

BREDON & BREDON'S NORTON PARISH COUNCIL

The minutes of Bredon Parish Council Annual Meeting held at Bredon Village Hall on **Monday 12th February 2024 at 7:00pm.**

Present: Councillors: Mr Nick Bradley (Chairman), Mr Matt Darby, Mr Colin Davidson, Mr Kevin Falvey, Mr Declan Shiels, Mr Rob Sly and Mr Brod Whiting.

In Attendance: Mr Tim Drew (Clerk), Cllr Adrian Hardman. PCSO 40501 Ashley Smith, PCSO Claire Doughty 6562, Mr Martin Miles and Ms Andrea Freestone.

1. Apologies for Absence.

Cllr Ms Katie Hall and Cllr Andrew Rhodes.

2. Terry Onions RIP.

A minute's silence was observed in memory of Terry, who sadly passed away in January 2024.

3. Declaration of Interests.

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 8th January 2024.

These minutes were **agreed**.

5. Finances:

i. Invoices to be paid:

Village Hall

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| Jo Lomasney | Balance of Wages – January 2024 | £230.01 |
| RPK Maintenance * | Ladies Toilet Refurbishment w/c 12/01/24 | £939.99 |
| RPK Maintenance * | Ladies Toilet Refurbishment w/c 19/01/24 | £900.00 |
| RPK Maintenance * | Ladies Toilet Refurbishment w/c 26/01/24 | £880.62 |
| PPL/PRS | VH Annual Music Licence | £848.47 |
| CW Hygiene | Consumables | £66.04 |
| Teddy Albert Ltd | VH Drainage & Sewer Repairs | £410.00 |
| Fantastically Fresh | Warm Room Event Catering | £218.40 |
| Sheldon Inns | Warm Room Event Catering | £240.00 |

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| Timothy Drew | Balance of Wages – January 2024 | £302.80 |
| David Gray | Lengthsman – January 2024 | £480.00 |
| Richard Buxton Solicitors | Professional Fees for SWDPR | £1500.00 |

All payments above were **agreed** and it was proposed the next Assets Working Group review the budgets for Village Hall projects.

ii. To approve the Financial Report.

The January 2024 bank statements and cash book were **approved**.

6. Planning:

- a) For Approval:
- i. W/23/02585/FUL Willow Barn, Tewkesbury Road, Bredon's Hardwick, GL20 7EB
Change of use of land to residential garden. Proposed extensions to dwelling.
The Parish Council were unable to respond as a consultee because Wychavon Planning made decision to approve the application prior to their agreed revised consultation extension date.
 - ii. W/24/00197/HP Manor Farm House, Lower Lane, Kinsham, GL20 8HT
Renovations and Alterations to Main House & Curtilage Listed Barn (Retrospective).
The changed internal configuration was noted, but the Parish Council are unable to comment fully as the drawings provided are inadequate for the purpose. It is important the Conservation Officer's views should be taken into account.
 - iii. W/24/00198/LB Manor Farm House, Lower Lane, Kinsham, GL20 8HT
Renovations and Alterations to Main House & Curtilage Listed Barn (Retrospective).
As W/24/00197/HP above.
 - iv. W/24/00162/HP Box Cottage, Lower Lane, Kinsham, GL20 8HT
Erection of single storey rear extension and garage terrace.
It is recommended that any approval should state the Extension/Garage should remain ancillary to the main building.
 - v. W/23/02457/HP Rose Cottage, Lower Lane, Bredon's Norton, GL20 7FB
Removal of existing roof, introduction of breathable felt and replacement of existing roof.
No objection.

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

- b) Approved:
- i. W/23/01577/HP Manor Farm House, Farm Lane, Westmancote, GL20 7ES
 - ii. W/23/01578/LB Manor Farm House, Farm Lane, Westmancote, GL20 7ES

c) SWDP Review:

The first two responses to the Inspector's Questions have been submitted. A Bioscan UK survey of the SWDPR site (£2,640.00) was **agreed** and Cllr Hardman will use a discretionary allowance of £1,500 towards this expenditure. The Clerk will write to SWDPR, with a report from the local Mitton based Ornithologist, to highlight the deposit of cut-tree wood near the pond which is a protected Amphibian species habitat (i.e., Great Crested Newt).

d) Tewkesbury Garden Town (TGT) Update:

Cllr Bradley stated the agenda for the last TGT Parish Liaison was prepared by Tewkesbury Borough Officers and not the Liaison Group. Four major routes to serve the Garden Town have been put forward to National Highways but these have not been disclosed.

Four stopping trains per hour are planned for Ashchurch Station by 2027-28, but this cannot be achieved without major infrastructure change.

