

BRETFORTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on
Monday 10^h February 2014.
in the Memorial Hall

PRESENT:

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

APOLOGIES;

Cllr A Adams	County Councillor
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OPEN FORUM:

Representatives from Bretforton First School attended to provide details of the proposed change to academy status. This is likely to take place in the Summer term for commencement in Sept 2014. This is as a result of concerns over funding and buying services from Worcs LA which could be bought more cheaply thus benefiting the school. This would give the school more flexibility. Cllr Cleveland asked if a minimum number of pupils are required for academy status but this is not the case. There are no plans at this time to partner with any other school. Support from PC was requested which may be needed in the future. The school is currently in the consultation phase of the process.

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County Council:

No report.

District Council:

W/13/01764/PN - Land rear of 17 and 17a Station Road and Adjacent, Victoria Gardens, Bretforton has been approved. Conditions have been forwarded to DC for approval.
NHB presentation will take place on 26th March 2014 to update on scheme along with other useful information such as neighbourhood planning –Cllr's Davis and Cleveland to attend.

MINUTES:

Minutes of the Meeting held on 13th January 2014 were circulated, approved and signed.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST;

Cllr Wright proposed that a dispensation be approved by PC with regard to all future business relating to Bretforton Community Shop as PC are now shareholders in this project. There was a unanimous vote in favour of this proposal.

Cllr Lisney- Maple Tree-The Cross.

Cllr Wright-Invoice-Vale Gardens.

OPEN FORUM ITEMS.

PROGRESS REPORTS FOR INFORMATION.

Clerk;

- Clerk advised that the annual audit of burial ground entries for 2013 had been carried out by Cllr Wright and Cllr Johnson and that all records are correct.

Chairman;

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION.

Parish Plan- Next agenda as awaiting results of current planning application at Honeybourne Road.

Flooding/Disaster Contingency Plan- Cllr Wright has worked on the plan but it requires further research and consideration. Next agenda.

Section 106 Monies. A separate session has been held to consider ideas for s106 funding to incorporate the purchase of land for allotments. Chair has produced a map of how layout could work and the size of plot required. Cllr Davis proposed with a unanimous vote in favour to approach landowner to start negotiations to acquire land for potential community projects. Cllrs will meet again on 12th February 2014 to further consider ideas.

Fencing-Recreation Ground- Clerk to request photos of brown fencing and location of an example to visit for next meeting.

Burial Ground-i. Cllr Cleveland raised correspondence with regard to the retention of records. Clerk is to continue to prepare materials to archive on a regular basis with the assistance of Cllr Cleveland.

Awards for All-IT needs- Cllr Cleveland has completed the application for a laptop and overhead projector under this scheme. Next agenda.

Compulsory purchase of land for allotments.- Dealt with under s106 monies.

Bus Shelters- Cllr Grant proposed updating bus shelters and provided examples of ideas. It was unanimously agreed to consider this as a future project.

VAS- It was unanimously agreed to purchase an additional bracket for VAS to be positioned on Station Road, Blackminster end as houses start.

Parking New Street/Orchard Close- Correspondence was raised about parking issues on New Street and Orchard Close. It was unanimously agreed to consider the provision of parking and to approach suitable locations for this purpose.

Sports Club- It was unanimously agreed to keep the monthly fee for licence as £30 per month and to review in one year.

Grave Plot 600- It was unanimously agreed to send the solicitor letter in relation to grave plot 600 as suggested.

Maple Tree-The Cross. *Cllr Lisney left the meeting for this item.* It was agreed that on the Advice of tree surgeon that no work would be carried out on the tree when it would be re-assessed in the Autumn although all Cllrs appreciated the points raised by Cllr Lisney. Proposed by Cllr Wright. Seconded by Cllr Grant.

Request from Badsey PC- Request for support in raising issues with Sir Peter Luff MP regarding NPPF and planning at Wychavon. All in favour of offering support.

Brook @ Bridge Street , Bretforton. Cllr Lisney raised concerns regarding falling headwall to mitigate flood risk. It was agreed to request Andy Hotchkiss to assess wall for repair/replacement.

Wychavon District Council

- 1. Trial of Public Speaking at Wychavon.** It was unanimously agreed to advise that 3 minutes time for PC speaking is not sufficient for large contentious applications which have village comments to put forward.

Worcestershire County Council.

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PLANNING - APPLICATIONS:

Parish Council comments recorded on Planning Register

Bretforton Post Office, 82 Main Street, Bretforton

Proposed change of use from existing post office to dwelling, demolition of store and offices and two storey rear extension to Bretforton Post Office.

APPROVAL:

Mr & Mrs Miskin, Manor Farm, The Cross, Bretforton

Conversion of a stable and garage into boot room, games room, suite with new staircase. Rooflights and doorway. Demolition of small outbuilding attached to stable.

APPEAL:

WITHDRAWN;

- **REFUSED:**

- **OTHER ITEMS**

- **ENFORCEMENT-**

CORRESPONDENCE For Information.

Publications

CLERKS REPORT on Urgent Decisions Since Last Meeting.

COUNCILLORS REPORTS & ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA.

ROADS/FOOTWAYS/GREENING OF THE VILLAGE:

Potholes i.

Street Lights

Other Items- i. Grips on Weston Road, Drains outside Jelf Nurseries, gully outside Bretforton Hall, drains outside, 4 Clayfield Road, 16 Clayfield Road and 23 Ivy Lane, footpath outside 84-86 Weston Road flooded.

Lengthsman Tasks – Remove leaves around The Cross.

Finance:

January 2014.

Income:	£
Opening Balance:	16777.63
Investment Account	10883.24
Fixed Deposit	15265.59
Interest	.37
Fixed Deposit(2)	25189.01

Expenditure:	£
A Evans-Salary	257.40
HMRC	25.00
A Evans/Qrty expenses	136.76
Chris Hemming/noticeboards	330.00
Eon UK	105.00
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NPower d/d	600.19

Deposits.

Invoices to be approved:

A Evans-Salary	257.40
HMRC	25.00
Arborvale	450.00
Cox & Hodgetts	25.00
A Evans/Holiday pay 2013	89.42
PWLB d/d	891.01
Offenham PC/training	6.00
Vale Gardens/padlocks	39.42

Invoices and payments approved for settlement. Proposed by Cllr. Wright. Seconded by Cllr Johnson. All in favour. Meeting closed at 9.35pm.

At this point, Cllr Wright proposed , seconded by Cllr Grant with a unanimous vote in favour to pass a resolution to hold a closed session to discuss a complaint made against the Parish Clerk. The Clerk left the room whilst the item was being discussed and voted on by the Councillors. It was unanimously agreed that complaint was unfounded and that the Clerk should be commended for her hard work.

Date of the next meeting; 10th March 2014.

Signed:

Date: