

# BREDON & BREDON'S NORTON PARISH COUNCIL

Notes of Bredon Parish Council Meeting held by Zoom Video Conference on **Monday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2022 at 7:15pm.**

This meeting was held virtually, with an agenda and members of the public permitted to attend, in accordance with the delegation of powers to the Parish Clerk. However, this meeting is advisory and does not form part of the Council's official minutes. All decisions within these notes will be ratified when Bredon Parish Council next meets in person.

**Present:** Councillors: Mr Rob Bell, Mr Nick Bradley (Chairman), Mr Matt Darby, Mr Kevin Falvey, Mr Phil Handy, Mr Neil Leyden, Mr Ed Pyke, Mr Andrew Rhodes, Mr Declan Shiels, Mr Rob Sly and Mr Brod Whiting.

**In Attendance:** Mr Tim Drew (Clerk), Cllr Mr Adrian Hardman.

## 1. Apologies for Absence.

None.

## 2. Minute silence for Cllr Richard Coghlan.

This was respectfully observed in memory of Richard, who sadly passed in December 2021.

## 3. Declaration of Interests.

Cllr Pyke declared an ODI for Item 6 a) ii as a near neighbour.

Cllr Whiting declared a non-prejudicial ODI for Item 6d) as a friend of a Tewkesbury Borough Council (TBC) Council Solicitor (Sara Freckleton).

## 4. To consider the Adoption of the Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2021.

These minutes were **agreed**, subject to the insertion of the following sentence at the end of paragraph one of Item 9 Covid-19 Delegation of Powers to the Parish Clerk:

*'In the case of further and stronger restrictions coming into force in the future, this would be required as there are no changes so far, or currently any planned in the near future to allow Councils to return to virtual meetings.'*

## 5. Finances:

- i. Resurfacing works on the small car park opposite the Village Hall:  
Coopers Groundworks charge for the works was **approved**.
- ii. Invoices to be paid:

### Village Hall:

Jo Lomasney	Balance of Wages – December 2021	£126.38
CW Hygiene	Consumables	£46.59

### Parish Council:

Timothy Drew	Balance of Wages – December 2021	£254.40
Currys Cheltenham *	Dell Inspiron 15 Replacement Laptop	£509.00
Busyskill Ltd (JV)	Laptop Inspection & Transfer	£48.00
TV Licence *	Annual Fee for 2022 (PC Office TV)	£159.00
BJ Unwin	Inspect PF Boundary Wall & adjacent Tree	£84.00
Thomson & Bancks	Glebe Field Land Registry Transfer	£618.50

Thomas Spry	Maintenance at Various Locations around Parish	£675.00
Thomas Spry	Maintenance of three Car Parks	£775.00
Thomas Spry	Hedge Cutting – Adjacent to Play Area	£100.00
Coopers Groundworks	Resurfacing of Small Car Park opposite VH	£1176.00
Wychavon	Annual Charge – Cotswold Close Dog Bin	£93.11

All payments above were **agreed**.

iii. To approve the Financial Report.

The December 2021 bank statements and cash book were **approved**. It was noted that Wychavon were still determining business support payments which could apply to the Village Hall.

## 6. Planning:

a) For Approval:

i. 21/02711/HP Apple Court, Old Mansion Drive, Bredon, GL20 7JZ  
*Erection of first floor extension, conversion of existing garage to granny annexe, erection of garage.*

**No objection but seek a condition that the building is subservient to the main property, so it is not able to be used for any other purpose or sold independently of the main property.**

ii. 21/02909/HP Windermere, Cheltenham Road, Kinsham, GL20 8HP  
*Erection of porch, two storey extension including balcony to rear and detached garage.*

**No objection but request that the Planning Officer give consideration to the impact a balcony would have on the private amenity space of neighbouring properties.**

The parish council's comments above were **agreed**.

b) Appeal:

i. 21/00279/PIP Yew Tree Cottage, Lower Lane, Kinsham, GL20 8HT.  
*Permission in principle for 1 dwelling.*

c) Approved:

- i. 21/00990/LB Old Croft Farmhouse, Rectory Lane, Bredon's Hardwick, GL20 7EE
- ii. 21/02508/ADV Royal Oak Inn, Main Road, Bredon, GL20 7LW
- iii. 21/02539/LB Royal Oak Inn, Main Road, Bredon, GL20 7LW
- iv. 21/02151/LB Priors Garden, Dock Lane, Bredon, GL20 7LG

d) Other Planning Matters.

Cllr Whiting left the meeting for this item.

The judgement from Justice Lane, into our claim for a Judicial Review of the Ashchurch Bridge over Railway (ABoR) decision, was rejected on all three counts.

