

BRETFORTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on
Monday 11th February 2019.
At the Memorial Hall, Bretforton.

PRESENT:

Cllr J Cleveland	Vice-Chairman
Cllr R Davis	Chairman
Cllr G Collins	
Cllr K Carter	
Cllr N Smith	
Cllr Keith Wright	District Councillor
Cllr Alastair Adams	County Councillor

APOLOGIES:

Cllr A Grant
Cllr J Johnson

OPEN FORUM:

2 representatives from Bretforton Silver Band attended to provide up to date information regarding NHB application. This will be submitted to Wychavon.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

County Council:

See report which is displayed, when supplied, on school noticeboard and at www.worcestershire.gov.uk/myparish.

Suggestion that divisional fund could be used for gardening club storage.

District Council:

- Wychavon have a plan in place for the outcomes of Brexit.
- Planning and enforcement staff will now have Malvern Hills email addresses but remain in Wychavon.
- SWDP- Issues & Options- some 5000 pieces of land have been submitted and will now require weeding out for suitability.
- Election seminars are being run for anyone interested in becoming a parish or district councillor.

MINUTES:

Minutes of the Meeting held on 14th January 2019 were circulated. Proposed by Cllr Cleveland, Seconded by Cllr Smith. All in favour to accept the minutes.

OPEN FORUM ITEMS:

DECLARATION OF INTEREST:

- a. Councillors are reminded of the need to update their register of interests.
- b. To declare any personal interests in items on the agenda and their nature.
- c. To declare any prejudicial interests in items on the agenda and their (Councillor Councillors with pecuniary interests must leave the room for the relevant item(s)).

Cllr Carter-Item 6
Cllr Wright- Item1

REPORTS FOR INFORMATION.

Clerk;

Street light on Main Street is leaning but not dangerous- It was agreed to monitor the lamp.

Chairman;

- Sports Club Car Park- An inspection has been carried out and some remedial work is required at the entrance, request M Parkinson to purchase scalplings and fill at appropriate time.

FINANCE:

1.

Bank Account Reconciled Statement

Lloyds Bank Current Account	01875579	30-93-11
Statement Number	24	
Statement Opening Balance	£5,794.39	Opening Date 03/01/19
Statement Closing Balance	£3,023.34	Closing Date 31/01/19
True/ Cashbook Closing Balance	£3,023.34	

Date	Cheque/ Ref.	Supplier/ Customer	Debit (£)	Credit (£)	Balance (£)
03/01/19	BACS190102BSC	Bretforton Sports Club	0.00	67.00	5,861.39
14/01/19	BACS180114AE	Andrea Evans	822.00	0.00	5,039.39
18/01/19	002239	Maurice Parkinson	96.00	0.00	4,943.39
18/01/19	002240	Maurice Parkinson	98.00	0.00	4,845.39
18/01/19	500281	Offenham Parish Council	0.00	100.50	4,945.89
18/01/19	d/d190118ICO	ICO	35.00	0.00	4,910.89
21/01/19	BACS190121AE	Andrea Evans	3.69	0.00	4,907.20
22/01/19	002236	HMRC	181.01	0.00	4,726.19
22/01/19	500282	Simply Stone	0.00	120.00	4,846.19
23/01/19	002234	British Poppy Appeal	50.00	0.00	4,796.19
23/01/19	002237	Westcotec Ltd	201.00	0.00	4,595.19
23/01/19	D/D190123NP	Npower	1,238.85	0.00	3,356.34

24/01/19	002238	Eon UK Ltd	168.00	0.00	3,188.34
31/01/19	002229	Phil Moxon	70.00	0.00	3,118.34
31/01/19	002235	Phil Moxon	95.00	0.00	3,023.34
31/01/19	BACS190131AE	Andrea Evans	15.66	0.00	3,007.68
31/01/19	Transfer		0.00	15.66	3,023.34

