

# BREDON & BREDON'S NORTON PARISH COUNCIL

The minutes of Bredon Parish Council Meeting held at Bredon Village Hall on **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2026 at 7:00pm.**

**Present:** Councillors: Mr Bruce Anderson, Mr Nick Bradley (Chairman), Mr Declan Shiels, Mr Rob Sly and Mr Brod Whiting.

**In Attendance:** Mr Tim Drew (Clerk), Cllr Mr Adrian Hardman, Mr Robert Lincoln & Mr Ashley Wirdnam.

## 1. Apologies for Absence.

Cllrs Mr Colin Davidson, Mr Matt Darby, Mr Kevin Falvey & Mr Andrew Rhodes.

## 2. Declaration of Interests.

Cllr Sly declared a non-prejudicial DPI for Item 5 c) as an adjacent neighbour of the Mitton Bank planning application and has an ODI Dispensation for the South Worcestershire Development Plan Review, specific to the strategic allocation at Mitton, until 14<sup>th</sup> December 2026.

## 3. To consider the Adoption of the Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2026.

The minutes were **agreed**.

## 4. Finances:

a) Invoices to be paid:

### Village Hall

Jo Lomasney	Balance of Wages – January 2025	£178.13
PPL/PRS	VH Annual Music Licence	£943.66
CW Hygiene Services	Consumables	£51.07
A&E Fire & Security	Annual Maintenance & Inspections	£509.21

### Parish Council:

Timothy Drew	Balance of Wages – January 2025	£339.41
David Gray	Lengthsman Services – January 2026 Highways	£544.00
David Gray	Lengthsman Services – January 2026 Parish	£119.00
Pippins Accountancy	Q3 VAT 2025-26 Return	£105.00
Railton TPC Ltd	Transport Objection Report (Mitton Bank)	£1865.65
Bredon Village Fish & Chips	30x Meals for Warm Welcome (22/01/26)	£156.00
Fantastically Fresh	40 x Lunches for Warm Welcome (05/02/26)	£345.60

All payments above were **agreed**.

b) To approve the Financial Report.

The January 2026 bank statements and Scribe Cashbook were **approved**.

## 5. Planning:

a) For Consultee Approval:

- i. W/26/00021/LB Fox And Hounds Inn, Church Street, Bredon, GL20 7LA  
*Re-roofing of flat roof; replacement of inner skin of walls; cleaning of historic timbers; replacement of plaster between ceiling joists; full rewire; smoke clean and decontamination.*

**The application is supported by the Parish Council. The Pub is a listed building, so guidance will be provided by the Conservation Officer. As the property is an Asset of Community Value, it is important that trading resumes at the earliest opportunity."**

**The above comment was agreed.**

b) Approved by Wychavon:

- i. W/25/01832/LB Tudor Cottage, Manor Lane, Bredon's Norton, GL20 7HB
- ii. W/25/02298/HP Cheynes House, Main Road, Bredon, GL20 7EG
- iii. W/25/02542/CLE Monks Close, Dock Lane, Bredon, GL20 7LG
- iv. W/25/02760/PIP Land and Buildings at (OS 9317 3558), Lower Lane, Kinsham

c) SWDP Examination Arrangements:

The Main Modifications (including Mitton) public consultation process runs until 17<sup>th</sup> February 2026. Richard Buxton Solicitors (RB) are preparing a response on behalf of the Council. Numerous items, where there are issues to be resolved, will be specifically addressed as these may enable a future Judicial Review. RB's fee of £1,700 was **agreed**. Cllr Sly abstained.

Bioscan have been contacted to encourage National England to contact Natural England to reiterate the concerns regarding the allocation and the impacts on the Functionally Linked Land. There has been no response from National Grid relating to perceived power supply issues to new build properties.

d) Tewkesbury Garden Town (TGT):

At a Parish Liaison meeting last week, it was disclosed that a Development Corporation had been set up by Tewkesbury Borough Council and Severn Trent had indicated plans for local investment. There are design issues which are delaying Ashchurch Bridge over Rail (ABoR). The North Ashchurch Consortium planning application is also behind schedule. Nothing has been received from Newland Homes and a solution from National Highways for M5 Junction 9 is still pending. New TGT funding is being sought for infrastructure. The next Oversight Board meeting is scheduled for the end of March 2026.

e) Other Planning Matters:

At the Wychavon Planning Committee held last week, 150 extra units (static caravans/lodges) were approved at 'Bredon View' in Great Comberton. There are parallels with Mitton Bank in that the site received Planning Officer approval despite ANOB impact.

