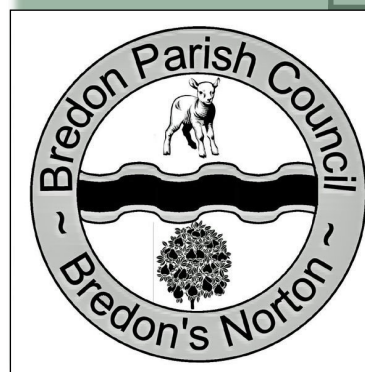


# Bredon and Bredon's Norton Parish Council



September 2022, Issue 97

## Trespassers on Bredon Playing Field

You may, or may not, be aware in July we had some visitors park on the playing fields. We'd like to thank West Mercia Police for their quick response on the evening in question. The Parish Council contacted the sheriff to get a court order drawn up. The police wrote up a Section 61 notice, which they served to the people who had parked on the playing fields. They legally would have 24 hours to leave, but instead chose to leave that night. The Council also hired security overnight to reassure residents and protect our facilities.

The following day, we inspected the field and the damage to the bollards. We realised the metal and concrete bollards are not secure enough, so the council asked the police for some advice on installing better security, to avoid this reoccurring.

We discussed options in an emergency Parish Council meeting the following week. The Council are getting quotes for various potential solutions, including hydraulic bollards; height restriction barriers and we are chasing up the project we had in the pipeline to install new kerbing and fencing at the bottom of the car park. These features should stop vehicles gaining access to the playing fields, but still allow access for pedestrians, bicycles, mobility scooters & wheelchairs, prams & buggies, emergency and maintenance vehicles.

## Traffic Working Group met with Highways

Some of the Bredon Parish Council Traffic Working Group met with Worcestershire County Highways to walk around the village, and discuss some of the issues raised on Facebook and from residents writing to the Clerk. These included speeding, parking, footpaths, and dangerous sections of the network.

You may have noticed the new speed sign on the Main Road. We have purchased more and will be installing them in various locations around the Parish. We are waiting for Highways to fit new posts. This will not only hopefully slow drivers down, it will also collect data. This data will be very useful when deciding our priorities and the speeds people are travelling at.

We asked about traffic calming measures at Cheltenham Road junction and Church Street junction, but were informed any schemes would run into 6 figures! Key point here is that unless something is accident led, it's unlikely it would be funded by County, it would have to be funded by the Council. Accident led means recordable injury (not just that a car that has crashed with no injury). We have asked them for scheme recommendations, so we are prepared if funding does become available.

In terms of parking, if you see a vehicle parked illegally, and wish to report it, feel free to refer these to Wychavon enforcement team on [enforcement@wychavon.gov.uk](mailto:enforcement@wychavon.gov.uk) with photos and comments, including the location.

## Land East of Bredon Road (Mitton Bank) Appeal

We write to tell you that a planning appeal has been lodged by Barratt Developments PLC, Mactaggart and Mickel, with the Planning Inspectorate over the development of up to 500 dwellings and a school at Mitton Bank. All correspondence relating to the planning application and the appeal, including the completed appeal questionnaire, the Council's and appellant's statements, and comments, can be viewed at [www.wychavon.gov.uk/planning](http://www.wychavon.gov.uk/planning) under the planning ref: 18/00771 or can be inspected between 9am and 5pm Monday to Friday at the Civic Centre, Pershore.

If you wish to make further written comments concerning the appeal, or modify/withdraw your previous representation, please do so by 9 September 2022. You can comment by emailing [Aisosa.charles@planninginspectorate.gov.uk](mailto:Aisosa.charles@planninginspectorate.gov.uk)

## Footway Update

We are planning to move the hedge on the narrow corner, where the road bends after the Surgery, back to allow a wider footway. A new footway, including widening where possible, will be laid from the Surgery to Lower Westmancote, by County Highways.

Please note, this was the first choice of residents, but the other main interconnector, between Bredon and Kinsham, is next on the list of priorities.

## Bredon's Norton Road Closures

During September and October, weather permitting, work will begin on solving the drainage problem ("duck pond") in Bredon's Norton. This will impact all 3 sections of road at various times, requiring road closure and diversions. Please be considerate and patient with fellow users of the roads.

**Date of Next Meeting:  
Monthly Parish Council**

*Monday 12th September*

takes place in Bredon  
Village Hall at 7pm