Our legal team are of the firm belief that the Judge, whose speciality is Immigration Law, has erred in planning law and they are submitting a request to him to appeal. It is expected that this will be rejected although this is part of the formal process necessary to appeal. Assuming any appeal is rejected, then the process goes to the Appeals Court for a decision as to whether we have an arguable case or not. Any appeal needs to be submitted by 17<sup>th</sup> January 2022. Indications of the costs and liabilities associated were also reviewed.

After discussion, it was **agreed** that Bredon Parish Council would proceed and share costs to get to the permission stage of an appeal, on condition the other two parish councils (Ashchurch Rural and Northway) were also involved and Ashchurch Rural reinstate their crowdfunding initiative. It is now likely that the Land at Mitton Bank will go before the Wychavon Planning Committee in February 2022.

#### **7. Planning Committee - Terms of Reference.**

Cllr Handy has resigned from the Planning Committee and was thanked for his contribution and work over a long period.

The Terms of Reference revisions, debated in December 2021, were reviewed by the Planning Committee and had been circulated to Councillors. After further discussion with no consensus, it was **agreed** that the Planning Committee would be disbanded, and all planning applications would be referred to the full parish council for a decision. This would mean that in some months and in order to meet the usual 21-day consultation response period, extraordinary meetings for planning would need to be called.

#### **8. Co-option of Councillors onto the Planning Committee.**

This was void due to the decision made in Item 7 above.

#### **9. Westmancote Issues for Worcestershire (WCC) Highways.**

Westmancote resident, Mr Jim Jones, had corresponded with WCC Highways on several local issues, including gullies, salt, hedgerows ditch pipework and dog bins. Some had been satisfactorily resolved or were under review. Cllr Rhodes will provide the Clerk with more information on the Dog Bin location at Westmancote for repair or replacement via Wychavon.

The Lengthsman is to be asked to check both Lower Westmancote and Westmancote gullies on a regular basis.

#### **10. Update on Village Hall Lighting Improvements.**

Cllr Leyden is awaiting a revised quotation before awarding the contract for >£2,000 (excluding VAT) for the Chandler Room and Village Hall Lobby. Cllr Falvey is investigating funding from Wychavon and a grant of £200-£250 may be available from Worcestershire County.

#### **11. Kinsham Bus Shelter.**

This was deferred to the February meeting when Cllr Falvey should have received 2 or 3 quotations for the repair to the floor screed.

#### **12. Correspondence, Progress Reports and Updates for Information.**

The Clerk provided the following update:

- Speeding traffic in Bredon - Correspondence from Cllr Hardman to a Cheltenham Road Resident was shared.
- Bredon's Norton Legacy – Worcestershire Highways response to proposed improvements was discussed. Clerk to appraise Mark Farey of proposed speed camera locations in Bredon's Norton area.
- Details of the Drainage Works Manor Lane, Bredon's Norton.
- A residents complaint relating to New Year's Eve Fireworks Display with reference to Regulatory Services.
- A reminder to review Wychavon Community Legacy Grants (4th Round).
- Cllr Hardman is trying and arrange for Worcestershire Highways to grant £3,000 towards the cost of Speed Radar Signs for Bredon.

#### **13. Progress Reports and Updates for Information:**

a) County and District Councillor:

No report.

b) Police Report:

During December 2021, number plates were stolen from Kinsham vehicles and there was a burglary in Jobs Lane, Kemerton around the same period. A dog stolen from Kemerton was recovered in Kent and returned. There were also several thefts from vehicles in Hardwick Bank Road.

Working Groups:

c) Transport & Organisations:

Covered above under Item 12 (Speeding and grant for Radar Signs).

No update for BCPR.

d) Executive & Finance (E&F):

Correspondence from Bredon Bowling Club, relating to Lease Renewal and Footpath repair, was discussed and referred to the next E&F meeting (scheduled for 26<sup>th</sup> January) for further consideration.

The Precept application for 2022-23 has been received and acknowledged by Wychavon.

**14. Councillors Reports and Items for Future Agenda:**

Cllr Shiels advised the February 2022 Parish Magazine will cover Cllr Richard Coghlan, Judicial Review, Catalytic Converter Thefts, Speeding in Bredon and Bredon Village Hall Hire Charges.

Cllr Handy requested a review of procedures, specifically Financial Regulations (for next Executive & Finance meeting).

Cllr Darby advised there would be a Memorial Service for Richard Coghlan in the Summer in Hereford. Suggestions for the parish council's involvement to be a February Agenda item.

Cllr Falvey is seeking quotes to repair two water leaks in the Village Hall (Kitchen and Toilets (external)).

**15. Date of Next Meeting:**

14<sup>th</sup> February 2022 (to be held in Bredon Village Hall – not Virtual unless current Covid-19 restrictions are enhanced).