

BREDON & BREDON'S NORTON PARISH COUNCIL

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

Present: Councillors: Mr Nick Bradley (Chairman), Mr Colin Davidson, 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.

Cllrs Mr Matt Darby and Mr Kevin Falvey.

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 a) iii as an adjacent neighbour of the second Mitton Bank planning application.

3. To consider the Adoption of the Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 10th November 2025.

Subject to a word change from *criteria* to *preference* in the last sentence of Item 3, these minutes were **agreed**.

4. Finances:

a) Invoices to be paid:

Village Hall

Jo Lomasney	Balance of Wages – November 2025	£245.14
Darren Rosser	Bar Work – November 2025	£58.66
CW Hygiene	Consumables	£62.41
County Boilers	Check & Balance radiators & system	£90.00

Parish Council:

Richard Buxton Solicitors	Professional Charges – SWDPR & Bioscan	£17760.00
Timothy Drew	Balance of Wages – November 2025	£250.39
David Gray	Lengthsman – November 2025 – Highways	£578.00
David Gray	Lengthsman – November 2025 – Parish	£136.00
Greenworks	Mowing – Churchyards in 2025	£1999.20
PD Hughes	Installation of Outdoor Table Tennis Table	£3542.40
Bredon Community Care	Warm Welcome Soup & Sandwiches (06/11/25)	£66.40
Fantastically Fresh	Warm Room – Christmas Lunch (04/12/25)	£387.30
Wychavon	Dog Litter Bin Clean & Empty – Cotswold Close	£116.84
Thomas Spry	Maintenance at Various Locations around Parish	£675.00
Thomas Spry	Maintenance of three Car Parks	£775.00
Miniintro (David Carter)	BPC Website Hosting Renewal	£59.99

Before cheque payment, Cllr Sly will verify the charges for mowing the Bredon & Bredon's Norton Churchyards against the contract. Also, Cllr Whiting will verify the two maintenance charges for Thomas Spry before BACS payments.

All payments above were **agreed**.

- b) To approve the Financial Report.

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

5. Planning:

- a) For Consultee Approval:

- i. W/25/00832/FUL Land At (Os 9287 3783), Eckington Road, Bredon
Additional information/amendment: Highways technical response note.
Although a review of the Highways Technical Response shows there have been no accidents at the site, there have been traffic incidents in close proximity (e.g., Ridgeway Bank). It is suggested the scoping should be wider and nothing in the Technical Response makes for a change minds from the previous Council submission. The Response does not reflect the reality of the day-to-day traffic situation on the B4080.
- ii. W/25/02542/CLE Monks Close, Dock Lane, Bredon, GL20 7LG
Certificate of Lawfulness for existing - Removal of previous 1.8m close board timber fencing to boundary and construction of new 1.3m high board timber fence to side boundary including small 1.8m section to decking area. Construction of raised 4m x 4.5m timber decking to right hand side of property.
No objections.
- iii. W/23/00682/OUT Land East Off Bredon Road, Off Tewkesbury Road, Bredon's Hardwick
Additional information/amendment: Revised suite of (over 30) documents.
This is the Developers addressing the consultation comments without providing sufficient clarification. There is also an electrical power deliverability issue for Mitton Bank, which is at capacity. It was agreed to contact Railton TPC to review all the Transport related documents to a maximum cost of £2k. Submission required by 31st December 2025, but an extension will be requested to mid-January 2026.

The above comments in i. and ii. were agreed.

- b) Approved by Wychavon:

- i. W/25/01367/HP Field Barn, Westmancote, Bredon, GL20 7ES
- ii. W/25/02019/HP Lochry, Watery Lane, Kinsham, GL20 8HU
- iv. W/25/02326/CLE 26 Hill Close, Westmancote, Bredon, GL20 7EW
- v. W/25/02147/HP 5 St Giles Road, Bredon, GL20 7EQ

- c) Approved Appeal Decision:

- i. W/25/01182/PIP Land adjacent to Cherry Tree Cottage, Lower Lane, Kinsham

- d) SWDP Examination Arrangements:

The Main Modifications for Mitton are expected to be issued later in the week with SWDPR 57 now allocated to Mitton. These modifications will be reviewed by Wychavon Council in December, and this is expected to start the consultation process, for which viability will be the main issue.

