

BREDON & BREDON'S NORTON PARISH COUNCIL

The minutes of Bredon Parish Council Meeting held at Bredon Village Hall on **Monday 16th December 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 and Mr Declan Shiels.

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

1. Apologies for Absence.

Cllrs Ms Katie, Hall, Mr Rob Sly and Mr Brod Whiting.

2. Declaration of Interests.

None.

3. To consider the Adoption of the Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 11th November 2024.

These minutes were **agreed**.

4. Finances:

a) Invoices to be paid:

Village Hall

Jo Lomasney	Balance of Wages – November 2024	£53.35
A&E Fire & Security	VH Annual Inspections	£563.27
Booth Electrical	Repair LED Dimmer Switch	£81.24
CW Hygiene	Consumables	£70.20
Fantastically Fresh	Warm Welcome Food – 5 th December 2024	£396.00

Parish Council:

Timothy Drew	Balance of Wages – November 2024	£132.24
Thomas Spry	Maintenance at Various Locations around Parish	£675.00
Thomas Spry	Maintenance of three Car Parks	£775.00
David Gray	Lengthsman – November 2024 Highways	£528.00
David Gray	Lengthsman – November 2024 Parish	£132.00

All payments above were **agreed**.

b) To approve the Financial Report.

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

5. Planning:

a) For Approval:

- i. W/24/02316/FUL Land At (OS 9260 3976) Eckington Road, Bredon's Norton
Erection of an agricultural building for livestock and agricultural storage.
No objection, although there is an absence of drawings with the application. The odour assessment was reviewed and the conclusion, that there is a negligible risk of odour effects from the new livestock buildings and the impact would be insignificant, was accepted.
- ii. W/24/02242/HP Iona Cottage, Main Road, Bredon, GL20 7LX

Relocate existing driveway entrance.

No objection, but the Council would prefer that T8 (assumed Silver Fir Tree) could be retained.

- iii. W/24/02099/LB The Old Rectory, Church Street, Bredon, GL20 7LF

Repair of stone gateposts (piers) to The Old Rectory and attach lighting to piers.

No objection, concerns about light pollution could be resolved by the installation of a PIR control.

The above comments were **agreed**.

b) Approved:

- i. W/24/01460/HP Bredon Fields, Eckington Road, Bredon, GL20 7HE
- ii. W/24/01815/FUL The Croft 1 The Dell, Bredon, GL20 7QP

c) Refused:

- i. W/24/01987/FUL - Land at (OS 9257 3910), Wharf Lane, Bredon's Norton.

d) Appeal:

- ii. W/23/01798/FUL Croft Farm Water Park, Bredon's Hardwick, GL20 7EE.

Planning Inspectorate Ref: APP/H1840/W/24/3354318

The council noted their previous comments were sufficiently robust and that a further response to this appeal was not necessary.

e) SWDP Review:

Recent correspondence between the Inspectors and SWDPR did not relate to Mitton Bank.

Traffic responses and modelling final draft from Worcestershire County Highways is still expected by 31st December 2024.

There are no valuation reports, but Net Realisable Valuations (NVRs) will be supplied as SWDPR progresses although the Spring 2025 deadline may slip.

The Strategic Planning and Transport & Organisations Working Groups will meet in January 2025 to consider all documents submitted.

f) Tewkesbury Garden Town (TGT) Update:

The Parish Liaison Group's requirements, for contributions from associated parties, have not been provided by Tewkesbury Borough Council (TBC). These include representations and updates from consultants on flooding, drainage, transport and environmental. There have been constant contradictions from TBC relating to the TGT.

A matrix, showing the works by TBC Planning Officers is to be provided.

Atkins are proceeding with designs for the Ashchurch Bridge over Rail for the North Ashchurch Consortium.

g) Other Planning Matters:

A Planning Appeal (W/23/02310/FUL) for The Firs, Cheltenham Road, Kinsham, GL20 8GF has been received and requires a response by 17th January 2025. Cllr Darby will draft a response for discussion to be circulated with the agenda for approval at the next Council meeting on 13th January 2025.

6. BCPR Update.

Richard Price's Park Inspection Report was circulated to Councillors.

Following discussions, the Clerk will write to BCPR to arrange for the Climbing Frame Bark work and agree the process for placing the order with PD Hughes and payment arrangements.

7. 2025-26 Budget (Precept):

The Finance & Executive Working Group met on 14th November 2024 and recommended a 4% increase. Increased costs identified included Warm Welcomes, SWDPR (Mitton Bank), Defibrillators, Glebe Field, the Dock and Lengthsman services.

After discussion and following a further review of previous annual precept increases and anticipated future expenditure, Cllr Davidson proposed 7.5% increase for 2025-25, seconded by Cllr Darby. This was **agreed** and Cllr Rhodes abstained.

8. Improvement works around Bredon's Norton Bus Shelter.

It was **agreed** to accept Chris Radbourne's quotation for £600 plus VAT to reduce all shrubs and trees to the height of the bus shelter and cut back from roof. Cllr Hardman offered to allocate a contribution of £300 from the Regional Fund and this was **agreed**.

9. Progress Reports and Updates.

a) County and District Councillor:

- There is budget overspend at Worcestershire County Council with reserves down from £104m to £56m.
- Local Government reform at both County and District will lead to mergers of authorities.
- Queensmead was adversely affected by storm related power outages.
- Fly Tipping continues to be a problem in the parish.

b) Police and Defibrillator Report:

- The Village Hall and Kinsham defibrillators were removed from their cabinets but not used.
- The Main Car Park Height Restriction bar has been damaged.
- The Police have attended two drop-in sessions.

c) Executive & Finance Working Group:

- Draft minutes for the 14th November 2024 meeting were circulated.

d) Assets Working Group

- A meeting will be rescheduled for the new year.

e) Transport & Organisations Working Group:

- Scheduled to meet early in the new year to review documents from SWDPR.

10. Correspondence, Progress Reports and Updates for Information.

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

- Request for Bus Shelter(s) at Queensmead. Rooftops will not agree to site a shelter on their land and although Kemerton Estates would agree there are restrictive covenants which would need to be resolved. Highways approval would also be required, and footpath width would be an issue to overcome. Cllr Hardman indicated that the overall project cost would require a budget of around £25k.
- The Council have been notified the bench inside the bus shelter on the Main Road has been vandalised again. The Lengthsman has conducted initial repairs.
- SafeAvon have provided test averages for water and sewage.
- A survey from Worcestershire County Council, relating to road verges promoting biodiversity, was circulated to Councillors.

11. Councillors Reports and Items for Future Agenda:

- Cllr Shiels advised that Bredon Parochial Church Council were trying to recruit an editor for the Parish Magazine and considering producing a publication on a shared basis which would be in February 2025 at the earliest.
- Cllr Davidson commented on the need to review all four leases for the Sports Clubs and future sustainability of the Village Hall. Cllrs Bradley, Davidson and Whiting are to meet and progress in the new year.
- The Clerk was asked to review Assets of Community Value (ACV) and report to Council.

12. Date of Next Meeting:

13th January 2025