

Bredon, Bredon's Norton and Westmancote Parish Council

The minutes of Bredon Parish Council meeting held at Bredon Village Hall on Monday 7th July 2014 at 7.15pm.

Present: Cllr's Mrs Alison Palmer, Mrs Gail Whiting, Mr Stuart Bird, Mr Matt Darby, Mr Kevin Falvey, Mr Phil Handy (Chairman), Mr Andrew Rhodes, Mr Declan Shiels and Mr Rob Sly.

In Attendance Ms J Shields (Clerk), Mrs Bernie Hartley, Mr David Meikle, Mr Peter Whitehead and PC. Sean Woods.

Mrs Hartley asked if a plaque in memory of Dominic could be placed by his memorial tree on the playing field.

Mr Meikle thanked the council for the presentation at the recent planning meeting. He is concerned that horse riders are using the footpaths across the hill as bridleways; the footpaths are very narrow in places and the horse manure is not pleasant for walkers. County Council Notices being placed, informing users that it is a public footpath, are removed. When users are informed they are not very polite, this usage has been increasing over the last 18 months and the hill is becoming a 'destination'.

Mr P Whitehead updated the council on the potential development site at the rear of Perwell Close.

Clr Rhodes on behalf of Mr T Onions (on holiday and unable to attend) voiced his concerns regarding speeding through Kinsham.

PC S Woods introduced himself and explained that he was the only Police Officer covering Pershore Rural North and South (54 villages), and his PCSO J Pardoe was on long term sick leave, however PCSO S Sinclair is reaching the end of his probationary period.

PC Woods will carry out 'speed surveys' in Kinsham, he will also inform the 'Safety Camera Partnership' and ask Mike Digger if he will organise speed strips. However it may be that the perceived problem is great than the actual.

1. Apologies For Absence.

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr's Norman, Woodward and Cllr Hardman (District and County).

2. Declaration of Interests.

Cllr's were reminded to update their Register of Interests with Wychavon.

Cllr Darby declared an ODI, as a tenant farmer of the applicant, in item 4d, Ashton Mill.

3. To Consider The Adoption Of The Minutes Of The Meeting Held On The 2nd June 2014.

The minutes having been previously circulated were agreed and signed as a true record.

4. Planning.

a) For Consideration.

- i. W/14/01111/CU - Former Telephone Exchange, Oak Lane, Bredon. Conversion of redundant telephone exchange into two bedroom dwelling including front porch extension and formation of vehicular access as approved under planning permission reference no W/13/01567/CU but without compliance with condition no. 5 and to allow increase in roof height. Parish Council objects to the proposal
- ii. W/14/00976/PP - 1 Back Lane, Bredon. First floor extension to rear, ground floor side extension, replacement windows. Parish council is not aware of any strong planning policy grounds for objecting to the proposal. The Council would like to request that provisions be made to ensure that following all building works the footpath adjacent is not compromised in any way. This response is a general observation and should not be taken as objecting to or supporting the application.
- iii. W/14/01009/PP - Croft Cottage, Back Lane, Bredon. Single storey rear extension. Parish council is not aware of any strong planning policy grounds for objecting to the proposal. This response is a general observation and should not be taken as objecting to or supporting the application.
- iv. W/14/01248/CU - 3 Queensmead, Bredon, Tewkesbury. Proposed change of use of shop to single dwelling with front extension. Parish council is not aware of any strong planning policy grounds for objecting to the proposal following the extensive marketing period this property has already undergone. This response is a general observation and should not be taken as objecting to or supporting the application.
- v. W/14/01291/PP - Apple Yard, Oak Lane, Bredon. Two storey extension. Parish council is not aware of any strong planning policy grounds for objecting to the proposal. This response is a general observation and should not be taken as objecting to or supporting the application.
- vi. W/14/01168?CU - Aston Mill, Cheltenham Road, Kinsham. Demolition of all existing buildings including concrete batching tower, silo and sheds and removal of concrete hardstanding and construction of 3 single storey business units for flexible use to include Class B1c light industry, Class B2 general industry and Class B8 storage and distribution. The Parish Council supports the proposal.
- vii. W/14/00985/PP - The Birches, Manor Lane, Bredons Norton. Amendment to W/10/02029 (approval for extensions and dormers) to include changes to dormers and windows.
The Parish council is not aware of any strong planning policy grounds for objecting to the proposal provided the neighbouring properties are not overlooked. This response is a general observation and should not be taken as objecting to or supporting the application.

b) Decided By Wychavon.

Approved by Wychavon

W/14/00928/PP - The Olde Forge, Rectory Farm Lane, Bredons Norton.

W/14/00981/PN - Building off, Oak Lane, Bredon.

W/14/01025/PP - Mostyn House, Main Road, Bredon

W/14/00964/LB - Lower End Cottage, Lower Lane, Bredons Norton.

W/14/01111/CU - Former Telephone Exchange, Oak Lane, Bredon.

