

BREDON & BREDON'S NORTON PARISH COUNCIL

The minutes of Bredon Parish Council Meeting held at Bredon Village Hall on **Monday 10th February 2025 at 7:00pm.**

Present: Councillors: Mr Nick Bradley (Chairman), Mr Matt Darby, Mr Kevin Falvey, Mr Declan Shiels, Mr Rob Sly and Mr Brod Whiting.

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

1. Apologies for Absence.

Cllr Ms Karen Brooks, Mr Colin Davidson, Ms Katie Hall and Mr Andrew Rhodes.

2. Declaration of Interests.

Cllr Sly declared an ODI for 5 d) 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 13th January 2025.

These minutes were **agreed**.

4. Finances:

a) Invoices to be paid:

Village Hall

Jo Lomasney	Balance of Wages – January 2025	£99.21
PPL/PRS	VH Annual Music Licence	£906.42
Sheldon Inns	Warm Room Event Catering (Royal Oak x 45)	£270.00

Parish Council:

Timothy Drew	Balance of Wages – January 2025	£175.32
David Gray	Lengthsman – January 2025 Highways	£445.50
David Gray	Lengthsman – January 2025 Parish	£346.50
Pippins Accountancy	Q3 2024-25 VAT Review	£113.75
Chris Radbourne	Trees & Shrubs at Bredon's Norton	£720.00
Washbourne Builders	Repair Wall & Steps at The Dock	£1200.00

All payments above were **agreed**.

b) To approve the Financial Report.

The January 2025 bank statements and Scribe Cashbook were **approved**.

5. Planning:

a) For Approval:

- i. W/23/00682/OUT Land East Bredon Road, Bredon's Hardwick
*Outline application for phased residential development capable of being severed for approximately up to **500 dwellings** (C3 Use Class) including means of access (two vehicular access points from the B4080 and a pedestrian/cycle access from Derwent Drive) and associated infrastructure and landscaping including provision of formal and informal open space and drainage attenuation basins, with all matters reserved except for access. Accompanied by an Environmental Statement. (By 20th February 2025).*

- ii. W/23/00683/OUT Land East Bredon Road, Bredon's Hardwick
Outline application with all matters reserved for a **primary school** (with up to seven classrooms) and ancillary facilities to serve the local community – use class D1.
Accompanied by an Environmental Statement. (By 21st February 2025).
Cllr Darby provided a draft document covering points to be considered as a Council response to the Developer's Environmental Statement for i and ii above and issues relating to the Primary School were also reviewed. Following discussion, it was agreed that the Clerk would provide a response based on the points covered.

b) Approved:

- i. AW/24/01583/LB Sovereign Cottage, Back Lane, Bredon, GL20 7LH

c) Refused:

- i. W/24/00916/HP Rosemary Cottage, Manor Lane, Bredon's Norton, GL20 7EZ

d) SWDP Review:

The Council's participation in the Hearing Sessions has been agreed and Statements will be submitted by Richard Buxton Solicitors on 11th February 2025. The following have been drafted and were discussed:

- Railton's Traffic and Transport responses to the Inspector's questions.
- Ecology – key considerations are Curlews on site and buffer zone affecting several proposed dwellings.
- Landscape, based on the Crow Act, which places a duty of responsibility on the Inspectors and Plan Makers to protect landscapes, including public rights of way.

The revised Richard Buxton reduced budget, now £21,550, was **agreed**. It was noted that there is a right to amend submissions if new data is submitted.

e) Tewkesbury Garden Town:

A meeting of the Oversight Board was provided with updates including Ashchurch Bridge over Rail (ABoR) with an application from Bellway Homes expected in March 2025. Given the Government's New Towns initiative, there is confidence of success based on 25,000 homes.

f) Other Planning Matters:

Bredon's Norton residents have expressed concerns relating to boundary marker posts which have appeared in a square plot sized shape in the field that extends along the Eckington Road and borders Wharf Lane.

6. BCPR Update.

Following receipt of BCPR's donation of funding, Play Area Bark Orders were placed with PD Hughes Ltd and CPA Horticulture with work scheduled for 24th February 2025.

BCPR asked for the status of funding for the proposed Outdoor Table Tennis Table. The Council are still awaiting an outcome to the Section 106 application. Clerk requested to review funding of Toddler Play Area Fencing in 2024.

7. Parish Magazine and Alternative Communications:

Cllr Shiels advised that Bredon PCC are investigating an online solution with shared editors and a further meeting is planned to progress. A solution for the 'off-line' members of the community is being evaluated.

8. Progress Reports and Updates.

a) County and District Councillor:

- The Devolution Bill required by Government has been accelerated and has a short timescale. This is proving to be disruptive with the possible formation of new Unitary Authorities. Worcestershire County Council may lose key management personnel. A new 'West Mercia' Unitary Authority is a possibility.

- Network Rail's culvert under the railway was blocked and the cause of flooding.
 - Highways will implement a new drainage gully at Chains Corner in the Summer.
 - All drains under the M5 bridge and at Croft Farm have been cleared.
 - A Divisional Fund Payment will be raised to provide a planting scheme at Grange Field Road. Cllr Bradley to contact landscaper to arrange work.
 - The Oak Gardens footway is planned in 2025-26 works and the footway from the Royal Oak to the Railway Bridge is also a nominated priority.
- b) Police and Defibrillator Report:
- No defibrillator update.
 - The Police are holding a Surgery in the Main Car Park on 12th February 2025.
 - Nitrous Oxide Capsules discovered at Bredon Cricket Club, were collected by the police.
- c) Transport & Organisations Working Group:
- Responses to SWDPR documents produced.

9. Correspondence, Progress Reports and Updates for Information.

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

- St Giles Church Glebe Field overview including the 10% biodiversity scheme.
- SafeAvon including Master Data Log, Water (Special Measures) and MP's questions
- Bredon Footways - Update (see also 8a above).
- Parking in Grange Field Road (see also 8a above).
- Live & Local – an Information Event for Village Halls.
- Annual Parish meeting scheduled for 28th April 2025.

10. Councillors Reports and Items for Future Agenda:

- Cllr Sly advised that Richard Stanley plans to stand as a County Councillor for Bishops Cleeve South Division.

11. Date of Next Meeting:

10th March 2025

Notes of Public Question Time:

Peter Whitehead updated the Council on the Glebe Field Burial Ground extension and confirmed the indications that the 10% Biodiversity charge was now probably not applicable.