

Minutes of Bredon Parish Council Meeting held at Bredon Village Hall on Monday 16th April 2012.

Present: Cllr's Mrs Alison Palmer, Mrs Gail Whiting, Mr Matt Darby, Mr Allen Frampton, Mr Phil Handy (Chairman), Mr John Masters, Mr Andrew Rhodes and Mr Declan Shiels.

In Attendance Ms Shields (Clerk), Mr M Pullen and Cllr Adrian Hardman. (District and County).

1. Apologies for Absence.

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs K Falvey, who was on holiday, D Newcombe and A Woodward who had work commitments and R Sly who was unwell.

2. Declaration of Interests.

Cllr's were reminded to update their register of interests.

Cllr A Frampton has a prejudicial interest in item 7, as part owner of the wall.

3. To Consider The Adoption Of The Minutes Of The Meeting Held On The 13th March 2012.

The minutes with an amendment will be signed as a true record.

3a Parish Office.

The Council agreed, according to the 1972 Local Government Act, for the Clerk/RFO to be the key holder, with a spare to be kept for emergency use only by the Chairman.

The Council agreed, according to the 1972 Local Government Act, for the Clerk/RFO to be the sole user of the 'secure' computer, the password to be available to the Chairman, in case of emergency only. The Chairman will contact Mr J Verrachia and Cllr K Falvey.

4. Correspondence For Information.

The Council agreed to participate in the Wychavon Games, Ms J Lomasney will organise the Bredon entrants.

The Cherry Tree at the Dock will be replaced, Cllr Palmer to investigate, this will be on the agenda of the next meeting with the W I request to plant a tree for the Jubilee.

The request for a Dog Bin will be an agenda item for the next meeting.

The Council received a request for the redundant Telephone Box at Kinsham to be repaired, the box was adopted by Wychavon on it's decommission, whilst the Parish Council was in the process of its adoption. The Council would not be averse to taking part in the maintenance of the box – ongoing.

A letter of support had been received from Phil Merrick – Head of Community Services at Wychavon DC with regard to the Playing Field.

The recent correspondence regarding speeding through Bredon will be passed on to Cllr Hardman, the County Councillor is currently looking at speed restriction measures for the main road through Bredon.

Clerk to complete and return the PRS for Music, the PRS License is currently under review as Parish Councils owning village halls are an anomaly within the system.

Clerk had advised Wychavon again on the change of ownership and status of the Village Hall in 2009.

5. Finances.

The Council agreed for the Clerk to purchase a quantity of stamps before the 30th April.

The Council agreed to receive their Agenda via E mail, any councillor requiring a hard copy will notify the Clerk 10 days before.

a) Invoices To Be Paid.

Clerk to investigate 'small business rate' for the car parks.

The following invoices were agreed for payment;-

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Worcs CALC £699.30, The Moretons £142.50, PSD £960.00 (Clerk to ask Mr Dunn for a copy of the report), Lengthsman £176.00, KC Carpets £278.40, New Farms Grounds Maintenance £105.00, Bench £637.20, J S Contractors £150.00, Busyskills £983.89, Clerks salary £553.17, Clerks Pension £160.23, Village Hall.

Public Works Loan £2,344.79, Hall Manager £540.67, Bar Staff £172.00, Gas and Electric £1,261.11, CE Hygiene (bar glasses) £27.71, CW Hygiene £53.33, HMCR £108.95, Waverley £195.58, £332.88, Wychavon Waste removal £35.83.

b) Financial Report.

The following remittance had been received.

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Bredon Lawn Tennis Club rent for Oct 2011 – Sept 2012 £400.00, Groundworks (Playing Field Grant) £630.00, Network Rail (Jubilee car park) £2,000.00, Lengthsman March £132.00, Wayleave £21.34, Aon (adjustment to Policy) £708.87.

Village Hall

Waverley £16.80, Bar takings including VAT £2,460.90 and Village Hall lettings £998.90.

c) To Consider The Quotes For Tree Works.

As only one quote had been received, deferred to next meeting.

d) To Discuss the Future Formulation of the Water Bills to the Clubs.

The Council had received a letter from the Football Club who did not agree with the system of recharging the Seven Trent Water Bill that has been in operation since 2001.

The water for the Tennis, Rugby and Football Clubs is supplied by Severn Trent to a point where it is metered, the water pipe is then divided and each club has its own supply which is metered. The invoice is received by the Council for all the water used, each meter is read and the bill is apportioned according to the meter reading.

The Council agreed to change the system as follows:-

- The standing charge for water coming and waste going out will be divided by one third.
- The water coming in and waste water will be apportioned to usage, ie as metered.
- The drainage will be divided according to surface area.

e) To Consider A Donation To The Bobby Club.

The council agreed to donate £25.00 to the 'Bobby Club'.

f) To Consider Application For Rate Relief.

i. Ref No 500000742.

Cllr Palmer proposed Cllr Shiels seconded and it was agreed that this application is of benefit to the local community and the parish will donate £5.86 as requested by Wychavon.

ii. Ref No 500182343.

Cllr Masters proposed, Cllr Rhodes seconded and it was agreed that this application is of benefit to the local community however the parish will not fund part of the relief. Cllr Whiting proposed that the council also provide a donation, however this was not seconded.

