

BREDON & BREDON'S NORTON PARISH COUNCIL

The minutes of Bredon Parish Council Meeting held at Bredon Village Hall on **Monday 8th November 2021 at 7:15pm.**

Present: Councillors: Mr Rob Bell, Mr Nick Bradley (Chairman), Mr Matt Darby, Mr Kevin Falvey, Mr Phil Handy, Mr Neil Leyden, Mr Ed Pyke, Mr Declan Shiels and Mr Rob Sly.

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

1. Apologies for Absence.

Cllrs Mr Richard Coghlan, Mr Andrew Rhodes and Mr Brod Whiting.

2. Declaration of Interests.

Cllr Sly declared an ODI for Items 5 a) iii & iv as a neighbouring landowner to additional land owned by an applicant. Requested a dispensation to participate in any discussion and a discretionary vote for these planning applications.

Cllr Pyke declared an ODI for Item 5 a) i as a near neighbour of the applicant.

Cllr Darby declared a Non-Pecuniary ODI for Item 5 a) ii as an adjacent landowner.

Cllr Sly's application and justification form for dispensation was considered and **agreed** for a period of 12 months.

3. To consider the Adoption of the Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 11th October 2021.

These minutes were **agreed**.

4. Finances:

i. Invoices to be paid:

Village Hall:

Jo Lomasney	Balance of Wages – October 2021	£134.10
CW Hygiene Services	Consumables	£54.38
Callum Potter	VH Website	£46.39
ME Hooper & Sons	Gas Boiler Parts & Repair	£340.00

Parish Council:

Timothy Drew	Balance of Wages – October 2021	£113.30
Bredon PCC	VH Parish Magazine Advertising 2022	£45.00
Packwood Printers	4 x A2 Posters for Car Park	£42.00
Matt Hale Tree Surgery	Removal of Ash Wood from 2 x Pollarded	£300.00
Ashchurch Rural PC	Contribution to Judicial Review	£3750.00
David Gray	Lengthsman Services – Parish Oct 2021	£238.06
David Gray	Lengthsman Services – WCC Highways Oct 2021	£441.25
Greenworks	Grass cutting (x2)	£1535.62

All payments above were **agreed** except Ashchurch Rural Parish Council's (ARPC) Contribution to Judicial Review.

When a statement of Richard Buxton's Judicial Review professional charges, including the breakdown of time, value and narrative, is made available then ARPC's specific invoice will be considered for payment.

- ii. To approve the Financial Report.

The October 2021 bank statements and cash book were **approved**.

5. Planning:

a) For Approval:

- i. 21/00990/LB Old Croft Farmhouse, Rectory Lane, Bredon's Hardwick, GL20 7EE
Re-roofing of West roof (East roof replaced under application W/13/02352/LB)
No objections, subject to conservation/heritage officer approval.

- ii. 21/01709/FUL Windermere, Cheltenham Road, Kinsham, GL20 8HP
Two 3 bed bungalows.

No objections to some development, however, the application site is located 75 metres from a Scheduled Monument (ref. 1005314) and lies within the historic curtilage of a listed building (2 & 3 Saunders Cottage). Officers need to be satisfied that archaeology and heritage assets will not be harmed by the proposal, in line with policy SWDP 24. We also request that officers are satisfied regarding highways approval.

- iii. 18/00771/OUT Land East of Bredon Road Off Tewkesbury Road, Bredon's Hardwick
Revised Transport Assessment VISSIM Modelling report (Strategic Road Network), Site Access Plans and Technical note, Updated Ecological surveys, Updated Masterplan, phasing plan, parameters plans and education provision plans.
It was noted that Gloucestershire County Council had now withdrawn their objection to this development.

Cllr Bradley appraised the parish council of two letters, sent by Carter Jonas (representing developers Mactaggart & Mickel and Barratt David Wilson) to Wychavon, in September 2021. This covered Highways (including Shannon Way and pedestrian routes), Primary and Secondary Education, Affordable Housing, Sports Pitches, Open Spaces and Community Infrastructure Ley (CIL). These issues were discussed in detail.

It was **agreed** to proceed as follows:

- Cllr Hardman to arrange a meeting with Katherine Smith, Principal Planning Officer at Wychavon to include Cllrs Bradley and Handy. The Transport & Organisations Working Group will prepare meeting content.
- Clerk to request an extension to the consultation end date 15th November 2021, due to the volume of documentation.
- Instruct Richard Buxton solicitors to review and critique the revised Transport Assessment documentation and provide options.
- Request Mott MacDonald (Transport Consultants used by Worcestershire County Council) to review Gloucestershire County Council and Highways England documentation.

Cllr Sly abstained on all votes.

- iv. 20/00008/OUT Land East of Bredon Road Off Tewkesbury Road, Bredon's Hardwick
Revised Transport Assessment. Site Access Plans and Technical Note Updated Masterplan, Site Framework Plan and Access Plans.

