

BREDON & BREDON'S NORTON PARISH COUNCIL

The minutes of Bredon Parish Council Meeting held at Bredon Village Hall on **Monday 9th January 2023 at 7:00pm.**

Present: Councillors: Mr Nick Bradley [Chairman], Mr Kevin Falvey, Mr Neil Leyden, Mr Ed Pyke, Mr Andrew Rhodes, Mr Declan Shiels, Mr Rob Sly and Mr Brod Whiting.

In Attendance: Mr Tim Drew (Clerk).

1. Apologies for Absence.

Cllrs Mr Rob Bell, Ms Karen Brooks, Mr Matt Darby, Ms Katie Hall and Mr Adrian Hardman.

2. Declaration of Interests.

Cllr Sly's dispensation, approved in November 2022 for a period of 12 months, was circulated to Councillors. This enables him to attend and participate in any discussion, but not vote on SWDP related matters.

3. To consider the Adoption of the Minutes of the Meetings held on Monday 12th December 2022.

The minutes were **agreed**.

4. Finances:

i. Invoices to be paid:

Village Hall:

Jo Lomasney	Balance of Wages – December 2022	£375.81
Darren Rosser	Bar Work – December 2022	£72.00
Simon Booth	VH Lobby Lighting Upgrade	£216.00
A&E Fire & Security	Emergency Lighting Repair	£410.06
CW Hygiene	Consumables	£55.07

Parish Council:

Timothy Drew	Balance of Wages – December 2022	£186.40
Greenworks	November (x1) & 2 x Churchyard Mowing	£2490.82
Wychavon	Annual Clean & Emptying of Lower Lane Dog Bin	£100.34
David Gray	Lengthsman – December 2022 – Highways	£403.20
David Gray	Lengthsman – December 2022 – Parish	£464.06

All payments above were **agreed**.

ii. To approve the Financial Report.

The December 2022 bank statements and Cashbook were **approved**.

5. Precept 2023-2024.

The Executive and Finance Working Group had reviewed the precept requirement and recommended an increase of £2.49 per annum on the Band D levy for 2023-24. This is the first increase for over a decade and covers inflation and supports the funding of core projects. This was proposed by Cllr Rhodes, seconded by Cllr Whiting, and **agreed**.

6. Planning:

a) For Approval:

- i. W/22/01451/HP 9 Hill Close, Westmancote, GL20 7EW
Erection of two-storey side and single storey side extensions.
No objection, subject to approval by the Conservation Officer.

The parish council's comment above was **agreed**.

- b) Approved:
 - i. W/22/02069/HP The Orchard House, Westmancote, GL20 7ES
 - ii. W/22/02167/HP Dickies Meadow, Dock Lane, Bredon, GL20 7LG
- c) Other Planning Matters.

- i. SWDP Consultation:

The SWDP Consultation, which was extended to 23rd December 2022, may be stalled due to infrastructure issues. Based on the number of emails copied to the council, there was an excellent response from parishioners and the public to the consultation.

- ii. Planning Inquiry Update:

A discussion took place on whether to council should adopt a proactive approach to the future of the land at Mitton Bank. Councillors to give the matter their further consideration.

- iii. Ashchurch Bridge over Rail (ABoR):

A decision by the Court of Appeal of the Judicial Review, held at the High Court in London, on 13th December 2022. Is still awaited. The Transport and Organisations Working Group will meet to consider a response to either outcome.

7. 'Local Live'

Cllr Shiels requested that no action should be taken at this time on this item but would be subject to future discussions.

8. Discretionary Rate Relief.

Wychavon have received an application from Bredon Retail Ltd of Church Street, Bredon for discretionary relief. After discussion, it was **agreed** to support the application due to the benefit to the local community and make a single parish contribution of £201.59.

9. Progress Reports and Updates for Information.

- a) County and District Councillor:
 - No report.
- b) Police and Defibrillator:
 - Bredon Star RFC have received two portable defibrillators, which are available to for Playing Field events.
 - A van was stolen from Green Acres, Kemerton Road and subsequently found parked nearby in Hill Close.

Working Groups:

- c) Transport & Organisations:
 - A meeting will be held in mid-January 2023.
 - The ongoing footway works where the hedge was removed does not have a grass gap between the road and new path. Consequently, the footway is wider but not safer. Cllr Falvey has referred this Cllr Hardman to liaise with Highways.
- d) Executive & Finance:
 - Minutes of the meeting held on 14th December, have been circulated.

10. Correspondence, Progress Reports and Updates for Information.

The Clerk provided the following update:

- A car was damaged in the Main Car Park by a dislodged piece of tarmac. Photos of the damage have been provided. When cost estimate is provided, it will be decided how to proceed.
- The Lengthsman has replaced the damaged fence in Plantation Crescent which prevents vehicular access to the open Space in Wellington Gardens. A parishioner has requested a similar barrier at the Glebeland Drive entrance. Cllrs Falvey and Leyden will survey and provide a proposal.
- The Perwell Brook wooden bridge at the north-west of the Playing Field has been vandalised. Adam Gallagher will provide a quote for the repair of two wooded slat replacements.
- Details of the early February Road Closure at Kemerton (Severn Trent) were circulated.
- The Platinum Jubilee Fund is now open, but requirements must be drafted by 20th January. Under consideration for the Village Hall are heating system controls, additional lighting, additional solar panels, roof insulation, car park surfacing and Courtyard landscaping.
- The April Parish Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday 11th April 2023, the day after Easter Monday.

11. Councillors Reports and Items for Future Agenda:

Cllr Shiels advised the February Parish Magazine content would be Mitton Bank Inquiry outcome, SWDP Review Consultation, Precept for 2023-2 and Ashchurch Bridge over Rail appeal.

Cllr Sly will organise a Technology and Media Working Group meeting.

Cllr Bradley need to appoint a councillor to represent the council to discuss leases with the sports clubs.

12. Date of Next Meeting:

13th February 2023