

BREDON & BREDON'S NORTON PARISH COUNCIL

The minutes of Bredon Parish Council Meeting held at Bredon Village Hall on **Monday 11th April 2022 at 7:00pm.**

Present: Councillors: Mr Rob Bell, Mr Nick Bradley (Chairman), Ms Karen Brooks (co-opted at Item 3), Mr Matt Darby, Mr Kevin Falvey, Mr Phil Handy, Mr Neil Leyden, Mr Andrew Rhodes and Mr Brod Whiting.

In Attendance: Mr Tim Drew (Clerk), Kenneth Whittaker, Kim Tejrar, Alan Newell, Martin Newell.

1. Apologies for Absence.

Cllrs Mr Ed Pyke, Cllr Mr Declan Shiels, Mr Rob Sly and Cllr Mr Adrian Hardman.

2. Declaration of Interests.

Cllr Handy declared a DPI for Item 6 a) iii and Cllr Darby declared an ODI for Items 6 a) iii.

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

Cllr Falvey declared an ODI for Item 10.

3. Co-option of 12th Parish Council Member.

Following the advert to fill the vacancy in Bredon Norton's Ward to replace Cllr Richard Coghlan, the Clerk had received an application for co-option from Mrs Karen Brooks. It was **agreed** unanimously by Councillors to support the application and Cllr Brooks duly signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

4. To consider the Adoption of the Notes of the Meeting held on Monday 14th March 2022

Cllr Darby requested that under 5 c) Other Planning Matters, a sentence should be inserted that when the date of the committee meeting is confirmed, the Mitton Group will prepare responses and circulate them to the full council based on nine main listed arguments.

The minutes were **agreed**.

5. Finances:

i. Invoices to be paid:

Village Hall:

Jo Lomasney	Balance of Wages – March 2022	£126.38
Teal Products	VH Skylight Actuator	£213.66
Miniintro	Design & develop VH Website	£560.00

Parish Council:

Timothy Drew	Balance of Wages – March 2022	£350.79
David Gray	Lengthsman Services – March 2022	£462.50
Greenworks	Grass Cutting (x2) & Play Area Clean	£1985.23

All payments above were **agreed**.

ii. To approve the Financial Report.

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

6. Planning:

a) For Approval:

- i. W/22/00500/HP Blenheim House, Bredon's Hardwick, GL20 7EE
Part single storey and part first floor rear/side extension, replacement windows, external insulation, re-rendering and internal works.
The parish council has no objections.
- ii. W/22/00314/FUL Croft Farm Leisure & Water Park, Bredon's Hardwick, GL20 7EE
Reception building, controlled access barriers, associated car parking and landscaping.
The parish council objects to the application but could support the application in an amended form if the reception building were moved further away from the main road. The application site is designated as 'Local Green Space' (LGS) and is given the equivalent protection to Green Belt in the National Planning Policy Framework. This is the highest level of protection and is stronger than AONB and National Park designation. The frontage of Croft Farm was identified as an area of green space in the Neighbourhood Plan, in conflict with NP13 and LGS7 so any solution to mitigate this conflict outside the LGS would be acceptable.
- iii. W/22/00620/CLE Ridgeway Bank Nurseries, Eckington Road, Bredon, GL20 7EY
Application for Lawful Development Certificate for Existing Use - Residential dwelling without conditions imposed by Outline Planning Permission (Ref: W/75/00912) and Reserved Matters Consent (Ref: W/78/01451).
Cllr Darby and Cllr Handy left the room for this application.
From a historic perspective, the parish council recognise the residential dwelling has been in situ for over 35 years but as this is not a planning issue, have no comment.
- iv. W/22/00499/HP True Blue Farm, Lower Lane, Kinsham, GL20 8HT
Two replacement glasshouses.
The parish council has no objections.
- v. W/22/00534/HP Rosemary Cottage, Manor Lane, Bredon's Norton, GL20 7EZ
Replacement insets to windows.
The parish council has no objections, subject to any suggested amendments by the Conservation Officer.

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

b) Approved:

- i. 21/02992/CU The Milk Barn, Rectory Lane, Bredon's Hardwick, GL20 7ED
- ii. W/22/00260/HP 22 The Dell, Bredon, GL20 7QP
- iii. W/22/00400/HP East Barn, Farm Lane, Westmancote, GL20 7ES

c) Withdrawn:

- i. 21/01709/FUL Windermere, Cheltenham Road, Kinsham, GL20 8HP

d) Other Planning Matters.

The Chairman updated the parish council on the Mitton Bank applications 18/00771/OUT and 20/00008/OUT at the Wychavon Planning Committee meeting held on 31st March 2022. Although there was a proposal and seconding of a motion to refuse, both applications were deferred to the next Planning Committee meeting, to be held on 28th April 2022, due to no site visit being undertaken.

The Case Officer has requested further information regarding the presence of the curlew and other relevant ecological records and a proposed draft response from Cllr Sly, with Ecological Reports, will be reviewed by council and forwarded over the Easter weekend.

There was a consensus that it would not be appropriate to email Planning Committee members again, but to encourage the public to contact the Case Officer via the planning portal. It was noted that Bellway Homes had purchased land on Hardwick Bank and there was also land for sale on the Eckington Road.

7. Brensham Court Wall.

The owner of property No.8 have asked the parish council to cover the cost to rebuild the wall. Based on the surveys commissioned from a Structural Engineer and Forestry Consultant and their subsequent review of the photographs, it was **agreed** the council have no responsibility for the damage to the wall. Clerk to reply to the owner.

8. Platinum Jubilee Celebrations.

Cllr Leyden outlined details of the following proposals:

The Big Jubilee Lunch Sunday 5th June 2022, from 2pm until late; School Jubilee Coin Options; Jubilee Signs and Jubilee Flag Flagpost. Cllr Falvey will investigate the provision of music and a donation from Bredon AFC and Bredon Star RFC. Cllr Bell will review the Tree Planting Plan. It was **agreed** to defer final decisions to the May meeting.

9. Village Hall Lighting.

Although it was decided to place an order with MT Electrical to install Village Hall Lobby lighting, it was found this did not meet the required specification. The provision of brighter lighting (bulbs) has been proposed by an Independent Lighting Engineer and is being trialled to verify if requirements are satisfied.

10. Additional Village Hall Bar for Bredon Star RFC Function.

Cllr Falvey left the room for this item. A cost breakdown provided by Bredon Star RFC was reviewed and it was **agreed** that the Village Hall would receive the profits from the Courtyard Bar and the hire cost of the bar (£150 plus VAT) would be shared.

11. Provision of Speed Cameras in the Parish.

Cllr Pyke's report of a meeting with Worcestershire Highways was distributed and Cllr Falvey provided an overview:

Speed Radar Poles:

Following a visit by Worcestershire Highways poles should be installed within the next 3 months, financed by WCC. Clerk to write to residents in nearby houses with a courtesy update. The Proposed Locations are in the centre of Kinsham; on post to be installed opposite Walnut House in Bredons Hardwick; Bredon Entry from Kinsham, at a location on the verge in front of the edge just before the corner to Queensmead; Bredon Entry from Westmancote – on the verge next to the field and before the T-Junction to Cheltenham Road; Bredon Entry from Bredon's Norton / Eckington Road to replace the existing cycle triangle pole and incorporate the sign.

Other Parish Highways Issues discussed included:

White Gates at the two entrances to Bredon's Norton using Legacy funding were acceptable.

The purchase and installation two signs on the Church wall in conjunction with St Giles to politely request no parking.

Highways approved a new sign at the entrance to Rectory Lane in Bredon's Hardwick states no access to Croft Farm. They will purchase and install sign and then invoice the parish council.

12. Bredon WI Village Hall Booking Issues.

This has been resolved by the 'Bounce & Burn' class kindly agreeing to move to a different time so as not to clash with WI.

13. Correspondence, Progress Reports and Updates for Information.

The Clerk provided the following update:

- Bredon Community Care requested grant support for Liability Insurance Cover for Volunteers. The BHIB one-off premium payment of £376.40 was **agreed**.
- It was **agreed** to donate £1,000 for dismantling and cleaning the Bredon's Norton Clock before automation and fitting an Auto regulator.
- A request to site a New Bench on the Playing Field, in memory of Paul Dean, was **agreed**.
- The parish council were updated regarding a meeting held to discuss Castle View, which is being closely monitored by West Mercia Police.
- Complaints had been received relating to inconsiderate and dangerous parking on the roads adjacent to the Playing Field on Sports Club match days.

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

- Thomson & Bancks – delay in transfer of ownership of the Glebe Field due to Land Registry backlogs.
- An Alliance of Industrial-Scale Solar Farms in Worcestershire.
- The Parish Matters April 2022- newsletter from Wychavon.

14. Progress Reports and Updates for Information:

a) County and District Councillor:

- No Report.

b) Police Report:

- There are ongoing issues with anti-social behaviour and police visits are pending. Other agencies are assisting.

Working Groups:

c) Assets:

- No Report.

d) Executive & Finance:

- Meeting scheduled for the end of April.

e) Transport & Organisations:

- See Item 11 above (White Gates).

15. Councillors Reports and Items for Future Agenda:

The Memorial Church Service for Richard Coughlan will be held at Belmont, Hereford on Saturday 21st May 2022 at 11:30am.

The parish council considered that the Westmancote footpath should be notified to Cllr Hardman as a priority due to highest footfall.

Cllr Falvey raised concerns of incidents of fly-tipping.

Cllr Falvey requested that priority correspondence, progress reports and updates should be considered higher in the order of meeting agenda items.

Cllr Falvey advised Bredon Cubs had asked for a contribution to their fundraising event. It was **agreed** to refund their Village Hall fee (£159.50 – Invoice 1029).

Cllr Leyden reported that there were invoicing and payment issues using Hallmaster software, which are being addressed.

Cllr Handy asked for a two-hour meeting limit should be considered as an Agenda Item.

15. Date of Next Meeting:

9th May 2022