

# BREDON & BREDON'S NORTON PARISH COUNCIL

The minutes of Bredon Parish Council Meeting held at Bredon Village Hall on **Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2022 at 7:15pm.**

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

**In Attendance:** Mr Tim Drew (Clerk), Alan Newell and Martin Newell and two parishioners.

## 1. Apologies for Absence.

Cllrs Mr Ed Pyke, Cllr Mr Andrew Rhodes and Cllr Mr Adrian Hardman.

## 2. Declaration of Interests.

Cllr Sly declared an ODI for Items 5 c) as a neighbouring landowner to additional land owned by a Mitton Bank applicant. A dispensation to participate in any discussion and a discretionary vote for this planning applications was approved in November 2021.

Cllr Whiting declared a non-prejudicial ODI for Item 5 c) as a friend of a Tewkesbury Borough Council (TBC) Council Solicitor (Sara Freckleton).

## 3. To consider the Adoption of the Notes of the Meeting held on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2022

The minutes were **agreed**.

## 4. Finances:

- i. Invoices to be paid:

### Village Hall:

Jo Lomasney	Balance of Wages – February 2022	£126.38
CW Hygiene	Consumables	£52.63

### Parish Council:

Timothy Drew	Balance of Wages – February 2022	£94.91
Pippins Accountancy	Q3 2021-22 VAT & Bookkeeping	£140.00
Ashchurch Rural PC	Share of Legal Services (JR Appeal)	£1923.33
David Gray	Lengthsman Services – Highways	£443.75
David Gray	Lengthsman Services – Parish	£300.00

All payments above were **agreed**.

- ii. To approve the Financial Report.

The February 2022 bank statements and cash book were **approved**.

## 5. Planning:

- a) For Approval:

- i. W/22/00400/HP East Barn, Farm Lane, Westmancote, GL20 7ES  
*Erection of garden room.*

**No objection, subject to any suggested amendments by the Conservation Officer.**

- ii. W/22/00487/HP True Blue Farm, Lower Lane, Kinsham, GL20 8HT  
*New entrance gates, piers and stone walling.*

**No objection. The Conservation Officer has already commented.**

- iii. W/22/00488/LB True Blue Farm, Lower Lane, Kinsham, GL20 8HT  
*New entrance gates, piers and stone walling.*  
**See W/22/00487/HP above.**
- iv. W/22/00369/FUL Fox And Hounds Inn, Church Street, Bredon, GL20 7LA  
*Erection of outdoor bar sheltered BBQ area with adjoining store and pergola structure, two tepee marquees, timber store, pitched roof to existing external store-freezer building and attachment of external light (retrospective).*  
The Clerk confirmed that Planning Enforcement had written to a parishioner advising that the Bin Shed (not included in the planning application) would not receive permission if sought and its removal has now been requested. All aspects of the retroactive application were discussed including lighting, loss of parking, noise at last summer's live events and associated behaviours.  
**No objection in principle to the proposal, recognising the importance of supporting a key local business. Some concerns about the potential for noise and light pollution on local residents. Suggested that Wychavon seeks input from the Environmental Health Officer to propose possible mitigations. Also concerns about the impact of the proposal on the historic character of the Bredon Conservation Area and on the setting of nearby listed buildings. Suggested that the Conservation Officer considers possible mitigations and improvements.**
- v. W/22/00370/LB Fox And Hounds Inn, Church Street, Bredon, GL20 7LA  
*Erection of outdoor bar sheltered BBQ area with adjoining store and pergola structure, two tepee marquees, timber store, pitched roof to existing external store-freezer building and attachment of external light (retrospective).*  
**See W/22/00369/FUL above.**

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

b) Appeal Dismissed:

- i. APP/H1840/W/21/3283633: Yew Tree Cottage, Lower Lane, Kinsham, GL20 8HT

c) Other Planning Matters.

The Mitton Bank applications 18/00771/OUT and 20/00008/OUT likely were not referred to Wychavon Planning Committee on 3<sup>rd</sup> March but may be on the agenda for the next meeting on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022. When the agenda is published, an increase of presentation time will be requested, and Tewkesbury Town Council contacted. When the date of the committee meeting is confirmed, the Mitton Group will prepare responses and circulate them to the full council based on the following main arguments:

1. Against Neighbourhood Plan policy NP1.
2. Undermines importance of Local Plans.
3. Prejudges the SWDP Review in awarding housing numbers to Tewkesbury Borough.
4. Increased congestion on the local and strategic road network.
6. Cross-border education delivery problems.
7. Harm to the Cotswolds AONB and landscape harms.
8. Loss of 'Best and Most Versatile' agricultural land.
9. Increased downstream flood risk in the Avon catchment.

Railton TPC Ltd have responded to National highways latest response. The Appeal to challenge the Judge's Ashchurch Bridge over Railway (ABoR) Judicial Review has resulted in Tewkesbury Borough Council challenging Ashchurch Rural Parish Council's ability to fund this action. Cllr Whiting left the meeting for this item.

## **6. Co-Option of Councillor for Bredon's Norton.**

Wychavon Electoral Services advised that there were not sufficient requests made for an election, so the opening for a Bredon's Norton Councillor will be filled by co-option. It was **agreed** to advertise the vacancy.

## **7. Representative for the Bredon Hill Conservation Group (BHCG).**

It was **agreed** that Cllr Declan Shiels be appointed.

## **8. Start time for Monthly Parish Council Meetings.**

It was **agreed** to bring the start time forward from 7:15pm to 7:00pm.

## **9. Date of the June Parish Council Meeting.**

Due to the Clerk being unavailable on 13<sup>th</sup> June 2022, it was **agreed** to hold the meeting on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2022.

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

The Clerk provided the following update:

- The Brensham Court Wall has been repaired and the parish council have been asked to cover the cost of the work by the householder as the roots of a playing field tree *could* be the cause of the damage. Clerk to send photos of the footings to the Structural Engineer and Tree Surgery Consultant. This will be an April agenda item.
- Bredon Star RFC have requested an additional Bar at the Village Hall (VH) for their Club Dinner in May 2022. Cllr Falvey left the meeting for this item. The opinion of Councillors was that If the Village Hall were not financially disadvantaged then the arrangement is likely to be acceptable, subject to the provisions of the VH's Bar Licence. Consideration to be given that all profit from the event be paid to the VH and the Courtyard Bar be organised by the VH Manager, providing the stock, staffing and associated equipment. Clerk to contact Bredon Star RFC to request a response to these issues and provide a detailed proposal for the April meeting.
- There have been requests from two teenage Volunteer Litter Pickers for their Duke of Edinburgh Awards. The Clerk advised the Lengthsman had indicated he should be able to coordinate. Councillors agreed on condition there were DBS checks, risk assessments, insurance cover and the necessary disclaimers in place.
- Notes of a Multi-Agency Meeting, relating to Castle View, were distributed and will be discussed at the April meeting.
- The Temporary Closure of the Eckington Road scheduled from 3<sup>rd</sup> May to 10<sup>th</sup> June 2022 was circulated. Closure will be from the Main Road Junction with the B4079 to the Junction with the Lower Westmancote turning to Bredon Cricket Club.

Details of the following correspondence was circulated to Councillors for them to contact the Clerk if there was any interest and/or more information was required:

- 2022 Wychavon Parish Games.
- The Worcestershire Health and Wellbeing Strategy Consultation 2022-2032.
- Details of the Wychavon Civic Service on Sunday 20 March 2022.
- As-One Community Project.
- Ticket to Ride Community Transport Event.
- Invitation to visit Tewkesbury Fields Care Home.

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

a) County and District Councillor:

- No Report.

b) Police Report:

- Parents of the Teenage Boys causing problems for users at the Village Hall and around the parish have notified. However, there have been two further reported incidents and the police have now been notified.

Working Groups:

c) Assets:

- Platinum Jubilee options have been discussed and considered, including specific events, tree planting, gifts for children, flagpole, and a beacon on Bredon Hill. Costed activities will be presented at the April meeting.

d) Executive & Finance:

- Bredon Bowling Club have appointed a group to discuss the new Lease with the parish council representatives.

e) Transport & Organisations:

- Clerk to contact Barry Barnes of WCC Highways for an update on Speed Cameras and White Gates for Bredon's Norton.

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

Cllr Shiels advised the April 2022 Parish Magazine content would include Cllr Adrian Hardman's Footpath Information (on Facebook) and Community Working Together.

Cllr Bell is to provide a Tree Plan update.

Cllr Falvey advised the Old Hall curtains would be repaired and re-installed and a request from SW NHS to use the Village Hall for future vaccination clinics has been referred to Bredon Hill Surgery.

**15. Date of Next Meeting:**

11<sup>th</sup> April 2022.

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**Notes of Public Question Time:**

Alan Newell provided a brief overview of the growth and development of Croft Farm Leisure & Water Park.

Planning Application W/22/00314/FUL Has been submitted and will be reviewed at the April meeting.

The existing reception is now too small and in the wrong place. Guests must make their way down to the heart of the site with caravans, then turn around and go back up the same way they came in. This is impractical, dangerous and gives a poor impression to both those that may have been travelling for some considerable time, and guests using the luxury lodge village The reception/office is cramped needs improvement. The site is also compromised by not having proper access control/barrier control, particularly in the busier months.

Alan Newell also stated there was a need for signage to prevent access for large vehicles to Croft Farm via Rectory Lane.