

Bredon, Bredon's Norton and Westmancote Parish Council

Minutes of Bredon Parish Council Meeting held at Bredon Village Hall on Monday 10th October 2011.

Present: Cllr's Mrs Alison Palmer, Mrs Gail Whiting, Mr Matt Darby, Mr Kevin Falvey, Mr Allen Frampton, Mr Phil Handy (Chairman), Mr John Masters, Mr David Newcombe, Mr Andrew Rhodes and Mr Rob Sly.
In Attendance Ms Shields (Clerk), Mrs Heather Johnson and Cllr Adrian Hardman (County and District).

Mrs Johnson asked the council if the litter bin that was situated by the bus stop opposite the Village Hall could be replaced, and that something could be done about the flooding of the footway between the Cheltenham Road and the car park opposite the village hall.

1. Apologies For Absence.

Cllr's Mr Declan Shiels 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 12(i) as his family own part of the area of the proposed footpath.

Cllr Falvey has a prejudicial interest in item 12 (b) as Chairman of the Rugby Club.

Cllr Sly a prejudicial interest in item 6a(i) as a neighbour.

The councillors took no part in the discussion of these items.

Cllr Whiting has a non prejudicial interest in item 11.

3. To Consider The Adoption Of The Minutes Of The Meeting Held On The 12th September 2011.

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

4. Correspondence For Information.

Cllr Palmer agreed to read and report on the Waste Core Strategy - consultation on Addendum to the Submission Document.

Mr T Onions, Tree Warden, had inspected various trees as a result of parishioner concern, the Silver birch between the Village Hall and the Doctors surgery (having been made safe by Mr Pullen) due to its condition will be cut down. At Queensmead, the maple is in good condition and the plane tree naturally sheds its bark. The council agreed for a survey to be carried out on all of its trees where the public has access.

Clerk to report the dangerous parking of a smart car in Main Road Bredon to CSO Williams.

Clerk to ask the Lengthsman to cut back and spray and to ask Mr Clerk's, Community Warden, advice on dog fouling in the path/alley between Blenheim Drive and Croftlands.

5. Finances.

a) Invoices to be Paid.

The council agreed the payment of the following invoices.

Village hall

RPK Maintenance £471.75, Trade Waste £34.41, Waverley £591.76 (DD), A and E Fire Equipment £332.01, Risk Assessment £250.00, Parish Magazine Advert £40.00, C W Hygiene £65.32 Salary and Wages £564.41

BCPR

Play Leader £480.00 and HFN £44,424.94.

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S Gwilliam £176.00, Grass Cutting £1,543.75, M Adlard £37.50, , A Brooks £183.00, Works loan (DD) £4,342.74, Moretons £142.50, PAYE £240.21, New Farms £1,543.75, R Jenkins £264.00 and Clerk £716.17.

- b) Financial Report.

Remittance

PC

Precept £22,310.00, VAT £25,122.32, Lengthsman £176.00, Interest £1.97, Bredon Star rent £479.17 and Water Rates £29.68.

Village Hall

Bar -Sept £1,607.77, Bookings - Sept £1,403.03.

Playing Fields

Groundwork £480.00, 106 Monies £10,321.98, Way Leave £4.80.

6. Planning.

- a) For Consideration.

- I. W/11/01906/PP Hardwicke Lodge, Hardwicke bank Road. Erection of Garage. No objection.
- II. W/11/01822/CU St Catherines Farm, Woolas Hill, Eckington. Change of use of existing outbuildings from storage facilities to ancillary accommodation/holiday let and studio/gym/games room area
Reasons to object. This application is similar to W/11/00099 which was refused and we again restate our objections as follows. The application site is outside Bredon parish, but the access is via Bredon's Norton village within the parish. This access is provided by a single-width, high-sided carriageway, leading to a narrow unmetalled track. The latter is a well-used public right of way (NO500) leading to the Bredon Hill National Nature Reserve. Both the carriageway and track are steep in places and lack passing places. Any increase in traffic would compromise the safe use of the road and footpath by others. The application should only be approved if the relevant authorities are satisfied that there will be no appreciable traffic increase. We would appreciate you taking this into account in your decision making.

