Bredon & Bredon's Norton Parish Council

The minutes of the Bredon Parish Council Meeting held at Bredon Village Hall on **Monday 14th September 2026 at 7:00pm.**

Present: Councillors: Mr Bruce Anderson, Mr Nick Bradley (Chair), Mr Colin Davidson, Mr Kevin Falvey, Ms Joanne Hill, Mr Andrew Rhodes, Mr Rob Sly & Mr Brod Whiting.

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

1. **Apologies for Absence.**

Cllrs Mr John Bees, Mr Matt Darby and Mr Declan Shiels.

2. **Declaration of Interests.**

Cllr Sly declared an ODI for Item 5a) ii as a near neighbour and friend.
Cllr Falvey declared an ODI for Item 5a) ii as a friend, and Item 7 as Chair of Bredon Star RFC.

3. **To consider the Adoption of the Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 10th August 2026.**

These minutes were **agreed**.

4. **Finances:**

a) Invoices to be paid:

<u>Village Hall</u>		
Jo Lomasney	Balance of Wages – August 2026	£181.89
CW Hygiene Services	Consumables	£77.70
S J Booth	VH Lighting & Sensor Replacements	£320.91
<u>Parish Council:</u>		
Timothy Drew	Balance of Wages – August 2026	£303.45
David Gray	Lengthsman – August 2026 Highways	£504.00
David Gray	Lengthsman – August 2026 Parish	£234.00
Greenworks	Mowing – 1 x Cut July 2026	£1037.77
PKF Littlejohn LLP	External Audit AGAR for 2025-26	£504.00
Kemerton Conserv'n Trust	Playing Field Rental 2026-27	£425.00
Solidfix HMG	Work to Clear Vegetation at Glebe Field	£795.00

All payments above were **agreed**.

b) To approve the Financial Report.

The August 2026 bank statements and Scribe Cashbook were **approved. T**he Clerk confirmed the Section 106 payment for the Car Parks Drainage; Fencing & Security project had now been received. Monies transferred from the Savings Account to pay contractor invoices will be refunded.
The Clerk confirmed that the PKF Littlejohn's External Audit had now been completed and had been posted on the Website.
The Chair advised a recent receipt of Pro Forma from Richard Buxton Solicitors. This was to be discounted to £7,500 and it was **agreed** that this amount should be paid upon Invoice receipt.
Cllr Hardman had contacted the CEO at Wychavon to review and resolve the long-running Glebe Field Burial planning application.

Given the future committed legal expenditure from both Richard Buxton Solicitors and the Glebe Field, Cllr Davidson requested that a monthly accruals amount be provided on the Clerk's Report.

5. **Planning:**
   a) For Consultee Approval:
      i. W/26/01486/HP Bishops Furlong Barn, Kemerton Road Westmancote. GL20 7JS
      First floor extension, installation of rooflight and flue.
      No objection, subject to the Conservation Officer being satisfied.
      ii. W/26/00719/FUL Croft Farm Leisure & Water Park, Bredon's Hardwick, GL20 7EE
      Submission of additional information as follows: Ecology (Breeding Birds Survey, Ground Level Tree Assessment, Reptile Survey), Drainage, Clarification of means of foul drainage disposal & Highways.
      Objection. The Council had commented on 09/06/26 that it has no objections to the development, conditional on all other consultees being supportive and any Highways and Ecological issues raised being satisfactorily resolved. In the light of recent comments and the additional information received from other statutory consultees, particularly Wychavon's Landscape & Natural Heritage Officer and Natural England, we now must object to the application.
      iii. W/26/01696/HP Mid Barn, Rectory Lane, Bredon's Hardwick, GL20 7ED
      Single storey extension to the rear of the property to provide an additional bedroom. (Retrospective).
      No objection, subject to the Conservation Officer being satisfied. All materials used should be in keeping with the existing structure.

      The above comments were **agreed.**

   b) Approved by Wychavon:
      i. W/26/01207/HP - The Gateway, Back Lane, Bredon, GL20 7LH

   c) Tewkesbury Garden Town (TGT):

The North Ashchurch Consortium are resubmitting their planning application and a meeting has been arranged with Tewkesbury Borough Council (TBC).
The Transport & Organisations Working Group have drafted a letter to send to Gloucestershire County Council (GCC) Highways, which we hope to get signed by both Ashchurch Rural Council and Northway Parish Council. This will request GCC to clarify what were the issues identified with the recent traffic surveys, how and when were they discovered, and what remedial action is to take place. A Freedom of Information (FOI) request to be sent to GCC was **agreed**.

   d) Other Planning Matters:

Still no update on the Long Furlong planning application and Cllr Hardman will follow-up together with an Enforcement request letter to Wychavon.
The Tenant of the Fox & Hounds has moved on, and it was **agreed** the Clerk to send a letter to Donnington Brewery (Landlord) requesting an update and confirming the Council's Asset of Community Vale status.

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

It is hoped the article in the September Bredon Times will encourage the recruitment of additional membership of BCPR.
The condition of the Slide Steps and Matting are being reviewed.

7. Bredon Star RFC request for a 7's and Sounds Festival on the Playing Field.

Cllr Falvey left the meeting for this item.

The proposed date, 3rd July 2027, has been approved in principle and it was **agreed** the next step is for Bredon Star RFC to contact Worcestershire Regulatory Services (WRS). Cllr Davidson offered to draft a response to Bredon Star RFC, setting out the necessity for them to prepare the information required by WRS to consider granting a license for the event. This information should provide the Council with a better understanding of the proposals, to enable more informed decisions.

8. Damage to the Paved Steps at The Dock.

Despite the Clerk following up the request to Auto Support to provide their insurance details for a claim, there has been no response. It was **agreed** the Clerk should refer the matter to the Police & Crime Commissioner with supporting correspondence and photos.

9. Request from Bredon Tennis Club and Bredon Star RFC for a Playing Field Shed.

As Bredon Star RFC are no longer able to use the Cricket Club facilities over the coming year, there is a variety of equipment to be stored. A shed next to the current shed would also meet the Tennis Club's requirements. It was **agreed** that this can proceed with designs and plans to follow. Planning permission will be required.

10. Progress Reports and Updates.

a) County and District Councillor:
- Local Government Reform (LGR) has now been officially paused by the government but is thought unlikely to proceed in the near future.
- Elections to Wychavon District and Bredon Parish will be held in May 2027.
- Some financial initiatives at County and District level may be cancelled as a result of LGR decision.
- A Mayor could be appointed to cover a wide geographical area of 14 constituencies with an election in 2028.
- The Eckington Road is scheduled to be closed for Severn Trent Water repairs on 29th September. This will be disruptive.
- The road through Queensmead is scheduled to be resurfaced on or after 5th October.
- A contribution of £500 will be arranged from the Councillor's Divisional Fund towards the mowing and clearing of the fencing around the Glebe Field.

b) Police and Defibrillator Report:
- There was an incident in Lower Westmancote near the Cricket Club with a trailer stolen.
- No defibrillator incidents in the community and applications for additional equipment funding are in progress.
- Brity First Aid provide a nationwide database of all defibrillators, and it was **agreed** to provide a link under 'facilities' on the parish website.

c) Assets Working Group:
- Held on 17th August and notes circulated. Items covered included Village Hall update and issues, Bredon's Norton Village Hall promotion, Natural Networks & Glebe Field, the Playing Field and Cherry Orchard Playground.

d) Transport & Organisations Working Group:
- Held on 18th August and notes circulated. Items covered included Business & Charities Survey, a Community Emergency Plan, Speed Sign Data & Management, Speeding and other Traffic concerns, FOI request to GCCC (see 5c above).

e) Bredon News:

A print run of 750 newspapers was delivered to the Village Hall today and has been distributed to the Spar Shop and Bredon's Norton Village Hall. Unfortunately, the receipt of this September issue was later than expected due to printing problems. This also affected print deliveries to other locations including Broadway, Upton and Pershore.

The newspaper was available online via the parish website from 6th September 2026. Initial reaction to the publication has been positive.

Items for inclusion in the October issue include Bredon Boat Races, Planning Applications and the role of the Parish Lengthsman, David Gray.

Magazine Dispensers have been promised from Hughes with other dispensers required for other distribution locations including parish Telephone Boxes.

11. Correspondence, Progress Reports and Updates for Information.

The Clerk circulated the following correspondence for consideration by Councillors:

- Worcestershire CALC communication stating LGR Paused (see 10a above).
- New extra waste bin for the Dock – this was **agreed**.
- Bredon LTC's Tennis court resurfacing works has been rescheduled for 2027. A meeting will take place with Cllrs Bradley, Falvey, Andy Gray (LTC) and Sports Surfacing Solutions, Mark Samey.
- Bredon Bowling Club's request, to use the Bowling Club for a Christening Party on a December date when the Village Hall was fully booked, was **agreed**.
- A Warm Welcome Sponsorship request, for advertising and funding, was **agreed**.
- The Bredon Business Census/Survey was discussed.
- SafeAvon data sets were available to review.
- The Clerk stated that the latest BT quarterly invoice for the Village Hall Cottage was still inaccurate and that the Chairman & CEO Business Complaints Department had reopened a new case reference.
- The Clerk reported there was no progress in opening the new Unity Trust Bank Account, despite all application details being provided. The stated reason for delay is because UTB are making some operational changes designed to improve their service.

12. Councillors Reports and Items for Future Agenda:

Cllr Falvey advised the following issues:

- Bredon Hill Surgery now have vaccinations available, are planning to appoint Student Doctors and have provided patient feedback (which was discussed).
- The Outside Table Tennis Table has proved to be successful, and it was **agreed** that a box for items of small equipment (e.g. balls, bats) be installed beneath the table.
- Village Hall taps had been vandalised in the Male Toilets; a Fire Door needs repairing and the floor in the Jubilee Room needs attention.

Cllr Davidson asked if there was any progress with the Rates review. The Chair advised this was still ongoing.

Cllr Davidson asked if there was any progress with the Bowling Club Lease. The Chair advised this was still ongoing.

Cllr Rhodes requested the Clerk provide copies of the Lengthsman's recent Highways and Parish Invoices, for review.

13. Date of Next Meeting:

12th October 2026