- e) Tewkesbury Garden Town (TGT):

A recent TGT Oversight Board meeting was critical of the governance report and communication of issues to Councillors and relevant parties.

- f) Other Planning Matters:

Rooftop have sold a house in Lower Westmancote. The Long Furlong planning application decision expected in January 2026.

6. Additional Standing Order Clause.

It was **agreed** the following clause should be added to the Standing Orders:

3. Meetings generally

z) In the event the Parish Council is unable to conduct the designated monthly meeting, a delegated authority allows the Charman, Clerk and one other Council Member to respond to the following obligations, as set out in the monthly meeting's Summons and Clerk's Report:

- *Planning Applications.*
- *Payment of Invoices, up to a value within current authorities.*

7. Review of Precept for 2026-27.

The precept for the next financial year was debated following Worcestershire CALC advice is that there is no capping again this year. With the pending changes to Unitary Authorities, Parish Councils are urged to increase precepts to better reflect the growing demands and expectations of their communities.

Areas of expenditure for financial consideration include land purchase for burial ground and allotments and various improvement projects in the parish, e.g., Playing Field paths and Village Hall refurbishments.

The precept will be decided at the January 2026 meeting before the submission deadline of 23rd January 2025.

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

Cllr Whiting reported the Outdoor Table Tennis Table had now been successfully installed and the Roundabout repair would be conducted during a spell of dryer weather.

9. Drainage, Fencing and Security Project for Playing Field.

Wychavon have approved and recommended all available Section 106 monies be allocated.

Contractors will fix their quotations until the end of March 2025. Wychavon's Executive Board will ratify the funding, subject to the funding shortfall being resolved. Although Bredon AFC and Bredon Star RFC will be approached, it was **agreed** the Council would make up any shortfall to the total project cost.

10. Progress Reports and Updates.

a) County and District Councillor:

- North and South Worcestershire unitary authorities are now being proposed.
- Worcestershire Highways have written to Network Rail advising that any incidents of flooding on the B4080 at Bredon's Norton will be their responsibility when road repairs completed.
- A diseased tree on the grass embankment fronting Brasenose Road was removed by Ringway's contractors. Worcestershire Highways have been asked to comment and provide a replacement.
- The footpath from Bredon Lodge to the Royal Oak has been highlighted to County Highways.
- Footpaths in Bredon's Hardwick are to be reviewed with County Highways.

b) Police and Defibrillator Report:

- No Report.

c) Smart Water:

- No Report.

d) Working Groups:

- The Executive & Finance Working Group met on 4th December to discuss the Precept (Item 7 above) and agreed to issue the 2025-26 rental invoices to the Sports Clubs. These will reflect a 4% increase in RPI.

11. Correspondence, Progress Reports and Updates for Information.

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

- An application for co-option to the Council from Bruce Anderson.
- Replacement of the Armco Barrier in Main Car Park. It was **agreed** that, because of the damage caused by a contractor, the Armco would not be replaced.
- Footway Resurfacing of Jubilee Drive allocated reference #9767.
- The CGT Strategic and Local Plan was distributed to Councillors.
- The WCC Streetscape Design Guide 2025 was distributed to Councillors.
- Wychavon Planning - Shining a light on planning excellence article, was circulated.

12. Councillors Reports and Items for Future Agenda:

Cllr Sly will request an extension to his existing dispensation for the South Worcestershire Development Plan Review specific to the strategic allocation at Mitton.

Cllr Sly advised that the Hancocks Trust had agreed 18 bursaries for educational achievements.

Cllr Rhodes commented that a hedge had been planted next to the wood fence at Moreton Lodge.

13. Date of Next Meeting:

12th January 2026