

BREDON & BREDON'S NORTON PARISH COUNCIL

The minutes of Bredon Parish Council Annual Meeting held at Bredon Village Hall on **Monday 11th December 2023 at 7:00pm.**

Present: Councillors: Mr Nick Bradley (Chairman), Ms Karen Brooks, Mr Matt Darby, Mr Colin Davidson, Mr Kevin Falvey, Mr Andrew Rhodes, Mr Declan Shiels, Mr Rob Sly and Mr Brod Whiting.

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

1. Apologies for Absence.

Cllr Katie Hall.

2. Declaration of Interests.

Cllr Darby declared a declared an ODI (non-pecuniary) for Item 5 a) i as family owns neighbouring farmland.

Cllr Sly has an existing dispensation for SWDP related matters (5 c).

Cllr Sly also requested an ODI dispensation for the South Worcestershire Development Plan Review specific to the strategic allocation at Mitton. The dispensation is to remain present at SWDPR discussions and to respond to questions from councillors when requested on a specific subject. Not lead any discussions about the strategic allocation and refrain from voting on all proposals relating to the SWDPR. Time period for which dispensation is sought is 11th December 2023 for 12 months. This was **agreed**.

3. To consider the Adoption of the Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 13th November 2023.

These minutes were **agreed**.

4. Finances:

i. Invoices to be paid:

Village Hall

Jo Lomasney	Balance of Wages – November 2023	£588.09
Darren Rosser	Bar Work – November 2023	£58.54
RPK Maintenance	Replace Disabled Toilet Door/Frame	£415.00
Quantum Construction	Howdens Plywood Internal Door - Gents Toilet	£43.66
CW Hygiene	Consumables	£66.04
RPK Maintenance	2 x Toilet Door Painting & Fittings	£436.13

Parish Council:

Timothy Drew	Balance of Wages – November 2023	£212.95
Newsquest Media	Grass-cutting Tender Advert (Evesham Journal)	£155.23
David Gray	Lengthsman – November 2023 (Highways)	£450.00
Greenworks	2 x Churchyard Mowing 2023	£1987.20
TV Licence	Annual Fee for 2024 (PC Office TV)	£159.00
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	£140.00
Wychavon	Cotswold Close – Dog Bin cleaning & emptying	£110.24

All payments above were **agreed**.

- ii. To approve the Financial Report.

The November 2023 bank statements and cash book were **approved**.

5. Planning:

a) For Approval:

- i. W/23/02226/HP Round Bank House, Lampitt Lane, Bredon's Norton, GL20 7HB
Installation of new timber windows, window enlargement to side elevation, re-cladding of existing dormer windows, and partial rendering.

No objection. Although not a significant change, this represents an attractive improvement.

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

b) Approved:

- i. W/23/01859/HP The Pound, Westmancote, Bredon, GL20 7ES
- ii. W/23/01751/FUL The Manor, Farm Lane, Westmancote, GL20 7ES

c) SWDP Review:

The Examination in Public Inspector has asked further questions on land supply and has requested additional evidence.

Cllrs Bradley and Sly attended the Wychavon Planning Communities event. There was no new information relating to Mitton Bank other than a statement that it was still 'going ahead' and there would be no Community Infrastructure Loan (CiL). Three additional SWDP documents have been posted, two are plans and there is an assessment highlighting sewage, water supply, ecology and foot and mouth burials. It was **agreed** the Clerk is to write to DEFRA for details of foot and mouth contaminated areas in the wider parish. The total potential cost for legal involvement for the Examination in Public is estimated at £28,500 in total – a contingent allowance expenditure of up to £30,000 was **agreed**.

d) Garden Town (TGT) Update:

Cllr Bradley attended a TGT parish liaison meeting with five Tewkesbury Brough Council Officers at which terms and conditions were introduced. Cllr Bradley was elected to the TGT Project Oversight Board as Chairman.

e) Other Planning Matters:

Cllrs Bradley and Sly are confirmed attendees at Wychavon's Planning Communities Together event on 23rd November 2023. Details and membership of various TGT groups were explained. There is a pending application from Greystoke Homes for 175 homes on land to the South of Pamington.

Newland Homes held an informal meeting with the Council to discuss a potential application for 450 stand-alone homes on land North of Hardwick Bank Road towards the Railway.

Councillors were circulated with a draft GWP Consultants Flood Risk Assessment and Bioscan's Review of Ecological Information, for Mitton Bank.

6. Approval of Executive & Finance Working Group proposals.

For the Village Hall Manager from 1st December 2023, it was **agreed** to:

- Increase basic pay by 14.96%.
- Bar Hourly Payment to increase £15.00.
- Pay a one-off bonus lump sum payment of £250 for the period 1st April to 30th November 2023.
- Booking Commission to stay at 7%.

Also, the following were **agreed**:

- The Precept for 2024-25 would be increased by 7.50% subject to confirmation of Wychavon's pending Tax Base calculation.
- Cllr Falvey will run report on Hallmaster's status to include Aged Debt and apply a £10 increase on bar bookings.
- Increase Clerk's Payment Authority for BACS Invoice Payment from £500 to £1,000.

7. BCPR Update.

Councillors had been distributed with BCPR Meeting Minutes (7th November 2023), Park Inspection (30th November 2023) and Crime Number of Play Area Vandalism. In the absence of Cllr Hall, it was decided to defer this matter to the January 2024 meeting.

8. Compensation Claim for Main Car Park.

Still waiting for a response from Council's Insurers.

9. Progress Reports and Updates.

a) County and District Councillor:

- WCC have overspends in Social Care and School Transport feeding into the draft budget which is capped at 3%.
- Wychavon may finish their rate freeze for 2024-25.
- There is a full review of Public Transport being undertaken.
- Airband have installed additional Telegraph Poles around the village.
- Highways are progressing a scheme to alleviate flooding on the road between the two Bredon's Norton turnings.
- Clerk to submit an EOI for Electric Vehicle Charging on the Main Car Park by 5th January deadline (a Wychavon rural funding project).

b) Police and Defibrillator Report:

- There have been burglaries from local business van and sheds in Kemerton and a car theft from the Main Car Park.
- Batteries have been changed in 6 of the 8 defibrillators.

c) Working Groups.

- No dates yet set for new year meetings.

10. Correspondence, Progress Reports and Updates for Information.

The Clerk circulated the following correspondence for consideration by the Council:

- U3A response to the Chandler Room Floor relating to 'Kurling'.
- The PRSRN Police - Speeding Toolkit.

11. Councillors Reports and Items for Future Agenda:

Cllr Shiels reported the last Warm Welcome event went well and included the Bredon's Hancock School Choir.

Cllr Falvey will check the cost of installing a hearing loop in the Old Hall and advised that work is commencing to upgrade the Village Hall Ladies Toilet.

Cllr Bradley requested that a contingency position with the developers of Mitton Bank be a January 2024 agenda item.

15. Date of Next Meeting:

8th January 2024