm before the parish council meeting was convened. The Chairman of the Planning Working Group, Cllr Handy, chaired the discussion.

Numerous issues were raised and discussed including the following:

- Houses not wanted – why provide a school?
- No consultation and absence of any substantial data or information.
- Three tier education in Gloucestershire; two tiers in Worcestershire – incompatible.
- Worcestershire ratepayers subsidising Gloucestershire education.
- Capacity of proposed school.
- Why not included in SWDP?
- Tewkesbury Garden Town – new Ashchurch bridge.
- Intended only to discharge Worcestershire CC objection to 500 houses on educational grounds?
- Major traffic concerns including air quality, road layout and highway safety.
- Section 106 and Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL).
- A strategic plan is required.
- Application for 500 homes should be called-in to national government.
- Grade 2 agricultural land – grazing quality.
- Precedents for schools built on county boundaries.
- Why are Wychavon so enthusiastic in Supporting Tewkesbury Borough Council – more than duty to cooperate?

The consensus of the public discussion was to oppose the planning application for a Primary School.