

BREDON & BREDON'S NORTON PARISH COUNCIL

The minutes of Bredon Parish Council Meeting held at Bredon Village Hall on **Monday 13th October 2025 at 7:00pm.**

Present: Councillors: Mr Nick Bradley (Chairman), Cllr Mr Matt Darby, Mr Kevin Falvey and Mr Andrew Rhodes,

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

1. Apologies for Absence.

Mr Colin Davidson, Mr Declan Shiels, Mr Rob Sly and Mr Brod Whiting.

2. Declaration of Interests.

Cllr Darby declared an ODI for Item 6 a) ii as a neighbouring farmer.

Cllr Falvey declared a non-prejudicial DPI as Chairman of Bredon Star RFC.

3. Co-option of Parish Council Member.

An application had been received from a Tewkesbury resident wishing to be considered as a Councillor for Bredon Parish Council. After discussion, it was **agreed** not to approve the application. Councillors were uncomfortable that the applicant is residing in an area not administered by Wychavon District Council and Worcestershire County Council. The application also did not meet the current preference for recruitment from within the parish.

4. To consider the Adoption of the Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 8th September 2025.

These minutes were **agreed**.

5. Finances:

a) Invoices to be paid:

Village Hall

Jo Lomasney	Balance of Wages – September 2025	£233.02
RPK Maintenance	Central Heating Bleed & Thermostat checks	£100.00
CW Hygiene	Cleaning Cover (8 th -12 th September 2025)	£162.00

Parish Council:

Timothy Drew	Balance of Wages – September 2025	£302.38
David Gray	Lengthsman Services September 2025 – Highways	£340.00
David Gray	Lengthsman Services September 2025 – Parish	£221.72
Greenworks	Mowing – September 2025 (x2)	£1995.72
Bredon Village Fish & Chips	30x Meals for Warm Welcome 2 nd October 2025	£124.50
RBL Poppy Appeal	Poppy Wreath (plus Donation £70.00)	£100.00
PKF Littlejohn	AGAR External Audit 2024-25	£504.00
Railton TPC Ltd	Review of SWDP Transport Information	£750.00
Core Leisure Ltd	Supply of Outdoor Table Tennis Table	£2138.10

All payments above were **agreed**.

b) To approve the Financial Report.

The September 2025 bank statements and Scribe Cashbook were **approved**. Cllr Rhodes requested that the Zoom monthly subscription be cancelled as usage is now limited. This was **agreed**.

The Nationwide Savings Account has been closed and the balance transferred to the Lloyds Savings Account.

6. Planning:

a) For Consultee Approval:

- i. W/25/01696/HP Ashley Cottage, Cheltenham Road, Kinsham, GL20 8HP

Erection of double garage.

No objection but would comment that the garage is detached and should remain an integral part of Ashley Cottage.

- ii. W/25/01585/PIP 14 Hill Close, Westmancote, Bredon, GL20 7EW

Permission in Principle for erection of 1no new dwelling.

Application Withdrawn.

- iii. W/25/01367/HP Field Barn, Westmancote, Bredon, GL20 7ES

Demolition of existing conservatory and construction of new heritage-style orangery; renovation of existing render cladding and addition of new render cladding to existing rear extension east and south elevations; replacement of all existing uPVC windows and doors with new heritage-style uPVC units; general repairs to existing stone walls and boundary walls; addition of new air source heat pump.

No objection but would recommend that all existing stone features are retained.

b) Approved by Wychavon:

- i. W/25/01346/PIP Land & Buildings at Lower Lane, Kinsham (1 to 2 new dwellings).

- ii. W/25/01654/HP Lios Darach, Old Mansion Drive, Bredon, GL20 7JZ

c) Refused by Wychavon:

- i. W/25/01543/FUL Land Rear of Tudor Cottage, Manor Lane, Bredon's Norton

d) Planning Appeal:

- i. W/25/01182/PIP Land & Buildings at Lower Lane, Kinsham (up to 3 new dwellings).

e) Other Planning Application:

- i. The Causeway, Church Street, Bredon

(The owner had contacted Cllr Darby relating to their planning requirements. These will need to be decided by Wychavon, so no action required by Council).

The above comments were agreed.

f) SWDP Examination Arrangements:

An Inspector's post hearing letter has been published on the Examination website and refers to SWDPR Policy 54 Mitton. This states the Inspectors are now satisfied that the proposed allocation at Mitton can be made sound and legally compliant through main modifications, which they will seek to agree with the Councils. The main modifications will be subject to consultation, which will provide the opportunity for people to comment on the proposed changes to the Plan, having regard to the latest published evidence.