Bretforton Parish Council

Expenditure transactions - payments approval list Start of year 01/04/18

Tn no	Cheque	Gross	Heading	Invoice date	Details	Cheque
147	002241	£50.00	21300	11/02/19	George Jelfs - Security Deposit Refund	£50.00
148	002242	£111.60	20200	11/02/19	Eon UK Ltd - Street light repairs	£111.60
150	002244	£30.00	21400	11/02/19	Cox & Hodgetts - Deed storage	£30.00
151	002245	£70.00	21100	11/02/19	Phil Moxon - Defib and play inspection	£70.00
153	002247	£316.00		11/02/19	Maurice Parkinson - bg trees/bus shelter	£316.00
1		£300.00	21200		burial ground trees	
2		£16.00	20500		bus shelter	
		£6,643.93			Confidential	
Total		£1,112.18				

Invoices and payments approved for settlement including account balances and payments. Proposed by Cllr Smith, Seconded by Cllr Wright. All in favour.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION.

- Grass tenders-** 3 tenders were received and opened at the meeting, all fulfilled the required criteria but one was significantly cheaper. Cllr Smith proposed, seconded by Cllr Collins with a unanimous vote in favour to accept the tender from Smartcut at £245 plus VAT for amenity mowing, £165 plus VAT for verge mowing, additional verges at £75 plus VAT per cut, 2019 £4080, 2020 £4202.40 and 2021 £4328.47.
- Burial Ground-** a. Rules- It was agreed to include the additional line as follows: *A family connection to the parish, early years spent in the parish and/or strong links to the parish will also be considered* with 5 votes in favour and 1 against.
- Village Signs-**
 - An update regarding artwork has been received, this will be worked on at Easter.
 - An update regarding parish games and signs was received advising that as this isn't a road safety requirement, it was agreed to seek clarification on this and further detail of what is actually required. It was also agreed to copy in Cllr Adams.
- Assets of Community Value-** Bretforton Social Club. It is felt that there is less risk than 5 years ago but Cllr Davis will look at previous application and see if can be amended and re-submitted, next agenda.
- Memorial Hall Committee-** Clerk advised that the management of the hall is not working efficiently as the only contact available to residents is booking clerk information. The committee are all volunteers and do not have the time to do extra tasks in order to maintain the hall. It was therefore agreed as trustees to request up to date books and bank accounts for next meeting to consider if a paid person could be employed to pick up the tasks required and look at future investment in the hall.

6. **Proposed development by Rooftop-** Information for circulation to residents has not yet been received but has been chased. Soakaway testing has been carried out on 11th February 2019 and it is expected that planning application will shortly be submitted. Cllr Davis will prepare a comment sheet for councillors to consider but when application is received it will be publicly announced to residents with an explanation on how they can comment individually. Cllr Smith raised the point that he felt the PC is always on the back foot with regard to land being available or land being bought. Clerk suggested that a sub-committee for land negotiation be considered so that they can pursue land without the time constraints of PC. It was agreed to consider this at the next meeting.
7. **Oak posts-** This was last considered in December 2010, it was agreed to not proceed further.
8. **Annual Allotment update-** Annual renewal letters have been sent out with effect from 1st March 2019, rotavator has been purchased, safety guidelines need to be prepared and safety gloves and ear defenders purchased. Hedge at allotments requires cutting. A couple of plots will be available. Mower is to be taken to Vale Gardens for servicing, Cllr Wright agreed to give a rotavator demonstration.
9. **Sports Club Alterations-** Club have decided to use front door as access and are building a porch. S106 is being revisited for ladies and disabled changing rooms.
10. **Wychavon response regarding dog poo and dog warden-** Request was sent to Wychavon for dog warden to come out to tackle dog poo issues but they only deal with strays. Clerk has obtained an eye-catching leaflet from Offenham, it was agreed to ask for it to be delivered with parish magazine.
11. Anonymous letter regarding bin collections- No action can be taken as request is anonymous, matter closed.
12. **HGV's on Main Street-** Issues have been reported regarding hgv's on Main Street, in the first instance, send letter to Appleby's requesting that vehicles are directed along Back Lane and monitor situation.

Wychavon District Council.

Worcestershire County Council.

1. Salt bins- Following a year long review the proposed locations were declined. Cllr Davis will look at alternative sites.

CALC –

PLANNING – APPLICATIONS:

Parish Council comments recorded on Planning Portal.

Applications for Consideration:

W/19/00060/HP- The Rookery 4 Weston Road, Bretforton.

