

BRETFORTON PARISH COUNCIL

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Minutes of the Meeting held on
11th April 2016 in the Memorial Hall

PRESENT:

Cllr R Davis
Cllr P Lisney
Cllr J Johnson
Cllr A Grant
Cllr J Cleveland
Cllr K Carter
Cllr K Wright
Cllr N Smith

APOLOGIES:

Cllr A Adams

PARISHIONERS:

1 parishioner attended to observe proceedings.

MINUTES:

Minutes of the Meeting held on 13th April 2015 were read out, approved and signed.
Proposed by Cllr Wright. Seconded by Cllr Grant. All in favour.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

The last year has seen the finalisation of the District Council SWDP planning policy document and with it a return to a more normal planning control for our area.
The village housing allocation for the plan period is now completed and occupied increasing the village population by 20%. This means that according to the plan we should not have any further private developer housing in the village until 2030 (other than infill sites) but it is quite likely that before the ink is dry the next plan will be being considered.

The proposed housing development off Honeybourne Road was finally refused during the year and the period for an appeal has now lapsed.

Part of the Gras Close and Holly Close development requirements was Section 106 funding for sports facilities and children's play. We have assisted the Sports Club in negotiations over this and prepared a scheme for improvements to the changing rooms and hopefully this will soon be resolved. We have installed new children's play equipment on the Rec. play area which is proving popular but we are now short of a toddler's slide and the zip wire needs attention which we will be looking at this year.

The Village shop and the Social Club are getting more popular and are a hub for increasing village social activities. During the year a group of residents started an action group to see if there was any support for a new village hall/hub but this received a mixed response following a survey and the group has now disbanded. The Parish Council will look at whether or not the existing hall can be sensibly improved this year.

The cutting down of old trees on Back Lane and the clearance of the verges such as Station Road mean that we will be carrying out a substantial tree planting programme in the autumn together with replacing any street trees that have died.

The Village Welcome Pack has now been distributed to new village residents in the new housing and this has been a success. We are now in the process of setting up a system of distribution to new residents in resold properties to extend this service.

Land has been offered to the Council for village allotments and we have put in an offer which is under consideration. We have had confirmation from the planning officer that there are no planning problems other than whether or not allotment buildings would be acceptable and hopefully this and the vendor agreeing to sell will allow us to proceed this year and get work under way.

COUNTY COUNCIL REPORT:

See report included in minutes for Parish Council meeting of 11th April 2016.

DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT;

- New village defib has been installed and is fully operational.
- SWDP- Bretforton has no traveller sites listed.
- SWDP has now been adopted with some consultations to be carried out.
- It has been a more normal year for planning with 12 applications for the village.
- There has been good policing of the village with the team identifying drug hotspots, speeding and anti-social behaviour.
- There have been regular visits from Wychavon Youth Bus which is benefiting the youngsters.
- Wychavon is 24th in the ‘Rural Quality of Life’ list as opposed to 29th last year.

BYRD & CANNING CHARITY:

Payments made 2016
 23 payments at £20 making a total of £ 460.00 Balance £113.88
 Accounts were approved. Proposed by: Cllr Wright. Seconded by: Cllr Grant. Signed by the Chairman.

NON AGENDA ITEMS

None

Meeting closed at 7.17pm

Signed:

Date:

