

BREDON & BREDON'S NORTON PARISH COUNCIL

The minutes of Bredon Parish Council Meeting held at Bredon Village Hall on **Monday 8th September 2025 at 7:00pm.**

Present: Councillors: Mr Nick Bradley (Chairman), 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), Cllr Mr Adrian Hardman.

1. Apologies for Absence.

Cllr Mr Matt Darby.

2. Declaration of Interests.

Cllr Sly has an ODI dispensation for the South Worcestershire Development Plan Review (5 d) specific to the strategic allocation at Mitton until 8th December 2025.

Cllr Sly also declared a non-prejudicial DPI for Item 5 d) as an adjacent neighbour of the second Mitton Bank planning application.

Cllr Falvey declared a non-prejudicial DPI for Item 5 a) i as a friend of the applicant.

3. To consider the Adoption of the Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 11th August 2025.

These minutes were **agreed**.

4. Finances:

a) Invoices to be paid:

Village Hall

Jo Lomasney	Balance of Wages – August 2025	£177.43
Darren Rosser	Bar Work – August 2025	£34.34
CW Hygiene	VH Consumables	£42.07

Parish Council:

Timothy Drew	Balance of Wages – July 2025	£138.91
David Gray	Lengthsman Services August 2025 – Highways	£544.00
David Gray	Lengthsman Services August 2025 – Parish	£85.00
Thomas A Spry	Cutting of Village Hall Hedges	£75.00
Kemerton Conserv'n Trust	Playing Field Rental (01/10/25 to 30/09/26)	£425.00
Matt Hale Tree Surgery	Fell Whitebeam in Toddler's Play Area	£300.00
Matt Hale Tree Surgery	Pollard Norway Maple in Small Car Park	£420.00
County Boiler Services	Repairs to 2 x VH Boilers & 4 x Hive Controls	£2994.00
Greenworks	Mowing – August 2025 (x1)	£997.86
DeterTech	Home Security Packs (Smart Water)	£310.36
Railton TPC Ltd	SWDP Hearing Preparation & Attendance	£1350.00

All payments above were **agreed**.

b) To approve the Financial Report.

The August 2025 bank statements and Scribe Cashbook were **approved**.

Clerk to provide Cllr Rhodes with the 2 x August BT Invoices for him to review charges.

The VAT element of two Invoices for Bredon Star RFC will be referred by Cllr Bradley to an independent accountant for clarification. (Note: The subsequent outcome of advice taken is that,

as both orders for works and services were placed by Bredon Star RFC for their own benefit, then they are responsible for full payment of subsequent invoices).

5. Planning:

a) For Consultee Approval:

- i. W/25/01654/HP Lios Darach, Old Mansion Drive, Bredon, GL20 7JZ
Erection of single storey front extension, installation of window and EV charging point.
Comment: After consideration, no objections or comments.
- ii. W/25/01758/FUL 2 Carron Farm, Tewkesbury Road, Bredon's Hardwick, GL20 7EE
Change of use of former cattle shed to domestic outbuilding, (retrospective), change of use of area of former farmyard to domestic (retrospective), erection of a detached garage (retrospective), erection of timber pergola and erection of timber porch.
Comment: After consideration, no objections or comments.

The above comments were agreed.

b) Approved by Wychavon:

- i. W/25/01349/HP 8 Russet Close, Bredon, GL20 7QE
- ii. W/25/01239/HP - Copt Elm, Main Road, Bredon, GL20 7EL

c) Appeal Allowed:

- i. APP APP/H1840/D/25/3361421 Rosemary Cottage, Bredon's Norton, GL20 7EZ

d) SWDP Examination Arrangements:

The Inspector's Virtual Hearing was held on 4th September 2025 and the Council's representatives submitted strong evidence-based statements answering the Inspector's questions relating to Ecology and Transportation. Cllr Sly was thanked for gathering data relating to Curlew movements. Both Worcestershire & Gloucestershire Highways provided no validation or evidence and were indifferent to offering evidence by stating the issue had been resolved at application stage. It was **agreed** to request Railton TPC to prepare a letter, in response to the latest Mitton Bank planning application, summarising reviewed transport information and evidence to be considered before reaching any decision.

e) Tewkesbury Garden Town (TGT):

Parish Liaison members, representing Ashchurch Rural, Northway and Bredon group met with Cllr Richard Stanley, Tewkesbury Borough Council Leader to discuss various issues and aspects of TGT. The Ashchurch Bridge over Rail (ABoR) must be decided by March 2026 and Severn Trent have infrastructure issues relating to TGT. M5 Junction 9a is not on the government's large local projects list.

f) Other Planning Matters:

There were no further planning matters.

