

BRETFORTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on
Monday 11th February 2013.
in the Memorial Hall

PRESENT:

Cllr L Hall	Vice-Chairman
Cllr J Johnson	
Cllr J Cleveland	
Cllr A Grant	
Cllr N Smith	
Cllr P Lisney	
Cllr K Wright	District Councillor

APOLOGIES;

Cllr R Davis	Chairman
Cllr K Carter	
Cllr T Bean	County Councillor

OPEN FORUM:

Residents and members of the Bretforton Community Alliance attended to raise issues regarding:

- Closure of village Post Office and shop.
- British Legion.
- Underground watercourse at Fallon Lane.

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County Council:

No report.

District Council:

Cllr Wright had researched with Wychavon to effect on housing development in Bretforton if shop closes and the impact on category status. It is likely that Bretforton would be downgraded to category 3 which would reduce the amount of development required.

MINUTES:

Minutes of the Meeting held on 14th January 2013. Circulated, approved and signed.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST:

Cllr Wright-Littlebrook Nurseries-neighbour.
Cllr Grant- Littlebrook Nurseries-Neighbour

OPEN FORUM ITEMS.

Housing on Station Road.

PROGRESS REPORTS FOR INFORMATION.

Clerk;

Chairman;

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION.

Allotments- Cllrs Davis and Cleveland attended a meeting with a landowner who may be interested in leasing a 2 acre piece of land at Back Lane. Clerk to obtain map to assess area and suitability.

Parish Plan- Information has now been collated but needs refining into a shorter version. Parish Plan information will be required for S106 applications. Cllr Grant agreed to look at format of questionnaire for businesses and organisations within village and recipients for next meeting.

Burial Ground-i. Audit of 2012 entries.- Cllrs Wright and Johnson audited records and entries for 2012 and confirmed that all were correct. They have annotated records to that effect.

ii. Memorial has been reinstated on graves 325 and 326. Clerk has requested paperwork from registrar to sign off work.

Amenity Mowing- Awaiting list from Worcs CC. Next agenda.

British Legion- Representative attended in Open Forum to advise of up to date position of Legion. Requested from head office that they move away from British Legion and become a social club. This will need approval of members. Financial situation is poor with very few members renewing. Requested that PC is kept informed.

Trees-i. Station Road. Quotation received from Arborvale for work. Awaiting quote from Ancient Oaks. Next agenda.

ii. Jubilee planting has been completed. Clerk has received a couple of complaints from residents about location of trees.

Request for Grit Bin/Salt. A request has been received for a grit bin on Main Street at the corner with the lane. It has been suggested that 3 locations may benefit from bins. Diary for July to assess sites and order.

Section 106- Clerk & Cllr Cleveland met with Jem Teal from Wychavon to talk about projects that could be implemented with S106 funding. Monies can be available to Bretforton if they support the criteria in the four areas. Monies have to be spent within 5 years and S106 is likely to be phased out in 2014. Request that Jem attends next PC meeting.

Telephone Box- Request received from resident asking that box is removed as dangerously leaning. Clerk to ask BT for timescale for power disconnection and therefore removal.

Littlebrook Nurseries- Clerk has received email requesting information on Parish magazine and hall to arrange village consultation for possible development at Littlebrook Nurseries.

Bretforton Community Alliance- Underground Watercourse. Possible underground watercourse has been identified at end of Fallon Lane causing fields to flood. Cllr Wright will contact Land Drainage Officer, Wychavon and Environment Agency to assess action to be taken.

VAS- Clerk has contacted Westcotec regarding supplying VAS at a cost of £2625 +vat. There would be an additional cost of £80 for extra bracket. Maintenance would be at a cost of approx £90 per month, to change battery and move location. Proposed to ask local PC's if they would be interested in sharing device.

Post Office Closure- It was proposed and agreed to hold a village meeting during w/c 18th February 2013 at British Legion to gauge interest from village in running a community shop facility. Presentation to be done by Cllr Smith along with Cllrs Lisney, Grant and Cleveland. Clerk to arrange room at legion and notice to be put in Community Alliance newsletter.

Wychavon District Council

i. Members Conduct Committee.

Worcestershire County Council.

- i. Prohibition of waiting on B4035 and Main Street. Now come into force and lines are down. Issues already with parking further down New Street. Email Highways to advise.

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PLANNING - APPLICATIONS:

Parish Council comments recorded on Planning Register

Mr R Harris, Sunnydale, 34 Weston Road, Bretforton.

Demolition of existing 3 bedroom house and outbuildings, erection of a 4 bedroom family house with detached garage.

APPROVAL:

APPEAL:

WITHDRAWN;

- **REFUSED:**
- **OTHER ITEMS –**
- **ENFORCEMENT**

CORRESPONDENCE For Information.

Publications

Clerks & Councils Direct.

CLERKS REPORT on Urgent Decisions Since Last Meeting.

COUNCILLORS REPORTS & ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA.

ROADS/FOOTWAYS/GREENING OF THE VILLAGE:

Potholes i. Station Road opposite Fallon Lane

Street Lights Back Lane-intermittent.

Other Items- i. Gullies, drains on Weston Road.

Lengthsman Tasks –

Finance:

January 2013.

Income:	£	Expenditure:	£
Opening Balance:	18903.67	A Evans	248.53
Investment Account	10878.85	A Evans/qtry expenses	138.65
Fixed Deposit	15197.29	A Evans/burial fee	25.00
Interest	.36	Joseph King	260.00
Fixed Deposit(2)	25062.95	Eon	192.00
		Eon	102.00
		NPower d/d	594.47
		B J Unwin Forestry	300.00

Deposits

Merstow Green re Tittensor 250.00

Invoices to be approved:

A Evans-Salary	248.53
PWLB d/d	922.26
Calc Training	36.72
Joseph King	40.00
Burial fee	25.00
Eon	102.00
B J Unwin Forestry	144.00
A Evans/printer cartridge	19.50
Davies memorials	1180.00
M Parkinson	210.00
M Parkinson (lengthsman)	150.00
M Parkinson (lengthsman)	49.00
Ancient Oaks	1600.00

Invoices and payments approved for settlement. Proposed by Cllr Wright. Seconded by Cllr Grant. All in favour. Meeting closed at 9.42pm

Date of the next meeting; 11th March 2013.

Signed:

Date: