

# **BRETFORTON PARISH COUNCIL**

## **ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**

Minutes of the Meeting held on  
13<sup>th</sup> April 2015 in the Memorial Hall

### **PRESENT:**

Cllr R Davis  
Cllr P Lisney  
Cllr J Johnson  
Cllr L Hall  
Cllr K Carter  
Cllr K Wright  
Cllr A Adams  
Cllr N Smith

### **APOLOGIES:**

Cllr J Cleveland  
Cllr A Grant

### **PARISHIONERS:**

No parishioners attended.

### **MINUTES:**

1. Minutes of the Meeting held on 14th April 2014 were read, approved and signed.  
Proposed by Cllr Hall. Seconded by Cllr Wright.

### **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:**

2.

At the end of another Parish Council year we have the national and local government elections ahead of us.

I would like to thank those councillors who have decided not to stand again at this election for their support and work they have done for their village during their time as councillors.

This year has been dominated by new housing and proposed housing development planning applications. We are now in a position where the SWDP policy plan for the village is yet to be ratified by the inspector yet the village allocation of 72 new homes in the next 15 years is nearing completion and is largely already occupied.

This is a rapid and substantial increase in the village population ( 20%).

We would like to welcome all new residents to the village and hope they settle in and enjoy the village activities.

Other applications submitted in the year's "planning dark age" have been refused but we may still have to face appeals that could be granted. We are grateful to the District Council planning team for resisting these unplanned developments.

During the year we have supported initiatives by village groups such as the Community Village Shop, the Silver Band and Bretfest. It is good to see that social activities in the village are in a good state.

We have agreed with The Sports Club a new lease and licence for the next 25years and helped with the planning and funding for the new ground maintenance store. The car park resurfacing has not been so successful due to poor weather conditions when the work was done but the contractor has helpfully carried out remedial work and work will be completed in the summer.

We are in the process of carrying out the removal of old trees on Back Lane and replanting replacements together with a rolling programme of tree planting enhancements in the village.

The search for suitable land for village allotments is ongoing and we hope to bring this to a satisfactory conclusion in the next year.

**COUNTY COUNCIL REPORT:**

3.

Cllr Adams has carried out of last year’s requests by PC. He has had success with upgrading the main road through Bretforton as well as getting superfast broadband to the village in September 2014. Bretforton was one of the 1<sup>st</sup> villages and there are only a few now not connected such as Pebworth, Cleeve Prior and cabinet 1 at Badsey serving Aldington and Blackminster. These are due to go live shortly. Indeed Cllr Adams has carried out a ward walk and visited Planet Produce who were not connected but are now able to.

There is still work to be done on a cycle route through Bretforton linking into Badsey and Evesham. However, this has been helped by the widening of pathways on B4035 between Horsebridge Avenue, Badsey and Aldington turn.

**DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT;**

4.

- Wychavon has been voted 29<sup>th</sup> out of 71 for rural quality of life.
- **SWDP**-Public examination is being held at sixways, Worcester. Inspector is currently scrutinising before it is resubmitted to minster. It is hoped that a result will be available in July 2015

**BYRD & CANNING CHARITY:**

5.

Payments made 2015  
23 payments at £25.00 making a total of £575.00 Balance £53.46.  
Accounts were approved. Proposed by: Cllr Wright. Seconded by Cllr Lisney. Signed by the Chairman.

**NON AGENDA ITEMS**

6.

None

Meeting closed at 7.18pm

**Signed:** .....

**Date:** .....