

BREDON & BREDON'S NORTON PARISH COUNCIL

The minutes of Bredon Parish Council Meeting held at Bredon Village Hall on **Monday 12th January 2026 at 7:00pm.**

Present: Councillors: Mr Bruce Anderson (after Item 3), Mr Nick Bradley (Chairman), 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), Cllr Mr Adrian Hardman.

1. Apologies for Absence.

None.

2. Declaration of Interests.

Cllr Sly declared a non-prejudicial DPI for Item 6 c) iii as an adjacent neighbour of the second Mitton Bank planning application.

Cllr Falvey declared a non-prejudicial DPI for Item 6 a) iii

Cllr Bradley declared a non-prejudicial DPI for Item 6 a) iv

Cllr Sly requested an ODI Dispensation for the South Worcestershire Development Plan Review (6 c)) 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 to 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 until 14th December 2026. This was **agreed**.

3. To Co-opt a 9th Parish Council Member.

The Parish Council received an application for co-option from Mr Bruce Anderson. It was proposed by Cllr Falvey, seconded by Cllr Whiting and **agreed** unanimously by Councillors to support the application. Cllr Anderson duly signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

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

The minutes were **agreed**.

5. Finances:

a) Invoices to be paid:

Village Hall

Jo Lomasney	Balance of Wages – December 2025	£240.22
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Parish Council:

Timothy Drew	Balance of Wages – December 2025	£332.12
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David Gray	Lengthsman – December 2025 Highways	£476.00
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David Gray	Lengthsman – December 2025 Paris	£122.30
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County Boilers	Repair of Boiler Room Leak	£96.00
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All payments above were **agreed**.

b) To approve the Financial Report.

The December 2025 bank statements and Scribe Cashbook were **approved**. Clerk to provide Cllr Rhodes with bar purchases and sales for current financial year.

6. Planning:

a) For Consultee Approval:

- i. W/23/00683/OUT Land East off Bredon Road & Tewkesbury Road, Bredon's Hardwick

Revised suite of EIA Documents.

The Railton TPC Ltd Transport Review has been received and will be posted on the Planning Portal by the 16th January deadline. Due to the implications on M5 Junction 9, this document will also be forwarded to Ian Kemp at SWDPR. Bioscan will be asked to contact Natural England to retain the maximum extent of the buffer zone. There will be pressure from the Councils and Developers to loosen or even remove the buffer.

- ii. W/25/02139/HP Bell Cottage, Dock Lane, Bredon, GL20 7LG

Retrospective application for pergola.

No objections provided the Planning Officer is satisfied that policy requirements are met, specifically relating to access to all concerned.

- iii. W/25/02760/PIP Land and Buildings at (OS 9317 3558), Lower Lane, Kinsham
Permission in Principle for residential development of 1no. self-build bungalow.

Objection, in accordance with previous submissions made in relation to the Permissions in Principle at Lower Lane, Kinsham.

- iv. W/25/02745/HP 15 Queensmead, Bredon, GL20 7NF

Demolition of existing carport and construction of a replacement two-storey side extension, a single-storey front extension, and new porch.

No objections, subject to meeting relevant planning policies, with it noted that the roof is not subservient to the primary residence.

- v. W/25/01910/HP 5 Bricknell Avenue, Bredon, GL20 7QH

Front porch extension, extension to driveway and dropped kerb

No objections provided Wychavon Planning are satisfied. Not aware of any policy the application contravenes.

The above comments were agreed.

b) Refused by Wychavon:

- i. W/23/02524/FUL - Land At (OS 9352 3714), Kemerton Road, Westmancote, Bredon

c) SWDP Examination Arrangements:

The Main Modifications (including Mitton) have been published, and the public consultation process runs until 17th February 2026. Richard Buxton have been contacted for their comments. Consideration will be given to a suitable information-based leaflet drop throughout the parish to notify and encourage public participation.

d) Tewkesbury Garden Town (TGT):

It is understood that Northway residents have been contacted by Severn Trent to install Water Meters to counter a potential shortfall in water supply. Clarification on the problem of National Grid power supply to new build properties, is still being sought. Council Officers are meeting with Severn Trent to resolve the sewage discharge into the River Avon and Lower Lode (Severn) as highlighted by a SafeAvon presentation.

e) Other Planning Matters:

The next Neighbourhood Plan for Bredon will need advice from a consultant to plan the process of producing the document.

7. Review of Precept for 2026-27.

Worcestershire CALC are urging Parish Councils to increase precepts to better reflect the growing demands and expectations of their communities and potential future capping by new Unitary Authorities.

Cllr Bradley produced a detailed review and recommendation for all aspects of the council's current and future expenditure. This included benchmarking with both local and national councils and villages comparable to Bredon. It was proposed by Cllr Sly and seconded by Cllr Davidson and **agreed**, that the Executive & Finance Working Group's proposal to increase the 2026-27 precept by 100%, Cllr Rhodes abstained.

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

No report.

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

Wychavon's Executive Board approved the expenditure of the Section 106 application for the Playing Fields Car Park & Drainage Improvements. Cllr Davidson was thanked for his efforts in achieving this positive outcome. The importance of monitoring project cashflow was discussed. Clerk to write to Wychavon Legal to cover funding shortfall resolution, and payment drawdown. It was **agreed** to proceed with the project and place orders with the successful (most competitive) tenderers, as submitted to Wychavon with the s106 funding application.

10. Progress Reports and Updates.

a) County and District Councillor:

- Worcestershire County budgeting process is underway and an application for £82m has been submitted to Government.
- Fly-tipping remains a problem off the Eckington Road at the Sailing Club turn.

b) Police and Defibrillator Report:

- There is a change in Police personnel at Evesham Rural, but PC Alex Prentice remains in post.
- Bredon Star RFC has fitted internal CCTV in their Clubhouse.
- A Worcestershire County Council grant for Bleed Kits (to be located with defibrillators) has been received.
- The Village Hall Defibrillator was deployed (not used) by a Carer in Pippins Road.

c) Smart Water:

- New SmartWater kits have been received and are ready to distribute.

d) Working Groups:

- No report.

11. Correspondence, Progress Reports and Updates for Information.

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

- SWDP Review of Main Modifications.
- Agreed Precept 2025-26 document.
- Tree Felling - Grass Bank between B4080 and Brasenose Road Bredon.
- Cotswolds National Landscape Management Plan 2025 – 2030.
- Warm Welcome Accounts.
- Worcestershire councils submit two-unitary proposal.

- Worcestershire CALC Final Newsletter of 2025.
- Recent SafeAvon Documentation.
- The Clerk advised that an updated Premises Licence application, to include Indoor Sports events, had been submitted to Wychavon and Worcestershire Regulatory Authority.

12. Councillors Reports and Items for Future Agenda:

Cllr Falvey advised that a meeting had taken place with BT Local Business and Broadband charges were being reviewed with an expected substantial credit to be processed.

Cllr Falvey requested that the Clerk email the Openreach CEO, to highlight the inadequate response received to the dangerous siting of the Pole on the Wellington Gardens open area. Apologies were received in advance, from 4 Councillors for the February meeting.

13. Date of Next Meeting:

9th February 2026