Proposed rear extension - as approved under planning permission ref. no. 17/02481 but without compliance with condition no. 6 (to amended list of approved plans).

W/19/00065/LB- Associated Reference:19/00060/HP- The Rookery, 4 Weston Road, Bretforton

Proposed rear extension as approved under listed building consent ref. no. 17/02482/LB but without compliance with condition 4 (to amend list of approved plans and to allow for the insertion of a conservation type roof light on west elevation).

REFUSED:

APPROVAL:

W/18/02246/HP- Byrds Cottage, The Cross, Bretforton.

Conversion of garage with room over into ancillary accommodation.

APPEAL:

WITHDRAWN;

- **OTHER ITEMS**

- **ENFORCEMENT-**

CORRESPONDENCE For Information.

Publications

CLERKS REPORT on Urgent Decisions Since Last Meeting.

COUNCILLORS REPORTS & ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA.

- White gates require cleaning-lengthsman
- Invite PCSO to next meeting regarding drug dealing
- Village store.

Meeting closed at 9.33pm

Date of the next meeting; 11th March 2019.

Signed:

Date:

County Councillor Report- Bretforton

Month: February 2019

Prepared by Alastair Adams, Littletons Division, Worcestershire County Council

Evesham Leisure Centre's extension has been officially opened in January 2019.

This is a tremendous new facility and represents an extra £3million worth of investment by the District Council. It's also the new home to the Evesham Vale Cardiac Rehab, which provides a brilliant service to those recovering from cardiac issues.

Since its opening in 2009, Evesham Leisure Centre has become an important part of the fabric of the community, and this innovative project will both improve and extend the facility together with helping to improve the health of the community. The new two-storey extension extends the facilities to meet the demands of growing numbers of customers and brings the capital investment on the site to-date to £13million.

To see all of the improvements, such as two new studios both equipped with sprung floors, sound systems and coloured lighting, a new and expanded therapy treatment suite and a fully accessible toilet with hoist for disabled customers – not to mention an additional 91 car parking spaces – go to www.riversfitness.co.uk.

County Council Budget Announcements

Worcestershire County Council is proposing to invest millions of pounds into tackling congestion, improving town centres and upgrading railway stations across the county. The capital investments have been announced as part of the Council's proposed Budget for the next financial year.

Proposals include £2.5m for town centre improvements in Evesham, Redditch, Stourport and Worcester. It is proposed that the Council's programme to relieve congestion will be extended with an additional £5 million to be spent over the next 3 years.

Other proposed capital investments include £4m to build a new footbridge across the River Severn in north Worcester and to refurbish Sabrina Bridge in the city to support walking and cycling. An additional £5m is to be invested into the upgrading of railway stations.

District Council Tax – Budget 2019/20

The District Council is now looking not to increase their portion of council tax in 2019/20, but to freeze the District Council tax. This will be voted on at the next full Council Wychavon District Council has already one of the lowest council tax in the country.

Shed break-ins

In surrounding villages, there has been a spate of shed break-ins, and a meeting was held in Honeybourne with residents and Police on 25th January. In these long dark nights of winter, many of the shed break-ins are occurring at night – often at 3-4am.

The Police are increasing their presence in the villages and some of the high speed unmarked police cars will be routinely travelling around our rural roads during the night and stopping any suspicious vehicles.

To help protect your property, please secure your sheds with good quality padlocks, and where possible fit shed alarms (these are now battery powered, and are simple to fit). PIR lighting (that comes on when it detects movement) around your house will help deter burglars. Alarms and light are good way to frighten off any would be thief.

Also the police recommendation that you mark your property with your postcode & name using ultra-violet pen, or use Smart water. A lot of stolen property does get recovered but the police have no way of knowing who it belongs to if you do not mark your property.

Internet cameras have now come down in price and are another great way to protect your property.

Ring.com supply doorbells that include a camera that automatically detects any movement, and stores

the images on to the web, and sends a message to your phone. You can even answer your doorbell and talk to the person where ever you are in the world. There are other makes, and they are not only a clever way to protect your property but very useful if you have parcels being delivered to your home when you are not in.

