

BREDON & BREDON'S NORTON PARISH COUNCIL

The minutes of Bredon Parish Council Annual Meeting held at Bredon Village Hall on **Monday 8th January 2024 at 7:00pm.**

Present: Councillors: Mr Nick Bradley (Chairman), Ms Karen Brooks, Mr Matt Darby, Mr Colin Davidson, 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), Mr Mike Cluer, Mr John Haughan and four members of the public.

1. Apologies for Absence.

Cllr Adrian Hardman.

2. Derrick Grainger RIP.

A minute's silence was observed in memory of Derrick, who sadly passed away in December 2023.

3. Declaration of Interests.

Cllr Darby declared a declared an ODI (non-pecuniary) for Item 6 a) ii as family owns neighbouring farmland.

Cllr Sly declared an ODI for 6 c) and has an existing dispensation for the South Worcestershire Development Plan Review specific to the strategic allocation at Mitton.

4. To consider the Adoption of the Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 11th December 2023.

These minutes were **agreed**.

5. Finances:

i. Invoices to be paid:

Village Hall

Jo Lomasney	Balance of Wages – December 2023	£51.98
RPK Maintenance	Replace Disable Toilet Door & Frame	£865.00

Parish Council:

Timothy Drew	Balance of Wages – December 2023	£171.25
TV Licensing	Parish Council Office TV	£159.00
Bredon Village Fish & Chips	Warm Area Function 07/12/2023	£175.00

All payments above were **agreed**.

ii. To approve the Financial Report.

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

6. Planning:

a) For Approval:

i. W/23/02310/FUL The Firs, Cheltenham Road, Kinsham, GL20 8GF *Erection of detached dwelling with associated works.*

Objection, the land for the detached dwelling is designated green space in the Neighbourhood Plan and conflicts with SWDP 38.

- ii. W/23/02524/FUL Land At (OS 9352 3714), Kemerton Road, Westmancote
Change of use of land to provide 3 static caravan pitches for occupation by related gypsies/travellers. Associated works including the laying of hardstandings and erection of two storage sheds.

Objection. Following a detailed discussion, the Council's detailed consultee response will be based on the following reasons: Conflict with National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF), Planning Policy for Travellers Sites (PPTS), Bredon Neighbourhood Plan (BNP), NP3 Local Green Space, NP2 Local Gaps, Landscape Harm and Road Safety. The application is not different from the previous application and there have not been neighbour consultations. Clerk to contact Worcestershire Highways pointing out road safety issues.

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

b) Approved:

- i. W/23/01274/HP Jasmine House, Manor Lane, Bredon's Norton, GL20 7EZ

c) SWDP Review:

A separate 365 for Business file has been created for Richard Buxton Solicitors. It was **agreed** that Cllr Darby would respond to the Design Code Consultation on the Council's behalf.

d) Garden Town (TGT) Update:

Cllr Bradley attended TGT Project Oversight Board and TGT Parish Liaison. The former included a presentation by the Developers (North Ashchurch Land Consortium) including Bellway Homes, Bromford Housing, HarperCrew and Mansfield Partners (Overbury Estates).

The Ashchurch Bridge over Rail (ABoR) is still under consideration.

There is a plan to reduce traffic on the A46 but no information on alternative routes. The Gloucestershire Highways traffic model is still awaited.

TGT Parish Liaison were provided with a Draft Charter for Sustainable Growth in Garden Communities for which a response will be provided by the Planning Working Group.

The TGT now targets 4,000 homes but Mitton Bank is not included.

e) Contingency position with Mitton Bank Developers.

This matter was deferred.

f) Other Planning Matters:

No information.

7. Grass cutting Tender.

Greenworks submitted a successful tender, and it was **agreed** a contract would be awarded for 3 years until end of 2026. Clerk to confirm to Greenworks.

8. BCPR Update.

An update on Play Area fencing replacement is pending. Clerk to write to Sports Clubs (Football, Rugby & Tennis) for their views on an external Table Tennis Table located adjacent to the MUGA and Tennis Club. Clerk to contact Wychavon regarding additional and upgraded Playing Field Waste Bins.

CCTV provision was discussed but government guidance was required to include consultation, policy and research. It was **agreed** that Cllr Falvey would request the Police to address the council.

9. Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner (OPCC) Grants.

It is difficult for the Council to meet the application requirements, but it was **agreed** Cllr Falvey would start to progress this matter.

10. Progress Reports and Updates.

- a) County and District Councillor:
 - No Report.
- b) Police and Defibrillator Report:
 - PC 21751 Molly Keeler, Safer Neighbourhood Officer attended the Warm Room in December 2023 and will be at future events when available.
 - There has been anti-social behaviour reported at Cherry Orchard Play Area.
 - There has been limited vandalism of the St Giles Bus Shelter.
 - No Defibrillator update.
- c) Working Groups.
 - Meetings being planned for January/February 2024.

11. Correspondence, Progress Reports and Updates for Information.

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

- A previous request to start the process to consider naming a road at Lower Westmancote has been withdrawn.
- Cllr Shiels has submitted an application for the Wychavon Rural Fund on behalf of the Council. Clerk to distribute the Wychavon Community Legacy Grants email to Councillors.
- Wychavon have called for changes to rules on communication poles.

12. Councillors Reports and Items for Future Agenda:

Cllr Shiels advised the February 2024 Parish Magazine would cover Local Police Engagement, February Warm Welcome, Tewkesbury Garden Town & Mitton Bank, Apologies to Village Hall Users and Worcestershire BorrowBox.

Cllr Shiels requested the Bus Shelter on the corner of Cheltenham Road be a February Agenda Item.

15. Date of Next Meeting:

12th February 2024

Notes of Public Question Time:

Six members of the public addressed the parish council to express their concerns relating to the Long Furlong planning application (W/23/02524/FUL). The Chairman explained the planning process, the provisions of the Neighbourhood Plan, judicial reviews and enforcement. The potential traffic problems and dangers turning onto or off the Kemerton Road were highlighted. A high number of objections from parishioners, posted on the Wychavon Planning website, were also noted.