

Bredon, Bredon's Norton and Westmancote Parish Council

Minutes of Bredon Annual Parish Council Meeting held at Bredon Village Hall on Monday 13th May at 7.15pm.

Present: Cllr's Mrs Alison Palmer, Mrs Gail Whiting, Mr Matt Darby, Mr Kevin Falvey, Mr Phil Handy, Mr John Masters, Andrew Rhodes, Mr Declan Shiels, Mr Rob Sly and Andrew Woodward. (Chairman),

In Attendance Ms J Shields (Clerk), Cllr A Hardman (County and District) and Mr Gray.

1. Election Of Chairman.

Cllr Masters proposed, Cllr Sly seconded and it was unanimously agreed to elect Cllr Woodward as Chairman.

2. Apologies For Absence.

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Mr Andy Norman.

3. Election Of Vice Chairman.

Cllr Woodward proposed, Cllr Whiting seconded and it was unanimously agreed to elect Cllr Handy as Vice Chairman.

4. Declaration of Interests.

Cllr Woodward declared a DPI in item 11c as an adjacent land owner and an ODI, as a friend of the applicant in 11d.

Cllr Rhodes declared a DPI in item 11a (ii) as a neighbour.

Cllr Darby declared a OPI in item 11a (ii) as he farms land across the road.

Item 14, as all the applications are based in the parish various Cllrs are involved, use or are members of some groups applying for the New Homes Bonus; this will be taken into account when each item is discussed.

Cllr Woodward left the room and Cllr Handy chaired the meeting.

The meeting was closed.

Mr Gray gave background information and provided maps to explain the evolution of the housing numbers for the development in Oak Lane and the involvement of the Gordon Gray Trust. Cllrs asked various questions which were answered.

The meeting was reopened.

11. c) To Discuss Possible Development At Bensham.

No update: to be kept under review.

d) To Discuss Possible Development In Oak Lane.

Cllrs thanked Mr Gray and warmly welcomed his willingness to discuss plans for future housing at Oak Lane. The Bredon Fruit Farm site has been allocated 24 dwellings under the emerging South Worcestershire Development Plan (SWDP). The council reiterated that it had worked very hard through the SWDP consultation process, along with community groups, local charities, and a large number of residents, to ensure that the right amount of housing was delivered in the right location. It believed that the SWDP offered the best (feasible) outcome for the parish, and that there would be strong community opposition to the development of any more houses than those allocated under the SWDP.

Cllr Woodward resumed as Chair.

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5. To Consider The Adoption Of The Minutes Of The Meeting Held On The 8th April 2013.

The minutes having been previously circulated were agreed and signed as a true record.

6. To Consider Reviewing Council's Standing Orders, Financial Regulations, Risk Assessment And Insurance Requirements.

No changes required.

7. To Appoint Members And Agree On Term Of Office To The Following .

- a) Staffing Committee – Cllr's Handy, Palmer, Shiels and Woodward.
- b) Planning Working Party - Cllr's Darby, Handy, Masters and Rhodes.
- c) Clerks Finance Support - Cllr's Handy, Rhodes and Woodward.

8. To Appoint Individual and/or Councillors To The Following Roles.

- a) Footpaths Officer – Mr Terry Onions.
- b) Tree Warden – Mr Terry Onions.
- c) Hancock's Trustee – Cllr Sly.
- d) Reeds Close Trustee – Cllrs Handy and Masters.
- e) Worcestershire Parish Councils Association – Cllr Woodward.
- f) Bredon Hill Conservation Group – Cllr Darby.
- g) Bredons Norton Village Hall – Cllr's Palmer and Whiting.
- h) Police Liaison – Cllr Falvey.
- i) Bredons Hancock's School Governor – Vacant.
- j) Grass Cutting Working Party - Cllrs Darby, Falvey, Handy and Rhodes

9. To Co Opt a Councillor.

This item was deferred to the next meeting, as Cllrs required more information from the candidates. Clerk to inform the applicants, Cllr's Palmer, Whiting and Shiels to redesign the application form.

10. Finances.

- a) Invoices to Be Paid.

The following invoices were agreed for payment:-

PC

DD. Clerk £623.48 (Tax Code Change), Pension £176.44, BT £50.40, N Power £68.02,

Cheques.

Wychavon (Dog Bin) £543.53, W CALC £718.38, M Farey £16.49, Grass cutting GBD April £406.05,

New Farms £180.00, S Gwilliam £220.00,

Village Hall

DD- Inn Express £342.99, B Gas- Gas £827.75, B Gas £- Electric £131.75, J Lomasney £258.45,

Cathedral Leasing £31.20, PW Loan £2,344.79, Wychavon Trade Waste £39.61.

Cheques - Wychavon Building Regs for Windows £161.00, J Lomasney £378.55, D Rosser

£136.00, Snow Electrics £123.17,

- b) Financial Report.