Finally, the best way for a community to protect itself from thieves is to be vigilant, and capture information of any suspicious visitors. Many communities are now using Facebook, or village WhatsApp groups to instantly communicate with each other, and share information; type into Google “Spotted Honeybourne”, “Spotted Littletons”, “Spotted Welford” and you will see their facebook. and how they use it.

Recycling collections now available for businesses

A recycling collection service to both new and existing business customers is now available. We accept a wide range of material including paper and cardboard, metal tins and cans, glass bottles and jars and plastics. In fact we will collect everything we currently do from our household kerbside collection service. All of it will be taken to Worcestershire’s recycling plant at Norton where it will be sorted and sent for reprocessing into new materials.



For more information please see our

<https://www.wychavon.gov.uk/commercialwaste>

For a legal, reliable, cost-effective solution to your waste and recycling needs call us now on 01386 565018 or email wychavon@fccenvironment.co.uk

Investing in Electric Vehicle charging points

With the increasing use of electric vehicles, there is a need to have more charge points available. The Government offers a grant of up to £500 per socket for work based charge points. More information is available <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/government-grants-for-low-emission-vehicles>

Charge point companies are also offering free installation of charge points subject to conditions. Some of these include Chargemaster, which you can read more about <https://chargemasterplc.com/site-hosts/> They are offering to install fast or rapid charges to businesses that are open to the public.

[Instavolt](#), [Alfapower](#) and [Engenie](#) also offer free installation of rapid charge points.

Highways:

Worcestershire County Council’s winter season has started and gritting becomes the main task for Highways. Worcestershire County Council currently has 14,700 tonnes of salt in storage, and 32 gritter trucks (costing £120k each) to keep our roads clear and safe. So far this winter it has been mild and only 9 grit runs have occurred, but the Beast from the East is expected to come back in February so a cold spell may be on the horizon. More information on the gritting routes, the location of the WCC yellow gritting bins and lots more information can be found on the following link;-

http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/info/20007/travel_and_roads/381/gritting_ice_and_snow

1. **An extra £6.6m has been allocated to Worcestershire County Council from central government to help repair pot holes.**
2. **Road Closure C2099 Sheenhill Road, South Littleton 25/02 - 27/02** – Severn Trents' works
3. **The road drain by Kanes /School Lane has been identified as partly blocked** - Further investigations have revealed a collapse in the culvert which crosses Cleeve Rd towards School Lane. Highways is putting together a scheme to replace the culvert, this will be a bigger job than anticipated and will require a road closure. All being, well the works will be completed towards the end of this financial year, circa March 2019.
4. **Leylandii hedge on the left hand side as you travel towards Cleeve Prior centre along the B4085 just past the Gypsy site entrance need cutting** – The land owner has had it cut, but the Highways inspector does not think it has been cut to the right height so will contact the land owner again.
5. **To close part of B4085 Cleeve Road, Middle Littleton from its junction with B4510 Cleeve Road to Three Cocks Lane on to its junction with C2050 Long Hyde Road in order to facilitate new culvert crossing works by WCC from 4th February.**
6. **Re-tarmacking of the pavement along Arrow Lane** approx. 50m section of footway in the vicinity of the house called Lyndale has started so road closed during working hours.

As always, if you have any issues on any Highways matters, please report it on the WCC website http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/homepage/98/report_it

Also remember a photo of the Highways problem is as good as “a thousand words” so always take a photo where possible.

Divisional Fund

1. Offenham Village Hall- grant requested for new stage lighting
2. Honeybourne Harriers – grant approved for a contribution towards the purchase of a large metal container to store football equipment.
3. Honeybourne News – Grant approved to help continue to distribute the Honeybourne News to all residents in Honeybourne free of charge. The Parish Council have agreed to continue to support the Honeybourne News in future years by £4000 per year.
4. Blackminster School - £400 grant approved to support their involvement in a regional poetry project.
5. Evesham Rambling Club - £500 grant approved to support the Evesham Walking Festival on 1st – 7th July
6. Cleeve Prior Allotments – an initial request for a grant to help install a water supply
7. Cleeve prior Heritage Trust – initial request for help buying a wheeled brush-cutter

If you run a local Community organisation and need a grant for some vital equipment or service, then please feel free to apply for one from the Divisional Fund by contacting me at adams.pebworth@gmail.com

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