6. Planning.

The Council agreed for Cllr Darby to prepare a response to the proposed development at MOD Ashchurch, which will be circulated to all Councillors for comment before submission.

a) For Consideration.

- i. 12/00488 15 Blenheim Drive, Bredon. Demolish garage and erect single storey side extension to provide disabled persons bedroom/shower room and utility. No reasons to object

- ii. 12/00403 April Cottage, Rectory Farm Lane, Bredon's Norton. Demolition of existing UPVC conservatory and erection of a hardwood timber, painted orangery. No reasons to object
 - iii. 12/00513 Fir Tree Cottage, Manor Lane, Bredons Norton. Remove existing wooden conservatory with polycarbonate roof and replace with new oak framed conservatory with glazed roof. No reasons to object
 - iv. 12/00412 P and D Engineering, Fleet Lane, Bredon. Proposed new showroom, first floor offices and meeting room, workshop extension, and covered store building. No reason to object in principle, however, the design and access statement states that "a substantial hedge and tree line surrounds the site and screens the buildings from view". There is no hedge at all along the east perimeter facing the road, and the buildings are visually prominent. We would therefore ask for a 3 meter hawthorn hedge to be planted and maintained along the east and south boundaries as a planning condition.
 - v. 12/00567 Bens Hollow, Dock Lane, Bredon. First floor extension to provide lounge and bedroom with en-suite. No reasons to object.
 - vi. 12/00702 11 Gravel Pits Close, Bredon, Tewkesbury. Conservatory to rear. No reasons to object
 - vii. 12/00785 Avon Croft, The Lane, Bredons Norton. Single storey extension to front & rear of dwelling. No reasons to object
- b) Decided By Wychavon.

Approved by Wychavon.

W/12/00248/PP Rosemead Cottage, Main Road, Bredon. Side extension to provide a garage with a study/store over.

W/12/00092/PP and W/12/00098/LB Avonside Cottage, Main Road, Bredon. Single storey extension to provide annexe accommodation.

W/12/00311/PP 10 Hill Close, Westmancote, Bredon. Demolish rear porch extension and garage, erect single storey rear extension and detached garage.

W/12/00232/PP Rosemullion, Lower Westmancote. Proposed utility and porch extension and double garage with amended vehicular access.

7. To Discuss Planting On The Wall Between Brensham Court And The Playing Field.

Cllr Darby was asked to investigate appropriate planting for the area, for the next meeting.

8. To Discuss Cycling On Bredon Hill And Westmancote.

Cyclists descending Bredon Hill, at speed, are a danger to themselves and pedestrians, however this is not within the remit of the council. Cllr Palmer will investigate appropriate signage to discourage the activity.

9. To Discuss Extra Notice Boards For The Parish.

The Council believes that there are adequate places for notices to be displayed.

10. To Consider A Pedestrian Crossing In Main Road Bredon.

The County Council Budget for Crossings was removed 6 years ago as all possible locations had been addressed. Before Bredon would be considered, the position would need to have street lighting and funding of at least £10k would need to be secured. The council agreed not to progress this at the present time.

11. To Discuss the Lengthsman Scheme.

The Council agreed to continue with the County Council Lengthsman Scheme and to continue to employ Mr Gwilliam on a contract of services.

12. Progress Reports For Information, No Discussion Or Decisions).

- a) Clerk.
Report had been circulated to all councillors.
- b) BCPR.
Report had been circulated to all councillors.

Clerk to investigate the question of the notice board.

c) Bredons Norton Village Hall.

No report.

d) Bredon Village Hall.

The Chandler room had been redecorated. Quotes for the floor had not yet been received.

e) Hancocks Trust.

Deferred as Clr Sly was not present.

f) County and District Councillor.

Concerns have been raised that the Planning permission conditions at Home Farm, Manor Lane, Bredon's Norton had not been met.

The footway in Oak Lane and between Kinsham and Bredon would be put forward for repair.

Resurfacing will be taking place in Westmancote where the road will be closed, however the Council has been reassured that Emergency Services will have access at all times.

The Bredon-Kemerton road (C5) will be closed between Westmancote and Kemerton to allow for re surfacing on the 24th May 2012. The Eckington Road will have a surface dressing shortly.

g) Bredon Hill Conservation Group.

Meeting due to take place on 25th April, Cllr Darby had asked for the development at Mitton Bank and the MOD at Ashchurch and a response to the Tewkesbury-Cheltenham- Gloucester Joint Core Strategy be placed on the agenda.

h) Highways.

The Clerk had reported two incidents of fly typing in the lay by at Bredons Hardwick on one occasion the rubbish had been removed the same day.

i) Leases.

Ongoing, however the Rugby Club has informed the Council that it is now a Limited Company, this information will be passed on to the solicitor.

j) Sports England Funding.

Deferred as Cllr Falvey was not present.

k) Fields on Trust.

Deferred as Clr Sly was not present.

l) Grass Cutting Of The Playing Field.

The working group had met, as agreed at the March meeting, and opened the grass cutting tenders; the tender had been awarded to New Farms Grounds Maintenance.

13. Items For Future Agenda.

The wall in Main Road Bredon (Cllr Whiting).

14. Date Of Next Meeting.

Annual Parish Meeting 30th April at 7.30pm

Annual Parish Council Meeting 14th May 2012 at 7.15pm.