

Minutes of Bredon Parish Council Meeting held at Bredon Village Hall on Monday 11th November at 7.15pm.

Present: Cllr's Mrs Alison Palmer, Mr Matt Darby, Mr Phil Handy (Chairman), Mr John Masters, Mr Andy Norman, Mr Andrew Rhodes, Mr Declan Shiels and Mr Rob Sly.

In Attendance Ms J Shields (Clerk), Mr A Hardman (District and County) and approx. 70 parishioners.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending.

The following points were raised by parishioners.

Planning Comments.

Sustainability

The proposed devolvement is highly concentrated next to a busy motorway – noise and pollution will affect the quality of life for residents, which has a large proportion of social housing.

Access

Chains Corner the only access to the village is very dangerous for pedestrians due to its width.

Cherry Orchard and College Road are currently Cul – de – sacs, if access were to be gained into either these, it would become a rat run.

All residents of these Cul - de - sacs must stick together and not sell any land.

Not in the Village Design Statement.

Issues raised which are not taken into consideration for outline planning.

School, drainage, sewage,

Other points

Has Harriet Baldwin MP been informed?

Should the parish council and/or parishioners take legal advice?

Could the SWDP be fast tracked.

Some parishioners had contacted Wychavon and Harriet Baldwin, who were non-committal.

Cllr Hardman informed the meeting of the following

This site had been turned down by Wychavon in the SWDP process due to it not being sustainable, too close to the motorway and access issues.

The SWDP is now with the Planning Inspectorate, and the Examination in Public started on 1 October at Worcester. The first stage of the examination took three days and looked at major issues such as housing, employment land, and retail requirements and the duty to cooperate with neighbouring councils. The inspector has now issued a preliminary report, the first part is 'sound' however he requires more technical information, to test the soundness of the housing figures. Providing this information will entail an inevitable delay and leave Wychavon vulnerable for at least two or three more months.

Cllr Hardman has written to Harriet Baldwin asking for pressure to be applied to the 'Planning Inspectorate' to close this current loophole.

The Chairman ascertained that all those present in the audience objected to the proposal.

The chairman asked parishioners to:

Either comment on the website or to write to Wychavon to voice their objections individually.

Write to Harriet Baldwin asking for the inspectorate to hurry up.

Asked for volunteers to deliver leaflets etc.

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Cllr Darby asked for volunteers to help produce a Neighbourhood Plan.

1. Apologies For Absence.

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr's Mrs Gail Whiting, Mr Stuart Bird, Mr Kevin Falvey and Mr Andrew Woodward.

2. Declaration of Interests.

Cllr's were reminded to update their Register of Interests with Wychavon.

3. Planning.

To Consider W/13/02148/OU - Land off Tewkesbury Road and Rear of, College Road, Bredon. Residential development of up to 107 units with associated roads and sewers, green infrastructure.

Cllr Sly proposed, Cllr Darby seconded and it was agreed to object to the planning application. The planning group will circulate in draft form, via E mail, the parish council's objections, once agreed by the council via E Mail, these will be sent to Wychavon.

The council will inform parishioners, via various means, how to comment on the application, and circulate a list of the strongest planning grounds for refusal..

The council will look at other Gladman Developments that have been refused.

It will consider obtaining counsel's advice at a later date.

4. Councillors Reports and Items For Future Agenda.

No reports or future agenda items.

5. Date Of Next Meeting.

Monday 2nd December 2013