

The Minutes of Bredon Parish Council Meeting held at Bredon Village Hall on Monday 13th October 2008 at 7.15pm.

PRESENT: Cllr's Mrs Wenham, Mrs Whiting, Ms Allen, Mr Rhodes, Mr Hardy, Mr Brown, Mr Handy, Mr Darby, Mr Frampton, Mr Jenkins and Mr Masters.
In Attendance Ms Shields (Clerk), Mr and Mrs Bryant and Mr Hardman (District and County Cllr)

1. To Accept Resignation Of Chairman.

The council with great regret accepted the resignation of the Chairman Mrs Wenham and thanked her for her contribution and industriousness as Chairman.

2. Election Of Chairman.

Ms Allen proposed, Mr Masters seconded and it was agreed to elect Mr Brown as Chairman.

3. Election of Vice Chairman.

Mr Rhodes proposed, Ms Allen seconded and it was agreed to elect Mrs Wenham as Vice Chairman.

4. Apologies for Absence.

Mrs Moy.

5. Declaration of Interests.

Mr Darby non-prejudicial interest on item 11 08/02542 and item 11 'Town and Country Planning Order'.

The meeting was closed to allow Mrs J Brant to speak, residents of Blenheim Drive whose property backs on to 'Green Space' are concerned that a piece of land they hold on Licence may be subject to planning. The council informed Mrs Brant that they were not aware of any forthcoming planning application but they would keep her informed of any developments. Mr and Mrs Bryant left the meeting and the meeting recommenced.

6. Elections of Officers.

It was agreed for Mrs Wenham to join the Clerks Finance Working Group and for Mr Rhodes to take over as Finance Officer.

7. To Consider The Adoption Of The Minutes Of The Meeting Held On 8th September, 2008.

Deferred until the next meeting.

8. Correspondence For Information

As listed on the clerks report. Action Mr Hardy will complete the Waste Core Strategy questionnaire. An E Mail had been received concerning water on the footpath in Dock Lane, the Clerk and Mr Brown had investigated and hopefully the situation will be resolved. The parish council received a letter via Wychavon, from BT (with a short timetable for action) regarding the removal of the phone kiosk in Kinsham. A number of Kinsham residents (to be advised) had volunteered to take responsibility for the Kiosk; the Clerk on behalf of the parish council has applied to "Adopt the Kiosk" (without the payphone). There will be a cost involved to remove the electrics.

9. Invoices To Be Paid.

Wickstead Leisure £118.09, New Farms Grounds Maintenance £1,361.28, AJS Logging £200.00, Lengthsman £154.99, HMCR £98.60, Public Works Loan £3,145.72, Handyman Centre £9.99. Ms Allen Mileage expenses £26.35.

10. Progress Reports for Information.

a) Clerk. (report enc)

b) Footpaths Officer.

c) Playing Field Support Group.

The working party have compiled a questionnaire. Action. Clerk and Mr Masters to obtain quotes for printing. The spindle on the roundabout has broken, Mr Masters to contact supplier. Action Clerk to ask the Lengthsman to spray weed killer in the Cherry Orchard play area. Informal minutes of the meeting of interested parties in the playing fields meeting held on 29th September (Enc)

d) Bredon Village Hall/ Working Party.

Mr Hardman was asked to leave the meeting.

e) Bredons Norton Village Hall.

f) Lengthsman.**g) Clerks' Finance Working Group.**

A meeting had been held; the precept for 2009/10 was discussed and will be on the agenda for the next meeting.

h) Web Site.

Action Clerk to E mail Web address to all councillors again and to ask Mr Verrechia if he will link the website to other parish websites.

i) Training /Parish Plan.

Cllrs Brown, Rhodes, Jenkins, Allen, Frampton and the Clerk will attend Standards Committee Training Evening to be held in Pershore on 22nd October.

j) County and District Councillor.