Considered in conjunction with 5 a) iii above.

- v. 21/02151/LB Priors Garden, Dock Lane, Bredon, GL20 7LG
Repair of timber framed wing including replacement of infill panels and modern windows.

No objection, subject to conservation/heritage officer approval.

- vi. 21/02507/DEM Blackberry Barn, Manor Lane, Bredon's Norton, GL20 7HB

- Demolition of two timber frame sheds with open fronted link section between.*
No objection, subject to conservation/heritage officer approval.
- vii. 21/02508/ADV Royal Oak Inn, Main Road, Bredon, GL20 7LW
Erection of illuminated and non-illuminated signs to the exterior of the building.
No objection, however, there are concerns over light pollution and request the use of less powerful fittings and that the light used is warm white to soften its impact
- viii. 21/02539/LB Royal Oak Inn, Main Road, Bredon, GL20 7LW
Erection of illuminated and non-illuminated signs to the exterior of the building.
No objection, however, there are concerns over light pollution and request the use of less powerful fittings and that the light used is warm white to soften its impact.

The parish council's comments above were **agreed**.

b) Approved:

- i. 21/01547/HP Polhawn, Dock Lane, Bredon, GL20 7LG
- ii. 21/01931/HP The Birches, 11 Perwell Close, Bredon, GL20 7LJ
- iii. 21/02101/HP The Lawns, Tewkesbury Road, Bredon's Hardwick, GL20 7EE

c) ABoR Judicial Review, GWPCA and SWDP Update.

The Judicial Review was conducted, and the Judge's decision is awaited. No Report for GWPCA and SWDP.

d) Other planning Matters.

Planning Committee Draft Terms of Reference will be an Agenda Item for the December meeting.

6. Glebe Field Biodiversity Project.

The transfer of ownership of the Glebe Field, from parish council appointed trustees to the parish council is near completion and awaiting confirmation from Land Registry. Jonathan Mercer's letter, relating to various aspects of the recent works at the Glebe Field, was circulated to Councillors and was discussed. Based on the views expressed, Cllr Shiels and the Clerk will respond, in writing, accordingly.

7. Speeding Signs in the Village.

This item was deferred to the December meeting.

8. NALC Annual Salary Uplift.

It was **agreed** that the Clerk's salary will be increased by 1.75% with effect from 1st April 2021 following agreement by National Employers in respect of local government services.

9. Grass Cutting Contract.

It was **agreed** to award the current contract for a further 1 year rather than two years with a further review in November 2022. Clerk to write to Greenworks with notification.

10. Publication Scheme.

A draft scheme had been circulated to Councillors for comments. Cllr Darby to provide the Clerk with a document template and revisions for approval at the December meeting.

11. Correspondence, Progress Reports and Updates for Information.

The Clerk provided the following update:

- Details of the 2022-2023 Budget Requirement (Precept) process.
- The pending Road Closure at Chaple Lane Kinsham.
- Notice of Worcestershire CALC AGM, open to Councilors to attend.

12. Progress Reports and Updates for Information:

a) County and District Councillor:

- There have been 44 cases of Covid-19 in Wychavon in the previous 7 days, but low hospitalisation rates, however, there have been several Care Home deaths.
- There are still issues on the B4080 in the parish. Although grips have been partially cleared, this is still a work-in-progress.
- The B4080 Pershore Road in Eckington will be closed again, from 11th to 26th November for road repairs, following failed reinstatement by Spitfire Homes' contractor.
- In January 2022 there will be a public consultation on the proposed reorganisation of District Council boundaries. The parish council should respond to the Electoral commission.

b) Police Report:

- There were three reports of burglaries in Bredon, at a property on Main Road, Brasenose Road and Grangefield Road. These took place overnight 27/28th October 2021. Bredon and surrounding villages are covered by the Smartwater initiative, and these burglaries are unusual.
- The Westmancote Defibrillator had been accessed but not used. Unit has now been reinstated and resealed.

Working Groups:

c) Transport & Organisations:

No update.

d) Assets Working Group:

- Following a review of Village Hall Hire Rates, it was **agreed** to introduce two charge bands from 1st January 2022 to accommodate the introduction of the Hallmaster software.
- The Structural Engineers Survey and Tree Surgeon's Report indicate the Playing Field Wall repair is the responsibility of the adjacent residents. Clerk to write to request their remedial proposals including how the parish council would be involved and affected.

13. Councillors Reports and Items for Future Agenda:

CLlr Bell apologised to the parish council for his absence at meetings in recent months due to personal circumstances.

CLlr Leyden will arrange for electrical quotations to upgrade the lighting in the Chandler Room, following complaints by Village Hall Users.

15. Date of Next Meeting:

13th December 2021.