A response from Richard Buxton Solicitors is awaited.

g) Tewkesbury Garden Town (TGT):

TGT is not included on the Government's Preferred New Towns List, however, Worcester Parkway is included. There have been no recent press releases from TGT covering either this or M5 Junction 9, also not on a preferred list.

Ashchurch Rural Parish Council are proposing Traffic Modelling at several locations, including some within Bredon Parish. It was agreed to offer £1000 towards the overall cost of this exercise.

h) Other Planning Matters:

There were no planning matters to update.

7. Bredon Star RFC 7s & Sounds Festival.

Scott Jameson provided the members of Bredon Parish Council (BPC) with a draft plan for the proposed Bredon Star (BS) RFC 7s & Sounds Festival, scheduled to be held on the Bredon Playing fields on Saturday 4th July 2026.

Given the extended lead-times and formal approvals necessary from the statutory bodies to ensure the provision of a safe, community facing, sports & music event; BS seek approval in principle from BPC to further their intent to deliver the event.

Councillors were asked to review the draft plan and raise any concerns by the end of October.

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

The Outdoor Table Tennis Table payment has been forwarded to the supplier, Core Leisure Ltd and the latest Park Inspection from Richard Price has been circulated to the Council.

Due to Cllr Whiting's absence other BCP issues were deferred to the December meeting.

9. Armco Barrier in Main Car Park.

Cooper Groundworks have kindly agreed to dismantle the existing Armco barrier and remove and dispose of all waste materials responsibly off-site. This would be at no cost as a goodwill gesture. This was **agreed** by the Council who extended their thanks to Cooper Groundworks for their kind offer.

10. Delegation if Council Not Quorate.

Following advice from Worcestershire CALC, in the event the Council were not quorate, a delegation, to ensure invoice payments are made and responses to planning applications are submitted would be required. It was **agreed** that the Chairman, Clerk and one other Councillor should have the authority to process invoice payments and planning comments. A revision to Standing Orders will be an Agenda Item at the December meeting, to cover this requirement.

11. Progress Reports and Updates.

a) County and District Councillor:

- The Road Maintenance budget has been reduced for Worcestershire Highways.
- Work put back at Lower Lane, Bredon's Norton, due to hitting an underground spring.
- Traffic Monitoring is taking place at Ridgeway Bank on the Eckington Road in relation to Application W/25/00832/FUL.
- The £2300 Grants for SWDPR Costs and Smart Water are being processed.

b) Police and Defibrillator Report:

- Gas Cylinders were discovered in Eckington Road Ca Park and were removed.
- Reports of speeding through Kinsham have been reported.

c) Smart Water:

- Product is time limited and replacements with new packs require registration.

d) Working Groups:

- The Executive & Finance Working Group met on 9th October 2025 and are reviewing Annual Rental for Sports Clubs, Rates Payable and SSE Electricity pricing.

12. Correspondence, Progress Reports and Updates for Information.

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

- Matt Hale Tree Surgery Quote for The Dock was **agreed** for the Spring 2026 whilst it was acknowledged some tree works may be carried out by the EA when they install a new green GRP kiosk on a raised plinth.
- The condition of trees at Queensmead will be reviewed by Rooftops.
- The PKF Littlejohn External Auditor Report for 20224-25 is in accordance with Proper Practices.
- A 2nd Parish Element of CIL for The Dell was received in September 2025.
- The Pig on the Hill trailer has been requested not to park in Church Street.
- A Consultant's Business Rates Refund letter was circulated.
- SafeAvon provided an update on the Tewkesbury Sewage problems.

13. Councillors Reports and Items for Future Agenda:

Cllr Falvey advised there was a Veterans Rugby Match for Charity taking place on the Playing Field on 25th October 2025. A request for a Coffee Van to attend was **agreed**, subject to all licences and permits being in place.

Cllr Hardman asked if the Council had knowledge of any parcels of land in the parish owned by Wychavon, (e.g., Adjacent to Cheltenham Road Layby in Kinsham).

14. Date of Next Meeting:

10th November 2025

Notes of Public Question Time:

Scott Jameson, Vice Chairman, outlined details of the proposed Bredon Star RFC 7s & Sounds Festival (BS), scheduled to be held on the Bredon Playing Fields, Saturday 4th July 2026 from 10:00am to 12:00pm.

This will be a community focused family event, centred around the spirit of a Rugby 7s tournament, with the fun of a live Music Finale. It is hoped this will become an annual event, that puts Bredon Village and its rugby club and community on the summer social calendar locally.

A detailed Proposal Document was distributed to all members of the Council.