

Bredon, Bredon's Norton and Westmancote Parish Council

Minutes of Bredon Parish Council Meeting held at Bredon Village Hall on Monday 8th August 2011.

Present: Cllrs Mr Matt Darby, Mr Kevin Falvey, Mr Allen Frampton, Mr Phil Handy (Chairman), Mr John Masters and Mr Andrew Rhodes.
In Attendance Ms Shields (Clerk), Mr and Mrs Neave and Cllr Adrian Hardman (County and District).

Mr Neave addressed the council regarding the proposed amendments to planning application no W/11/01221/PN.

1. Apologies For Absence.

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr's Mrs Gail Whiting, Mr Rob Sly and Mr Andrew Woodward.

2. Declaration Of Interests.

Councillors were reminded of the need to update their register of interest.

Cllr Darby registered a prejudicial interest in 6a (iii), as a farming tenant of the applicant; and in item 12 as he leases land to the Rugby Club; and a non-prejudicial interest in 6a (i), as a neighbouring farmer.

Cllr Falvey has a prejudicial interest in items 9 and 12 as Chairman of the Rugby Club.

3. To Consider The Adoption Of The Minutes Of The Meeting Held On The 26th July 2011.

The minutes having been previously circulated were signed as a true record,

4. Correspondence For Information.

Wychavon have informed the council that the recent councillor vacancy may be filled by co-option. The council agreed for Bredon W I to use the playing fields for archery. Dog fouling in Bredons Norton will be investigated and passed on to the relevant departments. Several communications had been received re changing of the hall names, agenda item for later in the year.

5. Finances.

a) Invoices To Be Paid.

The following were invoices were agreed for payment:-

Village Hall

Seven Trent £418.22, CW Hygiene £44.45, Waverley £691.27, £1,220.41 (DD) , British Gas - Electric £105.75 (DD), British Gas - Gas £147.96 (DD), S Matty £84.00, Salary and wages £892.99, RPK Maintenance £55.58,

BCPR

Funday £516.83, Bellinger £966.38 and £1,062.00 and HFN £84,904.55.

Parish Council

E Mews £450.00, Wychavon Election Admin Fee £25.00, New Farms £1,543.75.

b) Financial Report.

Remittances were received from:-

Lloyds TSB £75.00 for bank error and inconvenience caused, WCC Grass cutting £820.00
Wayleaves £18.36 and £9.40.

Village Hall

Credit from Waverley £8.40, July Hall lettings £2,182.06 and bar takings £4,554.85.

Playing Fields

Leader 06 £17,576.90

c) To Consider Joining Avon Navigation Trust.

Cllr Frampton proposed, Cllr Darby seconded and it was agreed by all to pay the £10.00 subscription to the Avon Navigation Trust.

6. Planning.

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- a) For Consideration.
- i. 11/01114 Blackberry Barn, Manor Lane, Bredons Norton. Conversion of two linked barns to create a single dwelling house.
 - ii. 1/01356 Hazelholm, Tewkesbury Road, Bredons Hardwick. Two storey rear & side extensions.
 - iii. 11/01633 Land rear of Avon Willows Assisi and, Meadow View, Mill End, Bredon Change of Use of land from agriculture to garden curtilage to rear of Meadow View, Avon Willows & Assisi.
 - iv. 11/01477 Saint Catherine's Barn, Lampitt Lane, Bredons Norton. Erection of log cabin in garden. For office use, garden store and spare bedroom.
 - v. 11/01656 The Quest, Dock Lane, Bredon. Dormers to front and rear elevations and erection of veranda.
 - vi. W/11/01221/PN Proposed Residential Dwelling (Amended Scheme). Drapers, Church Street, Bredon.

The meeting was adjourned
to allow Mr Neave to respond to aspects raised in the discussion.

The meeting resumed.

The council agreed that the applicant had responded to the council's previous comments and would not object, however it would like to see the tarmac area replaced by Cotswold gravel and the houses faced with Cotswold stone.

- b) Decided By Wychavon.

Approved by Wychavon.

W/11/01219/LB - Pound Cottage, Westmancote, Bredon

W/11/01245/PP - The Croftlands, The Lane, Bredons Norton

Refused.

