

BREDON & BREDON'S NORTON PARISH COUNCIL

The minutes of Bredon Parish Council Annual Meeting held at Bredon Village Hall on **Monday 9th September 2024 at 7:00pm.**

Present: Councillors: Mr Nick Bradley (Chairman), Ms Karen Brooks, Mr Kevin Falvey, Mr Declan Shiels and Mr Rob Sly.

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

1. Apologies for Absence.

Cllrs Mr Matt Darby, Mr Colin Davidson, Ms Katy Hall, Mr Andrew Rhodes and Mr Brod Whiting.

2. Declaration of Interests.

Cllr Bradley declared an ODI for 5 b) i, as the applicant.

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

3. To consider the Adoption of the Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 12th August 2024.

These minutes were **agreed.**

4. Finances:

a) Invoices to be paid:

Village Hall

Jo Lomasney	Balance of Wages – August 2024	£12.03
RPK Maintenance	Gents Toilet Refurbishment – Stage 1 Materials	£172.28
RPK Maintenance	Gents Toilet Refurbishment – Stage 2 Labour	£450.00
RPK Maintenance	Gents Toilet Refurbishment – Stage 3 Labour	£450.00
CW Hygiene	Consumables	£58.37

Parish Council:

Timothy Drew	Balance of Wages – August 2024	£196.86
David Gray	Lengthsman – August 2024 – Highways	£528.00
David Gray	Lengthsman – August 2024 – Parish	£165.00
Greenworks	Mowing – August 2024 (x2)	£1918.97
Packwood Printers	A2 No Parking Posters (x4)	£48.00
PKF Littlejohn	AGAR External Audit 2023-24	£504.00

All payments above were **agreed.**

b) To approve the Financial Report.

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

5. Planning:

a) For Approval:

- i. W/24/01574/HP 16 Orchard Close, Bredon, GL20 7NH
Single and two storey rear extensions, new porch and installation of solar panels.
No objection and not aware of any planning grounds for refusal.

The above comment was **agreed**.

b) Refused:

- i. W/24/00105/HP 10 Vallenders Road, Bredon, GL20 7HL
(Note: Cllr Bradley left the room for this item and Cllr Sly chaired the meeting).

c) SWDP Review:

Highways England have raised objections to the Worcestershire Highways model due in August, so this is now expected in December and a consequent delay to adoption of the plan. Cllr Bradley attended a Wychavon CALC meeting attended by Ian Macleod, Director of Planning & Infrastructure. He referred to the increased housing numbers following the change in Government. The Duty to Cooperate is being re-enforced and land supply numbers are currently unknown.

d) Tewkesbury Garden Town (TGT) Update:

The Liaison Group met last week, and Tewkesbury Borough Council's (TBC) Richard Stanley (Leader) and Alistair Cunningham (CEO) attended. The latter will have greater involvement with TGT delivery. Some Project Boards will be merged to streamline processes. Ashchurch Bridge over Rail (ABoR) is now being reactivated and TBC are looking to acquire land from the North Ashchurch Consortium. Consultation on A46 and M5 Junction 9 starts in October.

e) Other Planning Matters:

There has been a further caravan arrival at Long Furlong which has been referred to Planning enforcement and Cllr Hardman is considering referral to Wychavon Planning Committee and Worcestershire Regulatory Services.

6. Glebe Field Burial Extension.

Peter Whitehead's letter of 12th August 2024, on behalf of Bredon Parochial Church Council (BPCC), was discussed. It was **agreed** to contribute up to £6,500, subject to BPCC disclosing and providing verification of applicable costs. Clerk to respond.

7. SafeAvon.

It was **agreed** to support the SafeAvon initiative and Geoff Sallis was thanked for his presentation to the Council at the August meeting. Enquiries will be made on grants from Wychavon for testing kits and the Jubilee Room would be made available for a public presentation to residents supported by advertising on Council social media. This would be subject to dates and requirements and 2 months' notice. A presentation at future Warm Welcome and Bredon WI meetings was also proposed. Clerk to respond.

