

BREDON & BREDON'S NORTON PARISH COUNCIL

The minutes of Bredon Parish Council Meeting held at Bredon Village Hall on **Tuesday 20th September 2022 at 7:00pm**. *The meeting originally scheduled for 12th September 2022 was cancelled as a mark of respect to HM Queen Elizabeth II, who sadly passed on 8th September 2022.*

Present: Councillors: Mr Nick Bradley [Chairman], Ms Karen Brooks, Mr Neil Leyden, Mr Declan Shiels and Mr Rob Sly.

In Attendance: Mr Tim Drew (Clerk), Mr Mark Farey, Ms Rosie Ballinger and Mr Alan Newell.

1. Apologies for Absence.

Cllrs Mr Rob Bell, Mr Matt Darby, Mr Kevin Falvey, Mr Ed Pyke, Mr Andrew Rhodes and Mr Brod Whiting.

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 application was approved in November 2021.

3. To consider the Adoption of the Minutes of the Meetings held on Monday 1st August 2022 and Monday 8th August 2022.

The minutes were **agreed**.

4. Finances:

- i. Invoices to be paid:

Village Hall:

Jo Lomasney	Balance of Wages – August 2022	£36.18
RPK Maintenance	Bench Repairs, Various Doors, etc.	£1118.53
Kevin Falvey	Materials for benches, doors & Stain	£242.95
Neil Leyden	Foamex for PVC Foam Board	£21.67

Parish Council:

Timothy Drew	Balance of Wages – August 2022	£265.60
Plant & Landscapes Ltd	Removal of Hedge for path widening	£1200.00
Pippins Accountancy	Q1 2022-23 VAT & Scribe Software Review	£140.00
Matt Hale Tree Surgery	Cut back trees/shrubs by Tennis Courts	£900.00
Worcestershire CALC	Councillor Training (Karen Brooks)	£36.00
David Gray	Lengthsman Services – Parish	£375.00
David Gray	Lengthsman Services – Highways	£315.00
Greenworks	Grass cutting – August	£1655.23

All payments above were **agreed**.

- ii. To approve the Financial Report.

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

5. Planning:

- a) For Approval:

- i. W/22/01467/HP Manor Farm Bungalow, Farm Lane, Westmancote, GL20 7ES
Single storey extension to side. (Extension granted to 21/09/22).

No objections.

- ii. W/22/01627/HP Antrobus, Westmancote, Bredon, GL20 7ES
Addition of Solar Panels.

No objections subject to the Conservation Officer's agreement.

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

b) Approved:

- i. W/22/01309/HP 1 Waterloo Way, Bredon, GL20 7UA

c) Planning Inspectorate Appeal (Mitton Bank):

The following was **agreed**:

- Officially instruct and appoint Richard Buxton Solicitors (Solicitor – Matthew McFeeley), Piers Riley Smith (Counsel – Kings Chambers), Bruce Bamber (Transport Consultant - Railton) and Peter Radmall (Landscape Consultant); in line with the fee arrangements provided, to represent the Parish Council in relation to the Appeal for application 18/00771/OUT and 20/00008/OUT.
- Form a Working Group comprising Councillors Bradley, Brooks, Darby and Sly, to coordinate all Appeal related responses.
- The Parish Council to adopt Rule 6 status.
- To allocate an expenditure cap of £60k for the Appeal, to be funded from PC reserves.

It was recognised and accepted that some level of development may eventually result on the Mitton Bank site, but the parish council would reserve its views until such time when the type and extent of the development was known. These views would then be considered based on the prevailing planning policies and legislation pertinent at that time.

It was decided not to pursue an application for Bredon Village Hall to be the Inquiry venue.

d) Planning Complaint Upheld:

The parish council's complaint, relating to Croft Farm Leisure and Water Park, was upheld by Wychavon. This was on the grounds that the case officer overlooked their agreement to extend the consultation period, meaning the parish council's consultancy comments were not considered.

e) Other Planning Matters:

Enquiries to be made to the relevant agencies to discover any Defra tainted sites in the wider parish (i.e., Foot and Mouth burials).

6. Co-option of a 12th Councillor.

The opening for a Bredon Councillor will be filled by co-option. It was **agreed** to advertise the vacancy during October 2022.

7. Remembrance Day.

It was agreed to purchase a Wreath and in Cllr Shiels absence, Cllr Brooks will attend the service to represent the council.

8. Village Hall Lighting.

Lighting in Chandler Room now installed and working well. Bredon Table Tennis Club have donated £500 towards the cost. Cllr Leyden has requested Simon Booth to provide a quotation to upgrade the Emergency Lighting throughout the Village Hall.

9. Playing Field Incursion Measures.

Cllr Falvey has advised that the completion of specific quotations are pending. Bredon Bowling Club has commenced the installation of CCTV.

10. Progress Reports and Updates for Information.

- a) County and District Councillor:
No report.

Working Groups:

- b) Executive & Finance:

The following actions, **agreed** at the meeting on 25th August 2022 were ratified:

- To increase the Village Hall Manager's base salary by 3% from 1st October 2022 and conduct a review in 6 months.
- To invoice the Sports Clubs with the same rental amounts for 2022-23 as 2021-22.
- To share the Village Hall Complex report with the Sports Clubs and request their comments on insurance and liabilities to ensure no duplication.

Cllr Leyden will provide a report covering the various Hallmaster issues for consideration.

- c) Transport & Organisations:

The next T&OWG meeting will consider the process for gathering data from the four Speed Radar Cameras.

11. Correspondence, Progress Reports and Updates for Information.

The Clerk provided the following update:

- Clerk to respond to a resident's complaint of Speeding in Cheltenham Road.
- Cllr Brooks has responded verbally to the correspondence received from three Bredon's Norton residents relating to the speed of traffic.
- A request to provide support during the winter to mitigate fuel and heating poverty was discussed. Cllr Shiels will liaise with Carol Rothman regarding the Lunch Club. Clerk to respond to the resident.
- The SWDP newsletter for August 2022 was circulated.
- The Parish Online Newsletter was circulated.

12. Councillors Reports and Items for Future Agenda:

Cllr Brooks asked that a request be made to Worcestershire Highways to reconsider speed signage in Bredon's Norton.

Cllr Leyden raised the issue of a footpath, between Bredon and Kinsham, located behind the hedge bordering the road, be revisited. Cllr Shiels has arranged to meet with Carl Gray.

Cllr Sly enquired about the 5G network signal in the Bredon area.

13. Date of Next Meeting:

10th October 2022

Notes of Public Question Time:

Mark Farey raised several issues on behalf of Bredon's Norton residents, including traffic calming, the installation of White Gates at both entrances to the village and the lack of footpaths causing issues for dog walkers, pedestrians and cars passing. Delivery vehicles, including couriers often sped through village and radar speed signage was requested to slow traffic.

An interconnecting footpath between Bredon and Bredon's Norton was needed and necessary for walking and cycling safety.

The Transport & Organisation Working Group will investigate the provision of 2 x dog bins from April Cottage uphill towards the Manor.