6. Bredon Community Play and Recreation (BCPR) Update.

Cllr Whiting's provided the following update:

- The wording for Signage, to prohibit older children using the enclosed toddler park area, is still under consideration.
- The quotations provided by Debbie Kinmond for the roundabout repair and replacement of the wet pour were discussed and the appointment of PD Hughes was **agreed**.

- Now Section 106 funding has been approved; it was **agreed** BCPR can proceed with the Outdoor Table Tennis Table.
- A proposal for BCPR staging a Big Day Out function in Summer 2026 is under consideration. It was also noted that Bredon Star RFC had asked for agreement in principle for staging a 7's Rugby tournament and music festival on the playing field in 2026. Further detailed information is to follow.

7. Main Car Park Armco Barrier Reinstatement.

Following discussion, it was **agreed** that the Clerk contact Cooper Groundworks to request the removal of the Armco Barriers as a gesture of goodwill.

8. Co-option of Parish Councillors.

The Clerk advised that Karen Brooks has resigned from the Parish Council, as the Councillor for the Bredon's Norton Ward, due to working commitments. The Council extended their thanks and best wishes to Karen for the excellent contribution she had made to Council business since joining in April 2022.

Since the last election in May 2023, the regular advertising to fill Councillor vacancies by Co-option had not resulted in any interest from within the parish. Cllr Shiels will post a Co-option message on social media targeting Kinsham and Bredon's Norton.

The Clerk advised that a former Tewkesbury based former Town Councillor had expressed interest in joining Bredon Parish Council. Some concern was expressed that the person resided outside the parish, district, and county and that previous experience had been for Tewkesbury and Gloucestershire – as opposed to Wychavon and Worcestershire. It was **agreed** that, if an application form were submitted, then an interview with the Chairman and Clerk should be held as per the established co-option process.

9. Progress Reports and Updates.

a) County and District Councillor:

- A meeting has been arranged with Gavin Greenhow, the Case Officer in Wychavon Planning, to discuss Traveller Sites in Eckington Road and Long Furlong.
- National and County Highways can request planning deferrals.
- Permission in Principle for residential development of up to 1 or 2 new dwellings in Lower Lane, Kinsham has been granted but an appeal has now been lodged against the refusal for 3 dwellings.
- Wychavon councillors have unanimously backed the creation of a South Worcestershire Council Unitary Authority as one of two new councils to run services in Worcestershire in future.
- A Worcestershire On Demand bus service, providing local journeys up to 15km, is now available in Wychavon.

b) Police and Defibrillator Report:

- A Police Surgery will be held on 9th September 2025 in the Main Car Park.
- There is a national Women's Institute initiative to run CPR and Defibrillator Training. It was **agreed** that the Council would support the campaign and contribute towards any Village Hall bookings.

c) Smart Water:

- Units have been ordered, and delivery is pending.

d) Working Groups:

- The last postponed Executive & Finance Working Group will now meet on 9th October 2025.

10. Correspondence, Progress Reports and Updates for Information.

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

- An update on Neighbourhood Planning Funding Update.
- The latest Wychavon Parish Council Newsletter.
- SafeAvon documents showing research on Water Investment and a Sewage Factsheet.
- The pending road closure at Brook field Lane, Bredon's Norton with Diversion & Plan.
- An update on the parking problem at Grange Field Road Bredon.

11. Councillors Reports and Items for Future Agenda:

Cllr Falvey asked that the Bredon Star RFC proposed 7's Rugby tournament and music festival on the playing field in 2026 be an October agenda item. Include parking, equipment, licences, insurance etc., and BCPR provision of stalls for fund raising.

Cllr Shiels advised the Dementia Training went well with a sample of reusable signage provided.

Cllr Shiels expressed concern about the condition of trees at Queensmead. Clerk to write to Rooftop requesting their involvement.

Cllr Shiels advised that support for the Poppy Appeal would be raised at the October meeting.

Cllr Davidson advised the Section 106 application for the Car Park Project was progressing.

Note: Cllrs Davidson, Shiels, Sly and Whiting all gave their apologies for the October 2025 meeting.

12. Date of Next Meeting:

13th October 2025