8. BCPR Update.

The Council's meeting with BCPR on 29th July 2024 was discussed and was viewed as constructive. BCPR's proposal, to replace the Climbing Frame Play Bark and donate £7,000 (excluding VAT) to cover the entire cost of the works, was **agreed**. Clerk to respond.

9. Moreton Bridge Plaque Replacement.

The Council have received a request from the Executors of Vanda Smith's Last Will and Testament. This is to update the plaque on the Moreton Brook Bridge to read "In Memory of WJ (Bill) Smith and wife Vanda" with the associated costs borne by the estate. This was **agreed**, Clerk to respond.

10. Change of Date for the December 2024 Meeting.

It was **agreed** to move the date from 9th to 16th December 2024, due to the Clerk's non-availability on the former date.

11. Progress Reports and Updates.

a) County and District Councillor:

- Cheynes Corner chevrons have been damaged on two occasions. An Armco Crash Barrier solution is being considered by Worcestershire Highways.
- A double gully will be installed at Cheynes Corner to improve drainage.
- Bredon's Norton drainage still ongoing but there has been some improvement.
- It is possible Wychavon could fund water testing kits (see SafeAvon above) and the Boxing Clever initiative.
- Funding for Warm Welcome meetings also under consideration and looking to arrange Pension Credit Advisor presentation at a future meeting.

b) Police and Defibrillator Report:

- The Kinsham Defibrillator was used. It has been refurbished and reinstalled.
- The vehicle parked in the Eckington Road has now been moved by the Police.
- Bredon Star RFC and Bredon AFC are monitoring suspected drug usage on their premises.
- Approximately 20 to 25 persons attended the Safer Communities Security Event at Bredon Village Hall on 29th August 2024.

c) Executive & Finance Working Group:

- The Working Group proposed adoption of revised Financial Regulations, as based on the NALC 2024 model. This was **agreed**.
- Cllrs Davidson and Whiting will work with the Chairman to progress the lease negotiations with the Sports Clubs and a meeting will be convened.

12. Correspondence, Progress Reports and Updates for Information.

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

- SafeAvon (as per Item 7 above).
- Boxing Clever – It was **agreed** to support this activity for 1 school term or two ½ terms, using the Old Hall on a Tuesday evening. Require a weekly update on numbers attending, a breakdown of where boys and girls from. Worcestershire County Council had agreed to provide a grant to be used on the Certificates and Medals for completing the course. West Mercia Police (WPC Molly Keeler) supports the initiative and will liaise Gloucestershire Police (re Northway).
- Natural Networks / Glebe Field – an update of Funds and Expenditure from Cllr Shiels.
- Bredon Bowling Club's Balcony Proposal has been withdrawn.
- National Planning Policy Framework Consultation for review.
- Wychavon Consultation on Draft Policy on Pavement Licensing for perusal.

13. Councillors Reports and Items for Future Agenda:

- October 2024 Parish Magazine content to include Bridge to Nowhere, Junction 9 of M5 Consultation, Damaged Road Signs and Speed Radars, Warm Welcome Events and Safer Neighbourhood Security Roadshow.
- Cllr Shiels advised works on the Glebe Field scheduled for 21st & 22nd September 2024.
- Cllr Sly requested that grass cutting areas to be an October 2024 Agenda Item.

14. Date of Next Meeting:

14th October 2024

Notes of Public Question Time:

Mr Adam Harper introduced the Boxing Clever to involve young people in the local community who can gain 3 awards which can be used to support many education settings and qualifications. Adam is proposing sessions of 45 minutes, requiring the use of the Old Hall for 2 hours on a Tuesday night. He has been running this club for some time now in Northway and working in conjunction with Gloucester Police. There has been a significant reduction in ASB. Adam does not charge for the classes and requested a consideration for a discount on the hire rate for the Hall. He intends to attract young people in the parish and would look to involve West Mercia Police.