The TGT is still at a concept stage with no detail provided, although an initial outline application for 2,000 homes is expected in Q3/Q4 2024.

Laurence Robertson, MP for Tewkesbury, addressed the House of Commons regarding constituency flooding, calling for a reduction in the Local Plan new build housing requirement to be reduced from 11,000 to 4,000 homes in the next 4-5 years.

A Bioscan UK ecological and habitats survey, relating to the Curlew, for £1,310 was **agreed**.

e) Other Planning Matters:

There are no new documents posted on the two Mitton Bank planning applications and Clerk will write to Highways England (Neil Hanson) to request their recommendation is extended.

7. 2024 Wychavon Legacy Grants.

These apply to larger expenditure items. An Energy Efficiency Grant was rejected due to Village Hall ownership and no further bids are appropriate at present.

8. Safer Communities Event.

Cllr Bradley was contacted by the District Community Safety Officer offering a Community Safety Roadshow, providing public reassurance, at Bredon Village Hall. This was **agreed** and the Clerk is to respond, suggesting a date in May or June 2024.

9. Cheltenham Road Junction Bus Shelter.

Cllr Shiels will source quotations to adapt the building as a book exchange. Would need to be adaptable, should the shelter need to resume as a bus shelter in future.

10. Bredon Community Play and Recreation (BCPR) Update.

In Cllr Hall's absence, the relationship with BCPR was discussed. Due the urgency of the Play Area fence, Cllr Davidson will undertake this project.

11. Agenda and Length of Monthly Meetings.

Monthly meetings need to be reduced in duration. Additional meetings, agenda content, correspondence circulation, item target times and Working Group inputs were discussed. The Chairman and Clerk will meet and make recommendations for consideration at the March meeting.

12. Progress Reports and Updates.

a) County and District Councillor:

- The County budget increase is 4.94%.
- A High Court Injunction at Long Furlong, to prevent further development, is being progressed.
- Eckington Parish Council are considering leasing adjacent land to Castle View.
- Flooding Surveys are being undertaken on the B4080, Chains Corner and Croft Farm near the Hardwick Bank junction.

b) Police and Defibrillator Report:

- Expenditure of £513 for two new defibrillator batteries was **agreed**.
- There has been further anti-social behaviour at the Play Area and the Dock which has been investigated by the Police.

c) Working Groups.

- Transport & Organisations met in January and discussed the installation of EV Chargers on the Main Car Park and provision of a bike rack.

13. Correspondence, Progress Reports and Updates for Information.

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

- A Village Hall Toilet Flooring quotation (£1,720) from MA Flooring was **agreed**.
- A Parish Council Councillor Vacancy will be advertised during the last two weeks of February.
- The Hedge at Grange Field Road is being reviewed by Cllr Hardman.
- Change of contact details for Cotswolds National Landscape.
- Natural Networks Funding.

- Hereford & Worcester Fire and Rescue Service (HWFRS) - Consultation Resource Review.
- Local Government Boundary Commission for Worcestershire.
- Public Consultation CGT Strategic and Local Plan.
- WDC - Parish and Town Newsletter.
- Bredon to Kinsham Footpath damage.

14. Councillors Reports and Items for Future Agenda:

CLlr Falvey advised of a request for the 'Great Sleep Out' event on the Playing Field in March. This was agreed in principle.

CLlr Falvey advised that Hallmaster payments in 2023 were £27k and some unpaid invoices are being investigated.

CLlr Shiels advised the March 2024 Parish Magazine would cover Local Police Engagement, Recent Flooding and Warm Welcome events for March 2024.

15. Date of Next Meeting:

11th March 2024

Notes of Public Question Time:

PCSO Claire Doughty 6562 and PCSO 40501 Ashley Smith, covered their activities in the parish to counter anti-social behaviour and damage to property. CCTV considered to be a preventative tool although some concerns when located in children's play areas. There is a possibility of sourcing borrowed cameras from Wychavon although power supplies could be an issue. CCTV installed needs to provide clear images for evidence and good lighting for night vision. Policy is to re-educate youth. Community Protection Notice Warnings have been issued to offenders. There is also concern relating to recent posting on social media which is being mitigated by liaison with schools, parents, and other child agencies.

Martin Miles, speaking on behalf of local residents to his home, advised that the individuals associated with anti-social behaviour and damage to property were known locally. Although CCTV may displace this activity, it is needed to assist the Police and could make a material difference to the village, particularly as some elderly parishioners choose not to leave their homes.

Andrea Freestone expressed concern about the 'toddler fence' at the Play Area and referred to the BCPR proposal for the fence, subject to preferred cost options.