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

The Lengthsman is investigating the tree hanging over the monkey bars in the Play Area which is becoming an issue. BCPR team members regularly cut the branches back, but the whole tree is leaning towards the monkey bars. The steps to the slide and the surrounding area are also under review.

The last annual RoSPA Inspection was in April 2025.

Work on Wet Pour to commence when weather dryer.

## **7. Progress Reports and Updates.**

a) County and District Councillor:

- Worcestershire County still struggling with funding deficit for Special Needs. Potential council tax increase of 9% to 10%.
- It is deemed preferable to have a Worcestershire South Administration Centre in Worcester City for the two-tier system.

- Will pursue a grant from Wychavon for a replacement to the Armco in the Main Car Park.
  - A Westmancote Pound resident has requested additional mowing and requests have been made for additional tree work.
  - The removal of a privately owned tree (no TPO) in Church Walk will proceed due to roots causing damage to property sewage and drainage services.
  - An extension to the Drapers retroactive planning application should be requested.
- b) Police and Defibrillator Report (provided by Cllr Falvey):
- There has been a spate of anti-social behaviour incidents in Bredon, culminating with fencing being damaged in the lane between Blenheim Drive and Plantation Crescent. It seems the boys concerned were both local and from Evesham.
  - The Defibrillator was accessed at the shop on 1<sup>st</sup> February but was not used and is now back in action.
  - Replacement sets of pads (Qty 7) have been ordered including the extra defibrillator acquired from the surgery.
  - Three 'drop in' CPR and defibrillator awareness sessions with Bredon WI, were attended by 60 people and were well received.
- c) Working Groups:
- An Executive & Finance meeting is planned for the last week of February 2026, at which the Bowling Club Lease will be discussed with a view to aligning with the other Sports Clubs.

## **8. Correspondence, Progress Reports and Updates for Information.**

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

- Bredon Bowling Club Annual Rent 2025-26 and partial payment of Invoice 225.
- SWDPR Main Modifications Consultation Event Reminder.
- Land Rear of Tudor Cottage and including Part of Blackberry Barn, Manor Lane, Bredon's Norton (ref. W/25/01543/FUL).
- Wetpour replacement (BCPR) Update.
- Section 106 Funding Application - Drainage, Fencing & Security Project Update
- Business Rates Refund from LHL Property Auditors – to be referred to the Executive & Finance Working Group.
- SafeAvon data to be publicly accessible.
- Vegetation prior to Grange Field Road sign from MR & Mrs Vernon.
- Advert for Almshouse vacancy – advert on Notice Boards resulted in a new occupant.
- Reminder of a Quiz Night on Saturday 21st February for Bredon Community Play & Recreation (BCPR).
- Response request for new infrastructure charges.
- CALC Health and Wellbeing Newsletter.

The Clerk confirmed that the Village Hall Premises Licence update had been approved.

The Clerk advised that by escalating the issue of the dangerous positioning of the Telegraph Pole (on the Wellington Gardens open space) to the CEO of Openreach, had initiated a positive response and agreement to move the Pole and put in place a Wayleave.

The Chairman had written to Bredon Star RFC regarding clarification of various issues relating to the proposed Sevens & Sounds event on 4<sup>th</sup> July 2026. A response is awaited.

## **9. Councillors Reports and Items for Future Agenda:**

Cllrs Shiels and Whiting requested annual BCPR Maintenance Budget to be an Agenda Item for March meeting.

Cllr Falvey (in his absence) reported that the 2<sup>nd</sup> Boxing event took place in the Village Hall on Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> January. This was a success with no incidents and parking was much improved with no reported issues identified by residents. The use of bollards at the Cheltenham Road junction, and use of the surgery car park contributed to a satisfactory and profitable event.

**10. Date of Next Meeting:**

9<sup>th</sup> March 2026

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**Notes of Public Question Time:**

Mr Robert Lincoln (Chairman) and Mr Ashley Wirdnam representing Bredon Bowling Club, outlined the Club's position. The annual rent was agreed on the understanding that this would roll forward until negotiations were completed and a new lease was in place. This would set out any increases over the period of the agreement.

it is not clear whether the previous lease conditions still apply as there is currently no agreement in force. The club is prepared to continue to pay the £2.000 rent per annum until the new agreement is agreed. The Bowling Club remains keen for a new agreed lease to be in place as soon as possible, following a meeting with the Council to discuss a draft.