The following remittances have been received.

PC – Precept £22,308.00, Water rates tennis club £38.70, Network Rail £2,000.00, 106 Monies £1,013.00.

Hall -

Bar £3,761.75, Lettings - £2,372.21

- c) To Approve the Parish Councils Accounts for 2013-2014.

The council approved the DRAFT accounts; the completed audit will be in the next agenda.

11. Planning.

- a) For Consideration.

- I. W/13/00667/PN Land adjacent Inshallah, Manor Lane, Bredons Norton.
Erection of one dwelling, alteration of access and reinstatement and extension of orchard.
No reasons to object provided it meets Wychavon conservation approval.
- II. W/13/00572/LB Greenhayes, Farm Lane, Westmancote. Creation of internal doorway to connect ensuite bathroom to bedroom. No reason to object.

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- III. W/13/00689/LB Brookfield House, Manor Lane, Bredons Norton. Replace existing sash windows. No reasons to object
- IV. W/13/00874 Bredon Hancocks Endowed First School, Church Street, Bredon. Minor amendments approval. No reason to object

b) Decided By Wychavon.

Approved

W/13/00313/PP - Magpie House, Church Street, Bredon.

W/13/00219/LB - Magpie House, Church Street, Bredon.

W/00173/PP 34 Bredon Lodge, Bredon. Formation of porch to front entrance.

W/13/00443/PP Avon Croft. The Lane, Bredon's Norton. Addition of a dormer window to loft space above the garage

Refused.

W/13/00253/OU Homestead, Eckington Road, Bredons Norton.

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12. Correspondence for Information.

A letter regarding the siting of a bus stop by the lodge will be forwarded to Worcestershire County Council, Clerk to respond accordingly.

Letter of thanks had been received from Bredon WI for the litter pick bursary.

An email from Adrian Darby seeking confirmation that the Parish Council would be responsible for tree safety on the land leased from him. The Council confirmed that it would continue to be responsible for tree safety.

13. To Discuss HFN and the Skate Equipment.

The council after discussion with BCPR and the funders of the skate equipment had turned down HFN's latest offer. A letter has been sent to HFN giving them until the 20th May to respond, after which time the council will consider taking the matter to the Small Claims court.

14. New Homes Bonus – Ideas For Use And Public Meeting.

The council was very pleased to receive 22 applications, ranging from outline ideas to costed schemes and from a cross section of groups across the parish.

At this stage the council agreed that although all the applications were valid, they were mindful of the criteria set down by Wychavon.

Two applications are already being addressed by the council, Speeding and the Big Lunch.

Applications were discounted at this stage for the following reasons, however they could be revisited in the future:

The siting of a war memorial in the Glebe Field – The cost of a Memorial would far exceed the budget, there is already a memorial in St Giles Church and it would have an on-going maintenance cost.

Public footpaths – Funds are already available via the County Council.

Street lighting – In a 2010 survey 85% of respondents were against street lighting.

Foot way between Bredon and Kinsham and along the Eckington Road – Would far exceed the budget.

Rugby Club – The Parish Council has aided the Club in achieving a site for a clubhouse.

Cricket Club – As the only village Sports Club not benefiting from being sited on the parish playing field, the parish council would make a separate donation.

Cherry Tree Play Area - Any Improvements would be directly funded by the Parish Council.

BCPR – The playing field has already received funding from various sources.

The remaining ten applications will be asked to supply further information and for a representative to attend the parish council meeting to be held on June 3rd.

15. To Ratify Purchase Of Goal Posts.

The council ratified the purchase of the goal posts; Funding via the Worcestershire FA from the Football Foundation for half the cost.

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16. Progress Reports For Information.

a) Clerk. (Report circulated)

Sites for the VAS are in the process of being audited by W.C.C. Highways department.

b) Bredon Village Hall.

The work being carried out as a result of a Wychavon Grant for Energy Efficiency is in progress, this is causing problems for the manager and users, as the workman do not seem to be able to work to the schedule they have been given.

c) Bredons Norton Village Hall.

No report.

d) County and District Councillor.

Cllr Hardman was congratulated by the Council for retaining his County Council seat.

Cllr Hardman has obtained funding for the School roof to be repaired.

e) Defibrillator.

The defibrillator is now in use, training sessions will be taking place shortly.

f) Parish Magazine.

Items to be included on a future agenda: defribulator.

Items reported by Councillors: Cllr Darby reported that three acts of vandalism had recently taken place to Kemerton Conservation Trust bird watching hides and machinery.

17. Councillors Reports and Items For Future Agenda.

Cllrs Darby and Sly had attended a Rural Broadband workshop, this item will placed on the report section for further meetings.

Cllr Woodward had attended the recent meeting of 'Bredon Junior Park Reps'.

18. Date Of Next Meeting.

Monday 3rd June 2013