Bredon & Bredon's Norton Parish Council

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

Present: Councillors: Mr Bruce Anderson, Mr John Bees, Mr Nick Bradley (Chair), Mr Matt Darby, Mr Colin Davidson, Mr Kevin Falvey, Ms Joanne Hill, Mr Declan Shiels & Mr Rob Sly.

In Attendance: Mr Tim Drew (Clerk).

1. **Apologies for Absence.**

Cllr Mr Andrew Rhodes, Cllr Mr Brod Whiting & Cllr Mr Adrian Hardman.

2. **Declaration of Interests.**

Cllr Darby declared ODI's for 5 a) iii and 5 a) iv due to family's ownership of adjacent farmland.

3. **To consider the Adoption of the Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 14th September 2026.**

These minutes were **agreed**.

4. **Finances:**

a) Invoices to be paid:

<u>Village Hall:</u>		
Jo Lomasney	Balance of Wages – September 2026	£141.54
A&E Fire & Security	VH Annual Inspection	£415.53
CW Hygiene Services	Consumables	£34.56
RPK Maintenance	VH Maintenance – Doors, Gates & Systems	£210.00
<u>Parish Council:</u>		
Timothy Drew	Balance of Wages – September 2026	£311.20
Pearl of Northway	Warm Welcome Meals	£135.00
David Gray	Lengthsman – September 2026 Highways	£504.00
Greenworks	Mowing – 2 x Cuts September 2026	£2075.54
DAC Beachcroft Solicitors	Refundable VAT for Legal Fees (Connolly v BPC)	£674.00

Accruals:

Richard Buxton Solicitors	Legal Support for Long Furlong Planning Appeal	£7500.00
Bredon PCC	Glebe Field Planning & Legal Contribution (50%)	£10756.00

All payments above were **agreed**.

b) To approve the Financial Report.

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

The Clerk confirmed the Council had received a VAT Refund of £10,064 for Quarter 2 2026-27 and a CIL payment of £2,304 for Windermere at Kinsham.

5. **Planning:**
   a) For Consultee Approval:
      i. W/26/02057/FUL Stonehouse, Back Lane, Bredon, GL20 7LH

Erection of house and garage - (Variation of 5 Ref. W/02/01038/PN)
No objection, subject to the Conservation Officer being satisfied.

ii. W/26/02188/HP True Blue Farm, Lower Lane, Kinsham, GL20 8HT
Various internal alterations, erection of ground floor extension and orangery, refurbishment and conversion of existing out building to living accommodation, construction of new link to out buildings - (Variation of 2 Ref: W/22/01380/HP)
No objection to the revised layout, subject to the Conservation Officer being satisfied.

iii. W/26/02123/HP Quarrymans Cottage, Westmancote, GL20 7ES
Roof alterations and new dormer window.
No objection, subject to the Case Officer being satisfied that proposals comply with the Wychavon Design Code SPD.

iv. W/26/00890/FUL Land at (OS 9257 3910), Wharf Lane, Bredon's Norton
Additional ecology information in order to address the Council's Ecologist comments on the application.
No comment to be submitted after a review of Consultee's ecology comments.

The above comments were **agreed.**

b) Approved by Wychavon:
i. W/26/01486/HP Bishops Furlong Barn, Kemerton Road, Westmancote, GL20 7JS
ii. W/26/01586/HP Micris, Chapel Lane, Kinsham, GL20 8HS

c) Tewkesbury Garden Town (TGT):

The Department of Transport has made the decision not to progress M5 Junction 9a, which is a significant issue as it is integral to the Garden Communities delivery. Meetings are being held to discuss the implications.
The TGT Oversight Board meeting was again postponed, and Parish liaison has not met since May 2026.
Gloucestershire County Council have acknowledged the Freedom of Information request relating to their Transport Model (GC3M).

d) Other Planning Matters:

No update on Mitton Bank, but hoping to meet with Matt McConville of Wychavon in November 2026.
Indications are the Wychavon Planning will refuse the Smiths Orchard application under delegated powers.