- b) Decided By Wychavon.

W/11/00969/PN - Drapers, Church Street, Bredon

W/11/01605/LB - Tudor House, Westmancote, Bredon

W/11/01779/CU - Ridgeway Bank Nurseries, Eckington Road, Bredon,

W/11/01773/LB - Firtree House, Manor Lane, Bredons Norton

W/11/01551/PP - 23 Blenheim Drive, Bredon

7. To Agree A Donation For A Swing For Bredons Norton.

Cllr Sly proposed, Cllr Frampton seconded and it was agreed to donate £1,500.00 towards a piece of play equipment for Bredons Norton Village Hall.

8. To Discuss The Renaming Of The Halls.

Cllr Whiting proposed, Cllr Masters seconded and it was agreed by all, not to rename the halls.

9. To Discuss The Temporary Proposals For The Muga.

The council agreed to the following temporary measures.

All exclusive bookings will be charged at £10.00 an hour.

The floodlights will be on for one night per week for general use as a marketing tool.

All bookings and payments will be carried out by Ms J Lomasney.

Ms J Lomasney will hold all keys.

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10. To Consider Clerk's Computer Backup And Security Procedures.

The council agreed to purchase an external hard drive (approx £100.00) for storing all the parish councils papers, the hard drive will be attached to the clerks computer and will automatically update to a secure storage facility (approx £5.00 per month) and also a scanner will be purchased (approx £50.00) to scan and backup paper copies of important documents. What and length of time for keeping of records will be a future agenda item.

11. To Consider The Trading (One Night Per Week) Of A Mobile Fish And Chip Van In The Car Park Opposite The Village Hall.

The council agreed to a three month trial of the van to be situated in the car park opposite the village hall on a Thursday evenings from 5.00pm – 8.00pm each week. The operators will be responsible to provide a litter bin and to leave the area clean. No outside seating will be permitted.

12. Progress Reports for Information.

a) Costs to Promote the Village Design Statement.

40 copies will be for sale in Drapers.

b) Grassing Cutting in the Parish.

Ongoing.

c) Footpath and Car Parks.

Subject to funding the footway between the Jubilee car park and Brensham Court will be tarmaced and the pothole in the entrance to the Jubilee car park by the County Council Highways Department. The vegetation obscuring the parking sign at the entrance to the car park will be removed.

d) Sports England Funding.

On going.

e) Leases.

On going, replies had not been received from the clubs.

f) IT General Procedures and Online Presence.

See item 10.

g) Signs and Posters.

The council has discovered that it has no remit over signs and fly posting in the parish, however Fly posting is illegal, anyone placing posters in the parish does so at their own risk. Clerk to reply to the Play group accordingly.

h) Clerk.

To report waste bin Main Road Bredon.

i) BPCR.

The council agreed by a majority for the group to pursue the footpath connection themselves. Cllr's Palmer, Sly, Falvey and Masters abstained from voting. Due to a prejudicial interest Cllr Darby took no part in the discussion or decision.

The council agreed that as the wording on the entrance sign had involved a very long debate at the last meeting, the council would not change the template previously agreed. Cllr's Sly, Falvey and Masters abstained from voting.

j) Playing Field Support Group.

The re treading of the bridge has been carried out.

k) Bredons Norton Village Hall.

No report.

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l) County and District Councillor.

To investigate the flooding of the footway between the Cheltenham Road and the car park opposite the village hall.

The Cheltenham road will be closed for a week whilst flood alleviation work is carried out in Kinsham.

The Speed limit through Kinsham is to be raised to 40mph.

m) Bredon Hill Conservation Group.

No report.

n) SWDP And NPPF.

Cllr Sly had attended a recent road show for the SWDP and noticed that the Mitton development was still in the plans, Cllr's Hardman and Darby assured Cllr Sly that neither Wychavon or Tewkesbury were in favour of the site.

13. Items For Future Agenda.

Dogs on the playing field, Hedge in main Road Bredon, Fields in Trust, Precept, Village hall Update and SWDP.

14. Date Of Next Meeting.

24th October and 14th November.