Refused by Wychavon

W/13/02148/OU - Land off Tewkesbury Road and Rear of, College Road, Bredon.

Going to Appeal.

Planning Ref W/13/02545/PN - Land adjacent to, Gravel Pits Close, Bredon

c) Update On Developments In Bredon.

W/13/02148/OU - Land off Tewkesbury Road and Rear of, College Road, Bredon.

The chairman thanked Cllr's Palmer, Darby and Hardman for speaking at the recent planning meeting.

W/13/02545/PN - Land adjacent to, Gravel Pits Close, Bredon.

The applicants have lodged an appeal.

d)

The council agreed for the planning group to respond to the Gloucester, Cheltenham, Tewkesbury Joint Core Strategy Council Consultation.

The council agreed for the planning group to comment on application no. W/14/00985/PP - The Birches, Manor Lane, Bredons Norton and Aston Mill, Cheltenham Road, Kinsham.

The council is hopeful that the recent appeal granted for development at Yew Tree Hill, Droitwich, while unwelcome as unplanned development, will at least help Wychavon achieve a five year land supply.

Members of the planning group will attend the presentation by Pegasus Group relating to the proposed large scale development immediately north-west of MoD Ashchurch.

5. Finances.

a) Invoices To Be Paid.

The following cheques were agreed for payment:-

P.C. Weed Control £456.00, Wesco £564.00, Worcs County Council £364.12, WMS £403.64, Hope Education £757.89 and Greenworks £684.00.

V. H. J Lomasney £279.70, D Rosser £48.00, HMCR £22.00, J Dawson £650.00.

b) Financial Report.

Financial report was presented to the council.

Dates for meeting of the finance group for this financial year are Monday 28th July, 27th October, 26th January 2015 and 25th May 2015.

6. Correspondence For Information.

The council agreed for the plaque to be cemented by Dominic's tree – Clerk to inform Mrs Hartley. Repair of Bredons Hardwicke and Westmancote Bus shelters will be an agenda item.

The siting of a 'barbers van' in the car park, Clerk to make further investigations, before responding as requested by the council.

A runner in the village is allowing their dog to foul the pavement; comment was passed on to Mr T Clerk Community Warden, Wychavon District Council.

Horse riding on footpaths will be an agenda item.

The recent article in the Parish Magazine had caused residents to voice concerns regarding the Dock, Cllr Rhodes had spoken to the residents and allayed their fears.

The council will allow a three month trial period for the use of the playing field as a 'boot camp' at a rate agreed by the council via E Mail.

7. To Discuss Grass Cutting.

The council agreed to extra cuts for the playing fields.

8. To Discuss Wheelchair Access to Village Hall.

The council agreed for quotes to be obtained to improve the access to the village hall and the Cottage from the footway.

9. To Appoint The Parish Council School Governor.

The council agreed to appoint Mr Colin Dobell as the Parish Council School Governor, the council would like him to attend September's meeting and to feed back to the council on a termly basis either in person at a parish council meeting or via E mail to the clerk.

10. Progress Reports For Information.

- a) Clerk.
Highways have cut back the tree to improve visibility at the junction of Chapel Lane and Cheltenham Road in Kinsham.
The Lengthsman has sprayed all the footpaths in the parish, cut back the weeds in Church Street around the wall near the church (complaints in previous years), cleared the drain in the Jubilee car park and cut back foliage in the Eckington Road.
- b) Bredon Village Hall.
Awaiting quote for the projector.
The 'tidying 'wires and tape on the Chandler Room ceiling and repair to Water heater – Cllr Falvey to arrange.
With the departure of the Rugby Club as a user of the bar, avenues are being explored to increase the usage of the hall.
Clerk to arrange a quote for external painting of the hall.
- c) Bredons Norton Village Hall.
Nothing to report.
- d) County and District Councillor.
No report.
- e) New Homes Bonus.
The current projects are still ongoing, the clerk had been asked for an update from Wychavon DC.
The council will put a piece in the Parish Magazine regarding the owners of the plaques on the benches at the Dock.
Suggestions for the next round to date are:-
Rugby clubhouse.
Projector for the hall.
Bus shelters improvements.
Gazebos for village use.
Further improvements at the dock.
Signage for entrance to car parks and playing field.
Cllr Palmer to design, clerk to put reminders notices in the notice boards and the shop.
- f) Leases.
Ongoing.
- g) Cherry Tree Play Area.
The bin is still not being emptied - the clerk has chased Wychavon again.
As the grass is not being cut by GDB, A Gallagher will be asked to cut this regularly and the clerk to write and inform GDB that the relevant amount will be deducted from their invoice.
- h) Parish Magazine.
No magazine this month.
- i) BCPR.
The group had accepted the terms of reference at their recent meeting.

11. Councillors Reports And Items For Future Agenda.

Clerk to write and thank the organisers of the Fun Day to thank them for a wonderful event.

A reminder to house holders of their riparian responsibilities will be placed in the next parish magazine.

Cherry Orchard.

12. Date Of Next Meeting.

4th August 2014.