

BREDON & BREDON'S NORTON PARISH COUNCIL

The minutes of Bredon Parish Council Annual Meeting held at Bredon Village Hall on **Monday 13th November 2023 at 7:00pm.**

Present: Councillors: Mr Nick Bradley (Chairman), Ms Karen Brooks, Mr Matt Darby, Mr Kevin Falvey, Ms Katie Hall, Mr Andrew Rhodes, Mr Declan Shiels, Mr Rob Sly and Mr Brod Whiting.

In Attendance: Mr Tim Drew (Clerk).

1. Apologies for Absence.

Cllr Mr Colin Davidson, and Cllr Adrian Hardman.

2. Declaration of Interests.

Cllr Darby declared a declared an ODI (Prejudicial) for Item 5 a) ii as owner of a neighbouring farm and friend of the applicant.

Cllr Sly has an existing dispensation for SWDP related matters (5 c).

3. To consider the Adoption of the Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 9th October 2023.

These minutes were **agreed**.

4. Finances:

- i. Invoices to be paid:

Village Hall

Jo Lomasney	Balance of Wages – October 2023	£100.63
Kevin Falvey	VH Toilet Door Repairs (RPK)	£40.00

Parish Council:

Timothy Drew	Balance of Wages – October 2023	£254.45
Proludic Ltd	Bearing & Housing for Roll-Up (BCPR)	£388.12
Paul Castle Associates	Traffic Surveys (Bruce Bamber)	£1200.00
Pippins Accountancy	Q2 2023-24 VAT & Bookkeeping	£157.50
RBL Poppy Appeal	Poppy Wreath	£25.00
David Gray	Green PVC Coated Steel Wire Fencing (BCPR)	£24.99
Bredon Community Care	Food for Warm Welcome Event 2/11/23	£140.00
Greenworks	Mowing – September 2023 (x2)	£1822.39
David Gray	Lengthsman – September 2023 (Highways)	£360.00
David Gray	Lengthsman – September 2023 (Parish)	£45.00

All payments above were **agreed**.

- ii. To approve the Financial Report.

The October 2023 bank statements and cash book were **approved**.

5. Planning:

- a) For Approval:

- i. W/23/01097/HP The Causeway, Malthouse Lane, Bredon, GL20 7LE

Addition of a two-storey front gable, two-storey side and rear extensions and alterations to dwelling.

Objection. The comments relating to boundaries, as posted by neighbours, were noted. This application is problematic in terms of both scale and impact on heritage assets. The site itself is a heritage asset, and the plans would also impact neighbouring listed buildings and the Conservation Area. The proposal currently does not comply with the Neighbourhood Plan or the local plan. Amendments are to be sought.

- ii. W/23/01952/FUL Manor Farm Bungalow, Farm Lane, Westmancote, GL20 7ES
Erection of a single detached dwelling with detached car port on land to the east of Manor Farm Bungalow.

(Note: Cllr Darby left the meeting for this Item).

Outside the conservation area but in the Area of Outstanding Beauty (AOB) but only one posted comment from neighbours posted.

No objection, as no justifiable reason, policy and planning reason for refusal.

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

b) Approved:

- i. W/23/01614/HP – Greenacres, Kemerton Road, Westmancote, Bredon, GL20 7EN
- ii. W/23/01216/HP - Rose Cottage, Lower Lane, Bredon's Norton, GL20 7FB
- iii. W/23/00528/HP - Laburnum Cottage, Manor Lane, Bredon's Norton, GL20 7HB
- iv. W/23/00528/LB - Laburnum Cottage, Manor Lane, Bredon's Norton, GL20 7HB
- v. W/23/01451/HP - The Stones, Westmancote, Bredon, GL20 7ES
- vi. W/23/01869/HP - 10 Vallenders Road, Bredon, GL20 7HL
- vii. W/23/01814/FUL - The Chapel, Chapel Lane, Kinsham, Bredon, GL20 8HS

c) SWDP Review:

A recent consultation regarding general strategy was arranged with Richard Buxton Legal Team and Barrister. There are several areas to challenge but the duty to cooperate across county and district boundaries is an unresolved issue, as is Tewkesbury Borough Council's problematic land supply position. The Council will prioritise its goals.