Cllr Hardman thanked Mrs Wenham for her contribution as chairman of the parish council. The flood drainage work in Kinsham was ongoing. The council was asked if they would like £500.00 spent on tree cutting at Waterloo Corner, this was agreed. The Cllr would continue to oppose the proposed Windfarm at Strensham and advised that Wychavon had 1.5 million invested in Icelandic Banks!

k) Bredon Hill Conservation Group.

The proposed Strensham Wind Farm will be on the agenda for the next meeting. Bredon asked the group for its support in challenging the 'Proposed Changes' to the SWRSS. The group will be submitting a comment on the SWRSS, which if extra housing is built either at Mitton or Ashchurch, will impact on the road infrastructure of some Bredon Hill Villages. Bredon has asked the group for its support in seeking Article 4 directions to counteract changes to the Town & Country Planning Order.

11. Planning

The council is concerned by the large increase in new housing allocated to the Tewkesbury area in the 'Proposed Changes' to the South West Regional Spatial Strategy, and the adverse effects this will have on transport and flooding. It was agreed for Mr Rhodes to submit a comment on the 'Proposed Changes'.

Changes to the Town & Country Planning Order came into effect on 1 October, which remove a number of the previous restrictions on permitted development in Conservation Areas and the AONB. It was agreed that the council will ask Wychavon to reinstate these controls in Bredon Parish's conservation areas with the use of Article 4(2) Directions.

Consultation

W/08/02401/PP 3 Cotswold Close Bredon Rear Conservatory. Recommended

W/08/02574/PP 23 Grange Field Road, Bredon Conservatory Recommended.

Approval Notice

W/08/02133/CU The Penns Chapel Lane, Westmancote Change of use of land.

W/08/02024/PP Little Claydon, Westmancote. Extension and alterations to existing dwelling.

W/08/01553/PN Bredon House, Bredon Amendment to approved planning.

W/08/02282/PP Lower Farm House, Lower Lane, Kinsham. Single storey extension and detached garage.

W/08/01776/PP Cottestone, Westmancote Proposed garden room and detached summer house.

12. Update on the Condition of The Car Park In Dock Lane.

Action Mr Brown and Mr Rhodes to investigate possible drainage solutions for the Dock to prevent further build ups of silt, during flooding.

13. To Discuss the Road Signs On Westmancote And Lower Westmancote.

New sign wills be placed in Westmancote and Lower Westmancote but not until the next financial year.

14. Update Parish Car Parks.

Mr Frampton had arranged a meeting between the residents of Brensham Court and PC Shephard but due to a lack of response had been cancelled. This item will be removed from the agenda. The council approved the quote to install a barrier on the Brensham Court side of the Bowling club car park.

16. To Comment On Flooding Maps.

The Flood maps for Kinsham and Queensmead had been returned to Wychavon.

15. To Discuss Replacing Benches In The Parish.

Deferred for further investigation, Action Clerk and Chairman. advert to go in parish magazines to ask if any one would like to sponsor a memorial bench.

17. To Discuss Housing Needs Survey Report.

The council agreed to remove this item until Mr Potter contacted the council.

18. To Discuss Subscription to LANT.

It was agreed to continue the subscription.

19. To Discuss Donation to Vitalise.

It was agreed not to contribute.

21. Discuss the letter from Mr Drane concerning the Bus Service.

An investigation is currently being carried out by Mr Rhodes into the bus service, it was agreed that the parish council would not be able to influence the punctuality of the bus service,

20. To Consider Discussing Rate Relief in Open or closed session.

It was agreed by 6 votes to 5 to hold this item in open session. The Clerk asked to minute that the advice from The National Association of Local Councils, The Worcestershire County Association of Local Councils, Mr. Marshall (Head of Legal & Support Services for Wychavon) and the Clerk's advice was to hold the discussion in closed session as details of individuals may be discussed.

22. Items for Future Agenda.

23. Date of Next Meeting.

Monday 10th November.