

BRETFORTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on
Monday 14th November 2016.
At the Memorial Hall, Bretforton.

PRESENT:

Cllr K Carter	
Cllr J Cleveland	Vice-Chairman
Cllr A Adams	County Councillor
Cllr N Smith	
Cllr K Wright	District Councillor

APOLOGIES;

Cllr R Davis	Chairman
Cllr P Lisney	
Cllr A Grant	

OPEN FORUM:

- **Representative from Bretfest attended to provide an update regarding the event held in 2016. A loss of £962 was made but funds were available to offset this. This event is proposed to continue in 2017 with 2 paying events. Bretfest committee are looking for a donation from PC, it was suggested that they submit a request and a draft programme for next year's event for the December meeting. Cllr Cleveland also respectfully suggested that they may have more paying customers if the details were available earlier for guests.**
- **PCSO Sansome attended advising that there had been no report crime locally in the past 2 months.**

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

County Council:

See attached report.

District Council:

See attached report.

MINUTES:

Minutes of the Meeting held on 10th October 2016 were circulated. Proposed by Cllr Wright. Seconded by Cllr Carter. All in favour to accept the minutes.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST:

- Cllr Smith-Asparagus Marker-neighbour.

PROGRESS REPORTS FOR INFORMATION.

Clerk;

- Budget- Clerk has produced budget in preparation of precept consideration. Figures were slightly amended for village improvements and donations. Proposed by Cllr Smith, seconded by Cllr Curry with a unanimous vote in favour.
- Planning Applications.- Clerk advised that responses to applications are either not being received from Cllrs or are too late for a response. Clerk respectfully asked that unless this improves a planning meeting will need to be held between PC meetings if an application is received.
- Letter of thanks from Silver Band- Clerk read out letter.

Chairman;

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION.

1. **Tree Planting-** Awaiting quotations. Next agenda.
2. **Asparagus Sculpture/Marker-The Cross-** Payment has been made for £97.50 for planning application to Wychavon.
3. **Bretforton Play Area-** Correspondence has been received from insurance company advising of position - Settlement subject to causation. Claimant will now need to provide supporting evidence.
4. **Village Posts-** One quote has been received from Orchard Fencing, awaiting 2nd, next agenda.
5. **Footpath-Gras Close-** Wychavon have confirmed that residents can put up 'Private Road' signs. No further information has been received regarding footpath. It is unclear whether vehicles can be prohibited to park when visiting properties. Enforcement are still dealing with the matter.
6. **Tree Seat- Coldicotts Lane-** Quotation for tree seat was considered. It was unanimously agreed to provide a seat at Station Road/Coldicotts Lane junction, proposed by Cllr Carter, seconded by Cllr Curry. **NB. Cost has been amended from £1200 to £892.** Cllr Wright suggested that a landscaped area may need to be provided so that seat can be used all year round.
7. **Allotment Land-** Cllr Carter has handed correspondence to tenant to move process forward, awaiting further correspondence. Cllr Wright suggested that PC should consider other land available. It was unanimously agreed that cllrs, Wright, Curry, Smith and Cleveland would meet to discuss ideas and way forward and bring suggestions to next PC meeting.
8. **New Street-**
 - Road narrowing signs, are they a possibility and where do we arrange them?
 - VAS that flash 'slow down', are our VAS re-programmable or do we need additional devices? **Quotation has been received for this facility which would need to be paid for by PC. Approval would be needed from Highways, current devices do flash 'slow down and/or road narrowing' but only when cars are exceeding speed limit. Highways would be concerned that it could be confusing when flashing and there is no obstruction in the road causing narrowing.**
 - Re-painting the double yellow lines on the corner and extending them slightly around in New Street, is this possible? **Carried out by Highways.**
 - Parking on the double yellow lines on Main Street causing vehicles to pull too wide, you kindly asked parking enforcement to attend, could we arrange this again. **Highways propose that amount of parking could be reduced by increasing**

lines by 12 metres and are looking for PC approval. Cllr Smith proposed that a request should be made to increase by 6 metres thus keeping as much parking as possible but improving visibility. Clerk to chase suggestion of CCTV camera to record incidents for future reference.