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

No report in Cllr Whiting's absence. BCPR had requested that the maintenance budget of £3,200 be allocated to replace the slide steps, turntable and ground repairs. This was **agreed**.

7. Damage to the Paved Steps at The Dock.

Quotation to replace the Dock Steps has been received from CJ Washbourne Builders. Clerk to hold off writing to the Police & Crime Commissioner until Cllr Falvey has met with newly appointed Police Inspector Williams and discussed the incident.

8. Bredon Tennis Club's Court Resurfacing Project.

Cllr Bradley, and a Tennis Club representative met with the proposed contractor to discuss the programme. The earliest start date is now March 2027, and the best solution is to lay aluminium sheets adjacent to the Courts. Installation is 2 days preparation and 2 days installation.

Clerk to write to Bredon AFC to request their end of season date. Council will be provided with proposals and option by Tennis Club and Contractor.

9. To Review the Grass Cutting Tender for 2027 to 2029

Cllr Sly to present maps at November meeting, of areas of grass to be mowed around parish. Current tender expires at end of 2026, so an advert is to be placed in Evesham Journal in December 2026, with Tender documents issued in January 2027 for a March 2027 commencement.

10. To Discuss Grants for the Village Hall Heating Replacement.

Cllr Shiels has secured a grant for £500 from a parish resident who will match future funding. Confirmation to follow and to be a November Agenda Item.

11. Progress Reports and Updates.

a) County and District Councillor:
   - No report.

b) Police and Defibrillator Report:
   - Police contacted for information on Kinsham Speed Camera activity. Advised that there were 1,059 offences recorded in 44 visits.
   - Car Accident at Bredon's Hardwick on 10th October 2026 with no other vehicles involved.
   - The Cross Keys Inn defibrillator has been deployed, but no further information.

c) Technical & Media Working Group:
   - Meeting to be rescheduled.

d) Bredon News:
   - Future distribution discussed and social media to be used when newspaper available to download from website.
   - M5 Junction 11a and Kinsham VAS to be included in November newspaper content.

12. Correspondence, Progress Reports and Updates for Information.

The Clerk circulated the following correspondence for consideration by Councillors:

- Bredon Boat Races 2027 – Cllr Hill advised £5,500 profit from last event in August, and a new cause was needed for 2027. BCPR and Kemerton Conservation Trust were suggested as possible recipients of proceeds.
- Utility Aid - National Charity Tender was discussed and it was decided to not be involved.
- Bredon Times Distribution – as 11d above and **agreed** to circulate the December 2024 Parish Magazine distribution list, for follow up.
- The Members Funding from Cllr Hardman has been received to cover costs of Glebe Field mowing and clearing.
- Questions raised in September WCC Council were circulated for information.
- Biosecurity signs and Floating Pennywort on River Avon for information.
- Fox & Hounds (Donningtons) responded to Clerk's Email advising that the Brewery were looking to reopen mid-November / early-December 2026.
- Unity Trust Bank Update has been delayed again by a request for further information from the Council.
- BT Complaint Update – when one of 2 broadband lines to the Village Hall Manager's Cottage was closed, this also closed the Village Hall Office Broadband, Order placed for new line and router to resolve.

13. Councillors Reports and Items for Future Agenda:

Cllr Davidson is to liaise with Cllr Bradley to progress the rate review.
Cllr Davidson had received an estimate of around £80k to replace the footpaths on the Playing Field.
Cllr Falvey confirmed that Village Hall expenditure would utilise sub-categories on the Scribe system for improved monitoring.
Cllr Falvey advised that faults identified by A&E's annual service of fire and security systems have been rectified by Simon Booth.
Cllr Falvey stated an additional waste bin was required at The Dock. Clerk to contact Wychavon.
The Glebe Field has been much improved following the clearance and soil/debris removal, although the wooden fence needs replacing. Cllr Bradley will meet with Glebe Field neighbours.

14. Date of Next Meeting:

9th November 2026