

BREDON, BREDON'S NORTON AND WESTMANCOTE PARISH COUNCIL

The minutes of Bredon Parish Council Meeting held at Bredon Village Hall on **Monday 9th December 2019**.

Present: Councillors: Mr Nick Bradley (Chairman), Mr Matt Darby, Mr Kevin Falvey, Mr Phil Handy, Mrs Jo Lawlor, Mr Neil Leyden, Mr Andrew Rhodes, Mr Declan Shiels, Mr Rob Sly and Mr Brod Whiting.

In Attendance: Mr Tim Drew (Clerk) and Mr Alan Newell.

1. Apologies for Absence.

Cllr Richard Coghlan.

2. Declaration of Interests.

Councillors were reminded to update their Register of Interests with Wychavon.

Cllr Sly declared an ODI for Item 5 c).

Applications for Dispensation (as residents) were received in advance from all Councillors present, in order to discuss the SWDP under Item 5 c). These were all **agreed**.

3. Adoption of the Minutes for of the Meetings held on Monday 11th November 2019.

These minutes were **approved**.

4. Finances.

a) Invoices to be paid:

Village Hall:

Jo Lomasney	Balance of Wages – November 2019	£441.85
Darren Rosser	Bar Work – November 2019	£56.00
Mark Farey	Maintenance Front & Rear of External VH	£210.00
A&E Fire & Security	Fuse Spur Installation & Zone Plan #1	£158.36
CW Hygiene Services	Consumables	£69.88

Parish Council:

David Gray	Lengthsman – November 2019	£369.89
Greenworks	Brash Clearance	£192.00
Greenworks	Play Area park gate, poles & replace bench	£1315.20
Thomas A Spry	Replacement Hedging o/s Surgery	£386.00
Timothy Drew	Balance of Clerk's Wages – November 2019	£128.14
Matt Hale	Eckington Road Tree Surgery	£240.00
Nick Bradley	Christmas Tree Lights (2 x 500 bulb)	£59.98
Kevin Falvey	Christmas Tree Accessories	£75.44

The above payments were **agreed**.

b) Financial Report:

The November 2019 bank statements and cash book were **approved**.

5. Planning.

a) For Approval:

i. 19/01355/FUL Field So9239, Eckington Road, Bredon's Norton

Change of use from disused land to 5no. pitches for local travellers with 1no. static and 1no. touring caravan per pitch. Additional Information: Receipt of Flood Risk Assessment document to support the application.

The flood risk was discussed but it was **agreed** not to comment further on this application.

b) Approved:

- i. 19/02249/HP 18 Cherry Orchard, Bredon, GL20 7HJ
- ii. 19/02105/HP 10 The Croftlands, Bredon, GL20 7NL
- iii. 19/02276/LB The Old Rectory, Church Street, Bredon GL20 7LF
- iv. 19/02291/HP The Cedars, Westmancote, Bredon, GL20 7ES

c) South Worcestershire Development Plan.

Cllr Sly left the meeting at the point when the content under discussion changed from update to debate.

A Public meeting has been called for Tuesday 10th December 2019 at 7pm in Bredon Village Hall to gauge the public's views and comments relation to the proposal to build 1,000 houses between Bredon's Hardwick and Mitton adjacent to the B4080. Parishioners will be encouraged to contact SWDP with their views and comments on 'Preferred Options'.

The parish council's discussed their response which will cover: duty to cooperate and housing need, transport infrastructure, greenhouse emissions, secondary education provision, health and social care, policing, harm to the Cotswolds AONB, landscape and key views, loss of best and most versatile agricultural land, flooding, harm to ecology, loss of local democracy, significant gap, sustainability, development delivery through strategic allocation and the consultation process. For the latter issue, Cllr Bradley shared with the parish council a number of issues relating to the SWDP 'preferred options' and These covered concerns with procedural and consultation omissions and inconsistencies in formulating the draft SWDP Plan. Several possible actions were discussed as were issues relating to Freedom of Information and Legal Representation.

d) Other General Planning Matters.

There were no further updates.

6. Christmas Tree.

There had been positive public feedback and Cllr Falvey was thanked for facilitating. A permanent power supply solution would be installed. It was proposed that the tree for 2020 would be taller, sponsor advertising boards introduced, and an office 'Light Switch-on' event would be considered.

7. Queensmead Bus Shelter.

Cllr Hardman is to arrange a Worcestershire Highways visit. Potential costs for a drop crossing (if two shelters) and hard standing were discussed. Future planned bus routing to meet parishioner's requests need to be considered before shelter(s) are located. Clerk to respond to letter received.

8. Emergency and Continuity Planning.

After discussion it was **agreed** that Cllrs Bradley, Handy and Sly would meet and make proposals and consider Terms of Reference and a Budget for a new Working Group. Clerk to check if CALC have any guidance.

9. Bredon Bowling Club Lease.

This was referred to the Executive and Finance Working Group to also undertake the 3 yaer review of all Sports Club leases. Clerk to acknowledge letter received from Bowling Club.

10. Correspondence for Information.

The Clerk provided the following update:

- The Eckington Neighbourhood Plan, which is subject to a Referendum on 30th January 2020, was referred to Councillors.
- The road flooding and drainage problems in Rectory Lane, Bredon's Norton are to be referred to Worcestershire Highways. Clerk to respond to Mike Barrett.
- It was agreed the Clerk would provide a non-committal acknowledgement to the Bredon Hill Conservation Group's proposal for a speed limit around Bredon Hill and await receipt of firm and detailed proposals.

11. Progress Reports and Updates

a) Clerk:

b) An email response had been sent to Jackie Shields' regarding parking issues at Bredon Village Hall.

c) County & District Councillor:

- No report.

d) Defibrillators, SmartWater and Assets of Community Value (ACV).

- There were 65 parishioners who attended the 5 Defibrillator Training Courses.
- The VETS System for Emergency Calls needs a minimum of 10 people to volunteer. It was **agreed** to test community engagement.
- SmartWater Signage now in place throughout the parish and there are 200 kits still available for distribution.
- The process to register the Cross Keys Inn at Bredon's Hardwick as an ACV is to commence.

e) Transport & Organisations Working Group.

- Police Report - One crime was reported last month, where a car window was broken in Jubilee Drive overnight on the 2nd/3rd November. It is believed offenders broke into the vehicle in the belief there was a handbag inside.
- The Working Group meet with Worcestershire Highways on 10th December 2019.
- Safer Road Community Speedwatch has been approved by West Mercia Police. The parish council also learned that two speed and volume surveys in has taken place Bredon earlier in 2019; one on High Street and the other on Kemerton Road.
- Cllr Lawlor will attend and represent the parish council at the next BCPR meeting.

f) Assets Working Group.

- It was confirmed that the existing Grass Cutting contract covered 2020.
- Clerk to respond to Rugby Tykes' concerns relating to Health and Safety issues resulting from Bredon Art displays in the Chandler Room.

g) Executive and Finance Working Group.

- The precept for 2020-21 will be discussed and formulated at the next working group meeting on 17th December 2019 for which the Clerk will produce an agenda and record minutes for the Finance element of the meeting.

h) Technology and Media Working Group.

- At a meeting on 25th November 2019 the Group discussed Social Media, Parish Council Website, Parish Magazine, Councillor's Emails, Collaboration Software and the Online Booking System.

12. Councillor's Reports and Items for Future Agenda.

Cllr Leyden made the parish council aware of an approach received to provide aerial videos and photos of the parish.

13. Date of Next Meetings.

Monday 13th January 2020.

Meeting closed at 09:25pm.