Proposed by Cllr Smith, seconded by Cllr Wright with 4 votes in favour and 1 abstention.

9. **The Butty**-Response received from owners that when a sale of Manor is agreed they will bear in mind PC suggestion to purchase of The Butty.
10. **Additional Defib**- An additional defib was considered. It was unanimously agreed that a defib at Bretforton Sports Club should be installed and that WMAS should be contacted as previous one was free. If not, a quotation should be sought to purchase a device and cabinet.
11. **Village Planters**- It was noted that the two new village planters have been stolen. This has been reported to the Police. It was unanimously agreed to not replace at this time.
12. **NHB**- 5 proposal forms have been received for consideration. The subjects are:
 - Village website. *After consultation with Wychavon, it was decided that this project would not meet the criteria in its current form as the project is not large enough, however, the ideas should be explored with applicants to move idea forward, clerk to contact and arrange to meet in new year.*
 - Bretforton multi-media centre. *As above however, it should be noted that the PC asked hall users if they would benefit from the installation of broadband and they declined the offer, the PC have installed a projector screen already and have a village projector.*
 - Bretforton blooming gateways project- *As above.*
 - Bretforton Shop Café Project- *Meets the criteria in principle and Wychavon would support this idea after consultation with them, however, planning application is currently unclear so this would need clarifying. It would be preferable to add café onto building as a separate project rather than just purchasing equipment. Cllr Cleveland will advise applicants at next Shop Committee Meeting.*
 - Bretforton Cricket Club- *A brighter score. Does not meet the criteria for NHB however, PC would be willing to consider a donation to purchase item.*

Wychavon District Council.

- **Diamond Jubilee Community Recognition Awards 2016/17**- A suggestion has been received from a resident in response to the magazine article to nominate the team who renovated, cleared and replanted the church grounds in 2016. It was unanimously agreed to support this proposal.
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Worcestershire County Council.

CALC –Clerk has attended a course on record retention.

PLANNING - APPLICATIONS:

Parish Council comments recorded on Planning Register

**REFUSED:
APPROVAL:**

APPEAL:

- WITHDRAWN;
- OTHER ITEMS
- ENFORCEMENT-

CORRESPONDENCE For Information.

Publications

CLERKS REPORT on Urgent Decisions Since Last Meeting.

COUNCILLORS REPORTS & ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA.

Finance:

FINANCIAL STATEMENT AND CHEQUES TO BE DRAWN			
Bretforton Parish Council	2nd November 2016	B/F	01.04.16
			27,231.78
		INTEREST	83.33
Current Account	3,861.82		
Business deposit	12,010.67	CREDIT	18,142.81
Fixed Deposit	22,660.00	PRECEPT	29225.00
	38,532.49	TOTAL	74,682.92
LESS AS LIST	38,345.64		
Cheque No.		PAYMENT	36,337.28
			38,345.64
outstanding			-
1990	31.00		-
2008	115.85		-
1999	40.00		-
			-
			-
Credits			-
			-
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			-
			-
			-
			0.00

Payments to be made			Nov-16	NET	VAT	GROSS
14.11.16	HMRC	Tax & NI	2009	66.8	0	66.8
14.11.16	A Evans	Salary	BACS	267.06	0	267.06
14.11.16	P Moxon	Play Inspections	2010	40	0	40
14.11.16	British Poppy Appeal	Rem Day	2011	50	0	50
14.11.16	Marmax Products	Bench	2013	344	68.8	412.8

14.11.16	Limebridge	Grass Cutting	2014	240	48	288
14.11.16	A Tyrrell	Handyman tasks	2015	94	0	94
14.11.16	Wychavon DC	Dog bin/Back Lane	2016	22.89	4.58	27.47
24.10.16	Npower	Electricity		773.02		
						1246.13

Invoices and payments approved for settlement. Proposed by Cllr Curry. Seconded by Cllr Smith. All in favour. Meeting closed at 9.32pm.