W/11/00099/CU - St Catherines Farm, Woollas Hill, Eckington.

NPPF

A consultation on the Government's proposed National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) has been announced. At the core of the proposals is deregulation of planning to promote economic growth, so that the default answer to development applications will be "yes" (a reversal of the past presumption *against* the development of countryside land). The Government also proposes that 20% more housing must be allocated over and targets set by local development plans. Local councils will lose the power to determine whether buildings should be reserved for employment or residential uses. According to the National Trust and other heritage organizations the Government's planning reforms could lead to unchecked and damaging development in the undesignated countryside on a scale not seen since the 1930s. The parish council will prepare its response to the consultation.

7. To Update The Parish 'On Line' Presence.

Deferred.

8. To Update The Council On Costs To Promote The Village Design Statement.

The Village design Statement has recently been adopted by Wychavon as a 'Local Information Source'. The council agreed in principle to have copies printed for sale in Drapers at a price of £1.50, (50p per copy for the retailer, £1.00 towards the cost of printing) subject to the agreement of the shopkeeper. Cllr Darby will obtain an exact cost of printing for the next meeting.

9. To Discuss Grassing Cutting In The Parish.

The council agreed to split the contract into two parts, the playing field and highways. Within highways it will be divided into three categories in terms of frequency of cut. Draft will be bought to the next meeting. (Cllr Falvey remained in the meeting at this preliminary stage).

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10. To Discuss The Playing Field Report

a) Path Access

The clerk to contact Mr Dunn with an exact location of the access required as the area is not under one ownership.

b) Number of Entrance Signs.

The council agreed for two signs to be erected.

11. To Update On The Swing For Bredons Norton.

The cost of a swing, including erection, would be approx. £2,000.00. The council agreed to donate part of the cost, however it would be the responsibility of Bredons Norton Village Hall Committee to take this project forward and arrange erection, insurance, inspection etc.

12. To Discuss Leases.

On examination of the proposed leases it was discovered that there was more work than first envisaged. It was agreed that in the meantime the clubs would be invoiced for the period August to December on the same terms, and a letter of explanation would accompany the invoice. (Cllr's Darby and Falvey remained in the meeting at this preliminary stage but did not take part in the decision making process). Clerk to contact Mr Mews regarding valuations.

13. To Discuss Parish Councils Documentation and Security Procedures.

Cllr Falvey had audited the council's procedures for 'Retaining and Preserving Council Documents'. Councillors were given a suggested plan for storage by Cllr Falvey and list of recommendations regarding time scales by the clerk. This item will be discussed at the next meeting.

All mail for the parish council should be addressed to the Clerk. The clerk should also be 'copied in' on correspondence between council groups.

14. To Appoint Councillors To The Following Groups.

As an interim measure.

a) Finance. Cllr Rhodes

b) Staffing. Cllr Rhodes

c) Reeds Close. Cllr Handy.

15. Progress Reports For Information.

a) Clerk. Report enclosed.

b) PBCR.

Report enclosed.

It was agreed for the Playing Field Support Group (Cllr's Falvey, Masters and Whiting) to hold a meeting with community groups and interested residents regards the running of the MUGA and the future maintenance of the playing fields. The group will provide a report for the next meeting.

c) Playing Field Support Group.

d) Bredons Norton Village Hall.

Representative not present.

e) County and District Councillor.

Reported:-

- The new Bus Timetable is on WCC website starting on the 5th September.
- The footway (pavement) from the hall to the carpark is not sufficiently dangerous to warrant repair.

Will investigate:-

- The cost of putting in a footway between Brensham Court and the Jubilee car park before the next parish council meeting.
- Siding out machine for footway between Bredons Hardwicke and Bredon and Bredon and Kinsham.

f) Bredon Hill Conservation Group.

No meeting had taken place.

g) SWDP.

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Consultation process to start soon.

17. Items For Future Agenda.

Sports England funding, Signage, MUGA, Mockfest update, Rail Track lease (Clerk to contact Mr Mews for an update.), NPPF, Application for rate relief.

18. Date Of Next Meeting.

6th and 12th September.