There is no update posted on the SWDP website relating to the dates for the Inspector's Examination in Public. This is likely to be in the Spring of 2024 but could be earlier.

The WCC Education response to the Mitton Bank Primary School has now been received and is based on outdated information and does not account for Fiddington development. It was **agreed** that any priority expenditure, required by the Planning Working Group and Transport and Organisations Working Group, could proceed prior to Council ratification.

d) Garden Town (TGT) Update:

The rough draft concept master plan has not yet been produced. The Chairman will attend the TGT parish liaison group on 22nd November. A National Highways communication issued states the two-slip-road proposal for M5 Junction 9 is not proceeding. TGT has published new Governance Structures.

e) Other Planning Matters:

Cllrs Bradley and Sly are confirmed attendees at Wychavon's Planning Communities Together event on 23rd November 2023.

6. BCPR Update.

BCPR's minutes from their meeting on 7th November will be circulated to the Council prior to the December meeting. The Playing Field footpaths and their drainage issues were discussed, and various remedial options will be explored including the outcomes of Bredon Star RFC's recent drainage scheme. Section 106 monies can be spent on car park fencing.

7. Biodiversity Policy.

Government guidance published on 17th May 2023 clarifies that, as a public authority, a parish council must:

- Consider what they can do to conserve and enhance biodiversity.
- Agree policies and specific objectives based on their consideration.
- Act to deliver their policies and achieve their objectives.

To comply with the guidance, it was **agreed** to adopt the CALC Diversity Policy and Action Plan covering actions that the Council will take itself as well as support for the actions of other local bodies. Any biodiversity concerns will be fully considered when commenting on planning applications.

8. Parish Precept 2023-24.

This will be determined at the next Executive and Finance meeting on 21st November 2023. There was a consensus that a 5% uplift would be required to mitigate inflation over the last two years.

9. Compensation Claim for Main Car Park.

A user of the Village Hall is claiming compensation resulting from a fall on 27th January 2023 near the Main Road car park. This has now been referred to the Council's Insurers.

10. Airband Community Internet.

A request for a wayleave for a replacement pole at the Village Hall has now been withdrawn.

11. Chandler Room Floor Usage by U3A for 'Kurling'.

The U3A Group are having problems carrying out their activity the Kurling stones (which run on ball bearings) are no longer travelling along the floor as they should. Cllr Falvey has received quotations ranging from £1,200 to £6,000 to resurface and seal the floor. The Council spent £750 on the floor in September 2022 and the Hall Manger has also swept and mopped the floor before the weekly Kurling session. It was **agreed** the Clerk should write to U3A advising there would be no further expenditure on the Chandler Room floor.

12. Community Speed Watch Initiative.

A Kinsham resident has offered to undertake the administration of this initiative which was **agreed**. Clerk to respond with thanks for the offer and provide further information.

13. Progress Reports and Updates.

a) County and District Councillor:

- No report.

Cllr Hardman has notified the Council that the Bredon to Kinsham footpath and the resurfacing work on the pathway adjoining Dock Lane have both been completed.

b) Police Report:

- Burglaries in Back Lane and Oak Lane have been reported and a window was smashed in Church Street. Upright fencing at the Play Area had been removed and damaged.

c) Working Groups.

- The Executive & Finance meeting was postponed from October to 21st November 2023.

14. Correspondence, Progress Reports and Updates for Information.

The Clerk circulated the following correspondence for consideration by the Council:

- Worcestershire Tree Warden Scheme.
- Public Rights of Way Parish Lengthsman Scheme.
- Local Flood Risk Management Strategy Update.

15. Councillors Reports and Items for Future Agenda:

The Parish Magazine for December 2023 to include the Police & Crime Commissioner and Police Meeting, Warm Welcome Space, Christmas Tree, Improvements to the Village Hall Kitchen and Mitton Bank and Tewkesbury Garden Town Updates.

CLlr Falvey updated on various maintenance and repairs required for the Village Hall including toilet doors and guttering.

15. Date of Next Meeting:

11th December 2023