

BREDON & BREDON'S NORTON PARISH COUNCIL

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

Present: Councillors: Mr Nick Bradley (Chairman), Ms Karen Brooks, Mr Matt Darby, Mr Colin Davidson, Ms Katie Hall, Mr Declan Shiels and Mr Rob Sly.

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

1. Apologies for Absence.

Cllrs Mr Kevin Falvey, Mr Andrew Rhodes and Mr Brod Whiting.

2. Declaration of Interests.

None.

3. To consider the Adoption of the Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 11th March 2024.

These minutes were **agreed**.

4. Finances:

- i. Invoices to be paid:

Village Hall

Jo Lomasney	Balance of Wages – March 2024	£307.93
Darren Rosser	Bar Work – March 2024	£54.33
S J Booth Electrical	Replacement LED Light Panels in Kitchen/Servery	£747.92
S J Booth Electrical	Replacement LED Light Panels in Jubilee Room	£625.69
S J Booth Electrical	Replacement LED Light Panels in WC's & Hallway	£915.70

Parish Council:

Timothy Drew	Balance of Wages – March 2024	£212.95
David Gray	Lengthsman – March 2024 (Highways)	£480.00
David Gray	Lengthsman – March 2024 (Parish)	£180.00
Kemerton Conserv'n Trust	Playing Field Rental (Oct 2023 to Sep 2024))	£425.00
Clear Insurance	Bredon Community Care Annual Insurance	£461.62
Scribe (Starboard Systems)	Accounts Software Setup (Sage Replacement)	£418.80

The Clerk explained the switch of accounting system from Sage to Scribe with effect from 1st April 2024 and the software setup charge.

a) All payments above were **agreed**.

b) To approve the Financial Report.

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

5. Planning:

a) For Approval:

- i. W/24/00579/AGR Nortonside Farm, Eckington Rd, Bredon's Norton, WR10 3DE
Proposed livestock building for livestock and storage.

No objection.

The above comment was **agreed**.

b) Approved:

- i. W/24/00162/HP Box Cottage, Lower Lane, Kinsham, GL20 8HT
- ii. W/23/02457/HP Rose Cottage, Lower Lane, Bredon's Norton, GL20 7FB

c) Refused:

- i. W/23/01952/FUL Manor Farm Bungalow, Farm Lane, Westmancote, GL20 7ES
- ii. W/24/00203/FUL Land At (OS 9348 3560), Watery Lane, Kinsham

d) SWDP Review:

No update, but there are rumours that Wychavon Councillors are lobbying for the removal of Mitton Bank from SWDPR.

e) Tewkesbury Garden Town (TGT) Update:

At a recent Parish Liaison meeting, Tewkesbury Borough Officers gave updates, which included the Charter. There is little willingness to sign the Charter as there is no roadmap and only speculative development is covered. No transport or flood assessment has been undertaken to date. The application for 300 homes on the North-East corner of Ashchurch Camp is expected soon. The North Ashchurch Consultation Exhibition is taking place at Bredon Village Hall on Tuesday 9th April 2024. Parish Councillors were encouraged to attend and there will be a social media posting.

f) Other Planning Matters:

Croft Farm application W/23/01798/FUL has been referred to the Wychavon Planning Committee on 29th April 2004. The Council will send a representative depending on the Planning Officer's recommendation.

There is no update on Long Furlong application W/23/02524/FUL other than WCC Highways require a tapered widening of the site entrance (splay) to increase visibility.

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

It was concluded that the current relationship between the Council and BCPR was not working, and it is difficult to see the way forward. It was **agreed** that Cllr Davidson would formulate and draft an alternative approach with a proposal forwarded by the Assets Working Group for BCPR's views and comments.

It was **agreed** to accept the Play Area Fencing quotation (metal fencing on 3 sides & gateways) from Greenfields and place the order by 30th April. The work would start 6 weeks from order and is expected to take 2-3 weeks. The replacement fencing & associated gates would only be eligible for the 'Public Open Space' Section 106 Fund which was to be allocated to the Outside Table Tennis. If this sum was to be used, the application process would delay the installation by at least three months, which was thought to be unacceptable.

The Council will pay for the Outdoor Table Tennis Table, which has now been approved by the Sports Clubs, and request BCPR to use their earmarked monies towards the Play Area Fencing. Cllr Davidson agreed to investigate what options exist for the expenditure of the 'Formal Sport' Section 106 allocation recognising that, based upon feedback from Wychavon, external gym equipment would not be eligible for funding.

A RoSPA Annual Inspection was **agreed**, based on their fee of £605 plus VAT, for the four areas with play equipment.

7. Tree Planting Scheme.

The tree survey from BJ Unwin from February 2021 was considered and it was recognised that liaison with both Worcestershire Highways and searches for underground services would be

necessary. This issue was deferred, and Cllr Darby will review the survey proposal and breakdown of planting.

8. Progress Reports and Updates.

a) County and District Councillor:

- There are pending County elections for Worcester, Redditch and Police and Crime Commissioner so activity is at low level.
- A discretionary payment of £1,000 will be made towards the Bioscan Ecology Survey.
- Worcestershire County Council are undergoing a re-organisation and are calling for voluntary redundancies. The County overspend of £15M is less than anticipated. There are 1,100 children in care which equates to a £4M budget overspend.
- WCC Highways are still working to resolve the flooding issues between the two Bredon's Norton road junctions.
- Bredon's Hardwick broadband issues are under review and being progressed.

b) Police and Defibrillator Report:

- Easter was quiet for anti-social behaviour and there was a burglary at Kemerton Estates.
- A Defibrillator was deployed on Sunday, 24th March for an incident at the Fox & Hounds and Paramedics arrived very quickly.

c) Village Hall (VH) Issues:

Cllr Falvey provided the following report in his absence:

- A specification to repair the blocked Drains under the VH will enable other requests for quotations.
- The bar in the Jubilee Room requires a new till.
- Lighting upgrades now completed – Kitchen, Jubilee Room, Disabled Toilet, Ladies Toilet, Gents Toilet, and Inner Foyer. All have emergency lights built in and are now controlled by PIR's.
- Outside lights at side of hall have been replaced.
- Future projects - Gents toilet, Old Hall Lighting Upgrade (Table Tennis Club have offered £500 towards cost), Old Hall hearing loop, Disabled toilet (new sink and tap, Foyer (painting and new curtains), Jubilee Room (floor revarnishing, painting & new curtains).

d) Working Group Update:

- Transport & Organisations and Assets meetings being held in May.

9. Correspondence, Progress Reports and Updates for Information.

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

- Repair of the External Fence at Bredon Telephone Exchange by CBRE.
- Details of Wychavon's Community Ownership Fund.
- An Invitation to Tewkesbury Town Council's Barn Dance at Watson Hall.

10. Councillors Reports and Items for Future Agenda:

The May 2024 Parish Magazine content includes North Ashchurch Garden Communities Exhibition, Playing Field Update, County Councillor Donations, Eckington Bridge, Police and Crime Commissioner Election and Warm Welcome Events.

Cllr Sly gave his apologies in advance for non-attendance at the May 2024 meetings.

11. Date of Next Meeting: 13th May 2024