

# BREDON, BREDON'S NORTON AND WESTMANCOTE PARISH COUNCIL

The minutes of Bredon Parish Council Extraordinary Planning Meeting held by Teams Video Conference on **Monday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2021 at 7:00pm.**

**Present:** Councillors: Mr Rob Bell, Mr Nick Bradley (Chairman), Mr Richard Coghlan, Mr Matt Darby, Mr Kevin Falvey, Mr Phil Handy, Mr Neil Leyden, Mr Ed Pyke, Mr Andrew Rhodes, Mr Declan Shiels, Mr Rob Sly and Mr Brod Whiting.

**In Attendance:** Mr Tim Drew (Clerk) and Cllr Adrian Hardman.

## 1. Apologies for Absence.

None.

## 2. Declaration of Interests.

Cllr Darby and Cllr Sly would need to declare ODI's and leave the meeting if Overbury Estates and Mitton Bank respectively, were included in discussions.

## 3. Planning

The parish council needs to discuss two planning matters which require consideration by the full council:

i. The Ashchurch Bridge over Railway (ABoR) decision by Tewkesbury Borough Council (TBC). This was approved by the TBC Planning Committee by 7 votes in favour and 4 votes against with 1 abstention. There was considerable opposition for the AboR which is the first part of infrastructure to enable the Garden Town project.

Following a detailed discussion, it was **agreed** to appoint Simon Kelly of Buxton Associates, for a fee of £800 plus VAT, to assess the planning decision for the ABoR and determine if there are grounds for a Judicial Review. The parish council will also consider making Freedom of Information requests from relevant TBC Councillors and Planning Officers at the April meeting.

ii. The South Worcestershire Development Plan (SWDP) Sustainability Appraisal (SA).

The parish council have received a response from Andrew Ford, Wychavon's Senior Planning Officer (Policy). This related to an official request for the 'evidence base and scoring matrix' used to rank the sites for the various SA Objectives. This is a matter of priority to enable consideration and submission of a response to the Consultation.

The unsatisfactory response stated that the analysis is "*high level*" and that "*additional analysis has been required to separate out these effects further where strategic locations have performed similarly*".

It was **agreed** to appoint Simon Kelly of Buxton Associates, for a fee of £1,250 plus VAT, to review the SWDP SA, provide a legal perspective and prepare a submission to the SWDP team, covering the scoring matrix, the scores for the relevant sites and SA Objectives. Additionally, writing a Freedom of Information request for the evidence was **agreed** at £260 plus VAT.

## 4. Date of Next Meeting.

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2020.

Meeting closed at 07:55pm.