

Bredon and Bredon's Norton Parish Council

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Introduction to our lengthsman, Dave Gray



What is a lengthsman I hear you ask? Well the lengthsman is employed part-time by the parish council to help around the parish. Their main responsibilities include clearing leaves from drains and gullies to allow water to flow freely; trim vegetation to stop it overhanging footpaths or covering signage, and generally keeping our neighbourhood tidy.

Who is our current lengthsman? Well, for the last couple of years it has been Dave Gray; if you see him around in his bright orange hi-vis jacket please say "hello".

Dave retired, and wanted a part-time job to keep him occupied; he loves the fresh air and enjoys the outdoors. When he saw the job advertised he applied and has never looked back. He says the last year has been different because he sees a lot less people; before COVID he would often stop and have a chat with passers by.

Dave told me that sometimes he spots when signs go missing and has to report them to the council, like the recent Lower Westmancote sign. He then told me that he often looks in nearby gardens as lots of times they are stolen by souvenir hunters!! The council would like to thank Dave for all his hard work.

SWDP Update - Regulation 18 (III) consultation

This update examines the social, economic and environmental sustainability of the sites and then they are ranked for suitability. Mitton Bank comes out as 3rd behind only Thockmorton and Worcestershire Parkway.

Please go to the following link to view:- <https://www.swdevelopmentplan.org/swdp-review/swdp-review-regulation-18-3-sa-consultation>

Playing Fields path

The path which circles the playing fields has been well used over the last year, and the wet weather has caused some erosion. Over the next few years, the council will attempt to correct the drainage issues and mend the path for everyone to enjoy.

Bonfires - Please be considerate

Burning garden waste produces smoke, especially if it is damp and smouldering. Smoke prevents your neighbours from enjoying their gardens, opening windows or hanging washing out. In short, bonfires are an antisocial way of disposing of your waste and should be avoided as a matter of course. Please be considerate to your neighbours; alternative methods of disposal are:-

- Composting in your garden
- Taking items to the local waste disposal site. (which are open now)
- Arranging for a special collection by Wychavon
- Placing garden plant waste in a brown garden waste bin provided by Wychavon which will then be composted
- Chipping larger items of garden waste, such as tree branches.

Village Hall - Roadmap to reopening

As long as the government's roadmap dates do not move, then we are planning to reopen Bredon Village Hall in April. To begin step 2 (12th April) - children's groups are allowed to return, but continuing with social distancing restrictions.



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/20/02929 - True Blue Cottage, Cheltenham Road, Bredon. Erection of roof to existing silage clamp. **PC has no objections.**

W/21/00164 - Kinsham House, Cheltenham Road, Kinsham. Installation of ground source heat pump. **PC has no objections.**

W/21/00180 - 70 Blenheim Drive, Bredon. Extension to an existing outbuilding. **PC has no objections in principle – however request that conditioned to residential use only.**

W/20/02774 & 5 - Lower End Cottage, Lower Lane, Bredon's Norton (**Consultation / Amendment**). Revised plans amending proposed roofline, along with additional joinery details. Amended Heritage Statement and Biodiversity Report. **PC has no further comments.**

W/21/00280 - Blackberry Barn, Manor Lane, Bredon's Norton. Replacement dwelling, landscaping and other associated works. **PC Objects see Wychavon website for full details.**

W/21/00279 - Yew Tree Cottage, Lower Lane, Kinsham. Permission in principle for 1 dwelling. **PC Objects see Wychavon website for full details.**

Date of Next Meeting:

Monthly Parish Council

*Monday 12th April
at 7:15pm*

This meeting will take place virtually, please contact the Clerk for access to this meeting.