

BREDON & BREDON'S NORTON PARISH COUNCIL

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

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

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

1. Apologies for Absence.

Cllr Ms Katy Hall.

2. Declaration of Interests.

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

Cllr Sly declared an ODI for 6 a) iv, as a neighbour of the site.

Cllr Darby declared an ODI for 6 b) i, as a friend of the applicant's family and owner of neighbouring farmland.

3. To agree membership of the various working groups and representative functions:

Cllrs Rhodes and Whiting confirmed their agreement to serve on Working Groups/Other Functions as per their nominations at the May meeting.

4. To consider the Adoption of the Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 10th June 2024.

These minutes were **agreed**.

5. Finances:

a) Invoices to be paid:

Village Hall

Jo Lomasney	Balance of Wages – June 2024	£248.11
CW Hygiene	Consumables	£66.88
Wychavon	VH Premises Licence	£180.00

Parish Council:

Timothy Drew	Balance of Wages – June 2024	£160.96
DKE Audit Services	Annual Internal Audit 2023-24	£275.00
David Gray	Lengthsman – June 2024 – Highways	£528.00
David Gray	Lengthsman – June 2024 – Parish	£433.49
Greenworks	Mowing – June 2024 (x3)	£2878.45
Greenworks	Glebeland Fence	£312.00
Wychavon	Clean & Empty 4 x Dog Bins	£451.49
Wychavon Cleaning &	Clean & Empty Dog Bin (Kinsham)	£112.87

All payments above were **agreed**.

b) To approve the Financial Report.

The June 2024 bank statements and Scribe Cashbook were **approved**.

6. Planning:

a) For Approval:

- i. W/24/00635/HP Assisi, Mill End, Bredon, GL20 7LQ
Rear single storey extension, new double garage and associated external works.
No objection, and not aware of any planning grounds for refusal (from June 2024).
- ii. W/24/01068/HP 47 Hill Close, Westmancote, Bredon, GL20 7EW
Single storey extension to side.
No objection, subject to the side extension's proximity to the next-door property being compliant with South Worcestershire Design Guide SPO 2018. Residents' objections and a precedent with a near-by property were noted.
- iii. W/24/00986/HP Mulberry Cottage, Back Lane, Bredon, GL20 7LH
Extend dwelling into the loft space to create extra bedrooms. Resubmission of W/18/01080/HP and W/21/00855/HP.
No objection, and not aware of any planning grounds for refusal.
- iv. W/24/01273/SCO Land at (OS 9140 3472) Tewkesbury Road, Bredon's Hardwick
Scoping Opinion for (Mitton Bank) proposed 500 dwellings allocated in the emerging South Worcestershire Development Plan review.
The information supplied is considered by the Council to be insufficiently robust and should be supported by other reports. It is noted that the area under consideration is limited in nature and fails to take into consideration other development proposed by this Developer on the enlarged site, but additionally the other local development planned. Natural England have made submissions on this site in relating to the SWDP, which indicate it is necessary to consider the cumulative effect of development along the Carrant Brook corridor. Therefore, the Council believe that the application should be deferred until further necessary information is supplied. This will ensure that the consultation is able to consider all relevant and necessary documentary evidence relating to the application, to allow them to reach an informed decision.

The above comments in were **agreed**.

b) Appeal:

- i. W 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.
The points covered in the Officers opinion were supported by the Council.
(Cllr Darby left the meeting for this item).

c) Approved:

- i. W/24/00657/HP Willow Barn, Tewkesbury Road, Bredon's Hardwick, GL20 7EB
- ii. W/24/00984/HP 1 Grange Field Road, Bredon, GL20 7AZ

d) SWDP Review:

Responses to queries from the Planning Inspectors have been submitted and Transport Modelling is now expected in August 2024. The revised Parish Council Neighbourhood Planning questionnaire has been reviewed by the Planning Working Group and a decision not to respond at this time was **agreed**.

e) Tewkesbury Garden Town (TGT) Update:

Meetings have been deferred until September. There have been two applications from Robert Hitchins for 240 homes. A Scoping Opinion from the North Ashchurch Consortium is pending. The

east of Ashchurch Army Camp is to be recommended as an Employment site. Ashchurch Rural are working with the Gloucestershire Wildfowl Trust on the Carrant Brook Corridor.

f) Other Planning Matters:

It was **agreed** the Clerk should write to both Gloucestershire and Worcestershire County Councils to request copies of their Traffic Modelling Submissions, for use in formulating a Neighbourhood Plan following SWDPR.

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

The Play Area Fencing has been installed and has received positive feedback.

The latest response from BCPR has been circulated to Councillors. It was agreed that Cllrs Bradley, Brooks, Davidson and Whiting would meet with BCPR in the Village Hall Office at a mutually agreed date and time in July/August 2024. Clerk to check for BCPR Terms of Reference on file.

8. Progress Reports and Updates.

a) County and District Councillor:

- The Wychavon Planning Officer is expected to recommend a 5 Year Temporary Consent, which will be opposed.
- Planning Application W/24/00690/PIP, for 2 x Houses on Land at Eckington Road, has been referred to a deferred Planning Committee meeting on 18th July 2024 and Cllr Bradley will speak on behalf of the Council.
- Both County and District are awaiting guidance from Central Government following the recent General Election.

b) Police and Defibrillator Report:

- The Village Hall and Westmancote Kiosk Defibrillators were deployed but not used. They have been refurbished and reinstalled.
- Cars were stolen from Main Road and doors were tested on vacant properties in Back Lane.
- Packets of Drugs were found in Blenheim Drive.

c) Working Groups:

- A schedule of meeting dates has been circulated to Councillors.
- The Assets Working group meets on 22nd July 2024.

9. Correspondence, Progress Reports and Updates for Information.

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

- The Chairman and Clerk are meeting with an Insurance Adjuster on 9th July 2024 to review the alleged accident on 27th January 2023.
- Bredon AFC have requested a document confirming their continued use of the Playing Field Pitches. After debate, it was decided the Council could not 'formally' confirm that Bredon AFC have a 'Right of Tenure' for the Playing Fields without a Lease in place, but a 'Letter of Comfort' could be issued. It was **agreed** that Cllr Bradley would liaise with the Football Club Chairman to assist. Cllr Falvey abstained.
- The Internal Audit Report for 2023-24, from DKE was circulated to Councillors and **agreed**.
- Confirmation from Worcestershire CALC that ang Bredon Parish Council Meeting must have four Councillors present to be Quorate.
- Cleaning of the Disabled Toilet by Bowling Club.
- Cllr Brooks will submit input for the September 2024 Parish Magazine during Cllr Shiels absence.

10. Councillors Reports and Items for Future Agenda:

CLlr Falvey highlighted the following maintenance/repair issues:

- Village Hall bench, Bus Shelter Graffiti, Hedge in Main Road near Blenheim Drive junction, Lower Westmancote path (all Lengthsman), and Toilet door lock.
- The fence at the telephone Exchange has been repaired satisfactorily by CBRE (for British Telecom).
- Clerk's Laptop hardware to be repaired by Complex Systems Direct of Tewkesbury.

CLlr Sly advised the new Diamond 540 bus service is now working well after some early 'teething problems'. It was **agreed** that he draft a letter to Diamond exploring future service options.

CLlr Shiels gave his apologies in advance for non-attendance at the August 2024 meeting.

11. Date of Next Meeting:

12th August 2024