Date of the next meeting; 12th December 2016.

Signed:

Date:

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County Councillor Report- Bretforton

Month: November 2016

Prepared by Alastair Adams

Littletons Division, Worcestershire County Council

New Offenham Rd/Elm Road roundabout in Evesham – Works are progressing well in building this new roundabout which once finished will reduce congestion at this junction.

Highway issues:-

1. **Coldicotts Close.** Good news – an agreement has been reached between Rooftop Housing Association and Highways to repair the pavements in Coldicotts Close. Highways will repair the pavements this time, but in future Rooftop will maintain them and be responsible for them. I am awaiting a date for the works to start.
2. **Parking in New Street** – further complaints have been received from residents of the difficulty of exiting Main Street onto New Street/Weston Rd. As a consequence, Highways have suggested extending the double yellow lines by 2 car lengths to give better visibility.
3. **HGV's and the Advisory Lorry Routes** - The new Warwickshire lorry route signs guiding all lorries from Evesham to follow the Advisory Lorry Routes will be erected this month.

Sidor Meats in Blackminster

I received a complaint from a resident about the smoke from this polish sausage manufacturer drifting across his garden. I have reported it as a nuisance to the WRS. Also Planning Enforcement are involved as a planning application is needed for a new extractor/flue.

O&S review on Planning Enforcement

A 77 page Review on WDC Planning Enforcement has been published listing 12 recommendations to give the residents of Wychavon a better service. A copy of the report can be found under "Scrutiny Reports" on <http://www.wychavon.gov.uk/scrutiny-library>

I have asked all Parish Councils to write and support these recommendations.

Divisional Funds.

Please remind all community organisations in your village that I have a Divisional Fund which can give small grants (normally up to £500) to help with purchasing new equipment or services that will help their organisation flourish. Honeybees WI have put in a request for some new tables.

Satellite Broadband

For residents who live outside Bretforton village boundary and are still suffering from poor Broadband, the County Council has launched a Satellite Broadband scheme (worth up to £400) which pays for the installation at your premises. See the web page below for more information;

<http://www.superfastworcestershire.com/better-broadband-scheme>

Rural Cinema

And finally, a date for your diary, on Saturday 21st January 2017 at Pebworth village Hall, there will be a Rural Cinema. The film has yet to be announced, but if you want tickets, please contact me. If you are looking at Rural Cinema for your village, then I may be able to help – contact me.

Businesses booming

And finally following the news that Worcestershire is the 3rd fastest growing economy in the UK, there has been a lot of good news stories from local businesses in the last month.

For example, I attended a very interesting presentation by the MD of Evesham Vale Growers (EVG) who have invested £25m in the state of the art tomato growing facility which is a model of sustainability. They harvest rainwater to grow tomatoes in hydroponic systems in a huge greenhouse. The waste from both the growing and packing operations powers an anaerobic digester (AD) that in turn produces digestate and biogas. Carbon dioxide and heat are also generated by the AD, both of which are utilised in the greenhouse growing operation. The carbon dioxide makes the tomatoes grow bigger, and the heat and special LED lights means tomatoes can be grown all year round. The biogas is sold into the national grid, and digestate is spread on their crops rather than having to use expensive

chemical fertilisers. Any vegetable and salad waste with little calorific value for the ADs is fed to their 350 head of Aberdeen Angus beef cattle, which then produce manure that is a good feedstuff for the digester. A complete circle of sustainable horticulture, but the best part of this process is the vision that sees a great future for growing tomatoes in the Vale of Evesham as currently we import 85% to 95% of all tomatoes sold in the UK. With this new process, tomatoes can be grown here all year round, and so the future looks bright! EVG already produce 240 tonnes of tomatoes per week and supply many of our UK Supermarkets including Sainsbury, Co-Op and Morrisons. Well done EVG, and we look forward to when Evesham tomatoes are as well known nationally as Evesham Asparagus!

If you have any good news local stories then let me know, as I am a great believer that good news needs publicity.

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