

# BREDON & BREDON'S NORTON PARISH COUNCIL

The minutes of Bredon Parish Council Meeting held at Bredon Village Hall on **Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2022 at 7:00pm.**

**Present:** Councillors: Mr Rob Bell, Mr Nick Bradley [Chairman], Ms Karen Brooks, Mr Matt Darby, Mr Kevin Falvey, Ms Katie Hall, Mr Neil Leyden, Mr Ed Pyke, Mr Declan Shiels, Mr Rob Sly and Mr Brod Whiting.

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

## 1. Apologies for Absence.

Cllr Mr Andrew Rhodes.

## 2. Declaration of Interests.

Cllr Sly declared a DPI for Items 5 c) i as a neighbouring landowner A revised dispensation, approved in November 2022 for a period of 12 months, enables him to attend but not participate in any discussion or discretionary vote on SWDP related matters.

## 3. To consider the Adoption of the Minutes of the Meetings held on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2022.

The minutes were **agreed**.

## 4. Finances:

### i. Invoices to be paid:

#### Village Hall:

Jo Lomasney	Balance of Wages – November 2022	£294.18
Darren Rosser	Bar Work – November 2022	£52.00
CW Hygiene	VH Cleaning Cover 17 <sup>th</sup> to 22 <sup>nd</sup> October 2022	£510.00
A&E Fire and Security	Fire Extinguisher Service	£77.01

#### Parish Council:

Timothy Drew	Balance of Wages – November 2022	£212.80
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
David Gray	Lengthsman Services - October Highways	£525.00
Pippins Accountancy	Q2 2022-23 VAT	£105.00
Kevin Falvey	Christmas Tree Lights	£80.99
Packwood Printers	2000 A5 Leaflets – SWDP	£120.00
Richard Buxton Solicitors	Professional Charges – Mitton Bank Inquiry	£53022.90
Dor-2-Dor	SWDP Leaflet Distribution	£300.00

All payments above were **agreed**.

### ii. To approve the Financial Report.

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

## 5. Planning:

### a) For Approval:

#### i. W/22/02167/HP Dickies Meadow, Dock Lane, Bredon, GL20 7LG

*Replacement of existing white horizontal shiplap boarding with white fortex shiplap boarding.*

**No objections.**

- ii. W/22/01945/HP The Cottage, Chapel Lane, Westmancote, GL20 7ER  
*Alteration, refurbishment and extension of residential dwelling, including alterations to garden boundary treatment and provision of new vehicle access off Chapel Lane.*  
**Objection, letter to be forwarded to Wychavon Planning covering the dominating scale and the impact on neighbouring properties and heritage assets. Also non-compliance with Neighbourhood Plan and development plan policies. Refusal recommended and the property plan to be redrawn in line with the Bredon Parish Neighbourhood Plan.**
- iii. W/22/02068/FUL Polhawn, Dock Lane, Bredon, GL20 7LG  
*Proposed Replacement Dwelling.*  
**No objections, subject to approval by the Conservation Officer.**
- iv. W/22/02247/LB Laburnum Cottage, Manor Lane, Bredon's Norton, GL20 7HB  
*Replacement of single glazed metal casement windows and shutters with timber double glazed casement windows and one secondary glazing. Replacement of front, external and French doors.*  
**No objections, subject to approval by the Conservation Officer.**
- v. W/22/02318/HP 1 St Giles Road, Bredon, GL20 7EQ  
*Single storey attached double garage - (Variation of Condition 5 Ref: 20/00157/HP).*  
**No objections, subject to approval by the Conservation Officer.**

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

b) Approved:

- i. W/22/01221/HP Rosemary Cottage, Manor Lane, Bredon's Norton, GL20 7EZ

c) Other Planning Matters.

i. SWDP Consultation:

The parish council's detailed response to the SWDP Consultation will be published on the website and social media to enable parishioners and the public to assist them with responses. The December consultation deadline has now been extended from 13<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2022. It was the view of Councillors that Wychavon Planning had let down both the community and Wychavon District Council elected members. It was **agreed** to seek a deposition to address the next meeting of Wychavon Councillors to raise various issues including the detrimental effect of the merger with Malvern Hills Planning and the original Mitton Bank Memorandum of Understanding not being approved by members. On planning matters in South Worcestershire, it was felt that Wychavon had undertaken the brunt of the 'heavy lifting' over the last 10 years.

ii. Planning Inquiry Update:

The Planning Inspector was dis-satisfied that the submitted transport assessment had been undertaken using an insufficiently robust approach. This would be likely to result in a severe residual cumulative impact on the road network and might harm to the tranquillity of the AONB. For these and other matters raised during the Inquiry, the appeals were dismissed. The Council recorded thanks to Cllr Hardman for his major contribution to the positive outcome of the Inquiry.

iii. Ashchurch Bridge over Rail (ABoR):

Cllr Bradley will attend the Court of Appeal of the Judicial Review, with Cllr Tony Davies of Ashchurch Rural Parish Council, at the High Court in London, on 13<sup>th</sup> December 2022. If successful the planning application will be sent back to Tewkesbury Borough Council to reassess, noting both the comments, and ruling of the Court.

#### **6. Playing Field Incursion Measures.**

Cllr Falvey provided details and associated costs for height barriers and bollards and will progress the 106 funding applications. There is also a £1k grant option from Wychavon.

It was **agreed** to purchase two Height Barriers for the Main and Eckington Road car parks and one Retractable Bollard at the Playing Field end of the access route.

#### **7. 'Local Live'.**

Cllr Shiels requested that this item was deferred to the January meeting.

#### **8. Progress Reports and Updates for Information.**

##### a) County and District Councillor:

- A grant of £500 will be forwarded by Worcestershire County Council towards the cost of the Kemerton Road footway widening scheme for hedgerow replanting.
- The revision to District Council boundaries means that the Westmancote polling (voting) will return to Bredon.
- A reduction in speed limit, to create a buffer zone, on the Cheltenham Road (from 60mph to 40mph) is being investigated.
- BT have undertaken damage repairs to the drainage in Bredon's Norton.
- The County rate increase is expected to be 4.94%, to primarily cover Adult Social Care and District are expected to freeze their rate for another year.
- Matt Hale will be asked to remove the dead tree near the Westmancote Bus Shelter, when working on-site for Kemerton Estate.
- Eckington Parish Council have requested cooperation in responding to SWDP Travellers Sites.

##### b) Police and Defibrillator:

- There was a RTA at the Main Road/Eckington Road junction on Friday 9th November.
- Police have received complaints from residents relating to speeding /accelerating in Church Street, outside the school
- Bredon Star RFC have secured grants for portable defibrillators, which will be available to the community for Playing Field events.

#### Working Groups:

##### c) Transport & Organisations:

- Next meeting scheduled for early January 2023.
- Eneveo are fitting replacement LED streetlights, on the parish council's three lampposts, on 14<sup>th</sup> November 2022.

##### d) Executive & Finance:

- Next meeting on 14th December, primarily to discuss 2023-24 Precept which needs to be approved at January meeting.

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

The Clerk provided the following update:

- The CALC Councillor Recruitment Pack was distributed to Councillors.
- The Road Closure at Bredon for the footway widening and Kemerton Road diversion plan.

- Rights Community Action document covering Planning Reform.

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

Cllr Shiels advised 35 people attended the first Warm Room. Although successful, with a good volunteer response, the process to attract a larger attendance is under review.

Cllr Shiels advised a further 5 trees had been planted at the Glebe Field as part of the Natural Networks project.

Cllr Leyden enquired about the Queen's Jubilee Tree Planting. Cllr Bell will follow-up before February 2023.

Cllr Hill gave her apologies for the January meeting.

**11. Date of Next Meeting:**

9<sup>th</sup> January 2023