

BREDON & BREDON'S NORTON PARISH COUNCIL

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

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

In Attendance: Mr Tim Drew (Clerk), Mr Geoff Sallis, Ms Jackie Price and Mr Peter Whitehead.

1. Apologies for Absence.

Cllrs Mr Andrew Rhodes, Mr Declan Shiels and Mr Adrian Hardman.

2. Declaration of Interests.

Cllr Sly declared an ODI for 5 e) and has an existing dispensation for the South Worcestershire Development Plan Review specific to the strategic allocation at Mitton.

Cllr Darby declared an ODI for 5 a) ii, as a neighbouring farmer.

3. To consider the Adoption of the Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 8th July 2024.

These minutes were **agreed**.

4. Finances:

a) Invoices to be paid:

Village Hall

Jo Lomasney	Balance of Wages – July 2024	£264.17
Booth Electrical	Ladies WC Bulkhead Light	£53.82
Thomas A Spry	Trimming Hedge by Pavement at VH	£91.00

Parish Council:

Timothy Drew	Balance of Wages – July 2024	£247.32
Greenfields Garden Services	Supply & Install Toddler Park Fence	£11818.80
David Gray	Lengthsman – July 2024 – Highways	£594.00
David Gray	Lengthsman – July 2024 – Parish	£458.21
Greenworks	Mowing – July 2024 (x2)	£1918.97
Pippins Accountancy	Q1 2024-25 VAT & Scribe Budget Updates	£315.00

All payments above were **agreed**.

b) To approve the Financial Report.

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

5. Planning:

a) For Approval:

- i. W/24/01409/HP 7 Pippins Road, Bredon, GL20 7NJ (Extension to 13th August)
Single storey front extension to existing property and fenestration alterations.

No objection and not aware of any planning grounds for refusal.

- ii. W/24/01460/HP Bredon Fields, Eckington Road, Bredon, GL20 7HE
Installation of twin fan air Source Heat Pump.

No objection and not aware of any planning grounds for refusal.

The above comments were **agreed**.

b) Refused:

- i. W/23/01605/FUL Westmancote Nurseries, Kemerton Road, Bredon

c) Approved:

- i. W/24/00635/HP Assisi, Mill End, Bredon, GL20 7LQ
- ii. W/24/00690/PIP Land at (OS 9268 3732), Eckington Road, Bredon

d) Appeal:

- i. APP/H1840/W/24/3339672: Windermere Cheltenham Road, GL20 8HP
Allowed, and planning permission is granted for two single storey dwellings.

e) SWDP Review:

Proposed planning reforms may mean the SWDPR needs to be updated immediately after being adopted to meet increased government housing targets. The Government's proposed method for calculating housing need would mean 2,152 homes a year will need to be built by 2041, with Wychavon having the largest share.

The Clerk has been contacted by Callum Warren (TFA Ltd – Public Affairs), on behalf of Barratt David Wilson (BDW) in relation to Mitton Bank. He will write to propose a meeting with a representative of the Developer, a Planning Consultant and TFA Ltd.

- i. It was **agreed** that the Council was not in a position to be able to respond to the Village Facilities and Rural Transport Survey, due to the SWDPR deadlines.

f) Tewkesbury Garden Town (TGT) Update:

Briefing meetings recommence on 2nd September and changes to TGT governance are expected.

g) Other Planning Matters:

A site inspection took place at Castle View on 18th July 2024 There is currently no breach of planning control. Only outstanding matters are the landscaping scheme and the southeast corner plot, both subject to planning applications. Some concerns have been raised over external lighting. A planning application for a five-level multi-storey car park, at the Cotswold Designer Outlet on the A46 Ashchurch Road, has been submitted to Tewkesbury Borough Council.

6. Biodiversity Policy and Action Plan.

In November 2023 the Council agreed to adopt CALC's model Biodiversity Policy and model Action Plan. This plan should have been reviewed and re-adopted at the annual meeting in May 2024. Cllr Darby has reviewed the provisions in the policy, which could potentially be inserted and removed without harming our ability to comply with the duty, and this was circulated to Councillors. It was **agreed** to adopt the revised Policy and Plan.

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

The Council met with representatives of BCPR but are awaiting notes and requests relating to the discussions. BCPR's Constitution and Terms of Reference were reviewed and the need to promote and maintain was considered. The quotation from Kompan for EN358260 Replacement Spring was **agreed**.

8. Progress Reports and Updates.

a) County and District Councillor:

- No report.

b) Police and Defibrillator Report:

- The Kinsham Defibrillator was deployed but not used. It has been refurbished and reinstalled.

- A black BMW has been parked in the Eckington Road car park for a lengthy period. It has been reported to the Police who will act after the tax expires at month end.
 - The vandalised benches at the Dock were reviewed and it was **agreed** to replace damaged slats with a suitable composite material.
- c) Working Groups:
- The Assets Working Group proposed to proceed with RPK Maintenance Estimate 1121 dated 1st August 2024, to refurbish the Village Hall Gents Toilets, including a payment in advance for materials and stage payments, with other extra works in the Disabled Toilet charged at the same hourly rate. This was **agreed**.
 - It was **agreed** that the Assets Working Group will produce a schedule of maintenance for the Village Hall based on an initial £2k budget.

9. Correspondence, Progress Reports and Updates for Information.

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

- A SafeAvon River Avon water quality presentation.
- A Pitch Maintenance Agreement produced for Bredon AFC.
- The Roadsign Damage at the Cheltenham Road Junction which Worcestershire Highways who have ordered and will install new signs and posts.
- Vandalism to benches at the Dock (see 8 b) above).
- Damage to the Steps at The Dock (Vandalism). Chris Washbourne has been asked to provide an estimate to repair.
- Details of the Malthouse Alley Temporary Footpath Closure.
- Guidance on the Safety of Lithium-ion Batteries and e-bikes and scooters.
- The final Worcestershire Boundary Commission document.
- Correspondence relating to Lower Avon crossing points.

10. Councillors Reports and Items for Future Agenda:

Cllr Falvey highlighted the following maintenance/repair issues:

- September 2024 Parish Magazine content to include SafeAvon, Malthouse Lane, Glebe Field Wildflower and Village Hall Upgrades.
- Cllrs Davidson and Whiting advised their apologies for the September 2024 meeting.
- Cllr Davidson requested to defer progress on the Eckington Road car park and Play Area drainage until November 2024 and liaise with Cllr Falvey. A Section 106 application will require 3 quotations.
- Cllr Sly is still collating feedback from parishioners on the Diamond 540 bus service, prior to contacting company.
- September 2024 Agenda Items:
 - SafeAvon support including a contribution and a public meeting (see Notes below).
 - Glebe Field burial extension funding (see Notes below).
 - Approval of Revised Financial Regulations (2024 Issue).
 - Plaque on Moreton Brook Bridge.
 - Moving date of December 2024 meeting, due to Clerk's unavailability.

11. Date of Next Meeting:

9th September 2024

Notes of Public Question Time:

Mr Geoff Sallis, who coordinates Safe Avon which monitors sewage pollution in the River Avon between Stratford-on-Avon and Tewkesbury, gave a presentation. SafeAvon are a volunteer organisation testing and monitoring water quality in the local area. They sample water along this route and keen to enlist more volunteers The parish council were asked to consider contributing to this work, by buying a testing kit for volunteers to use, and inviting speakers from SafeAvon to a public/community meeting later in the year.

Mr Peter Whitehead asked the Council for additional financial support towards the work involved in extending the churchyard at St Giles and the process to achieve full planning permission.