

BRETFORTON PARISH COUNCIL

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Minutes of the Meeting held on
8th April 2019 in the Memorial Hall

PRESENT:

Cllr J Johnson
Cllr A Grant
Cllr K Wright
Cllr A Curry
Cllr R Davis
Cllr G Collins
Cllr N Smith

APOLOGIES:

Cllr J Cleveland
Cllr K Carter

PARISHIONERS:

No parishioners attended.

MINUTES:

Minutes of the Meeting held on 9th April 2018 were read out, approved and signed. Proposed by Cllr Wright, Seconded by Cllr Grant. All in favour.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

Bretforton Parish Council
Chairman's end of year statement April 2019

The last year has not been characterised by any major event. The allotment gardens have been settling in and are now progressing well, with the few allotment holders who have had to give up their plots being replaced by new villagers including a couple of young families which is good except that 2 year olds seem to like putting stones in the water tanks!

During the last 6 months we have been involved in consulting and commenting on the proposed Rooftop Housing scheme in the field in the middle of the village and this has aroused a great deal of local interest and concern. It appears from the comments by the Policy planning and Conservation Officer at Wychavon that the scheme is not supported but they may be expecting an appeal if the application results in a refusal. It does bring out the thought that we should perhaps reconsider preparing a Neighbourhood Plan for our village and community to help resolve some of these issues in future. As the next round of the SWDP policy review is now under way it may not be the right time but we could make enquires.

One point that we learnt from this planning process was that the policy relating to 'protected open space' states that the only acceptable use is for 'Social or recreational use that does not compromise the essential

character of the land' which may well be of interest to us if housing in principle is not going to be allowed and the owner wishes to consider other options. Although we have the Recreation Ground this is of limited use for informal play and another area in the village with 'village green' characteristics would be welcome.

In the meantime we now have a 'Land sub committee' who have started the process of seeking out possible sites for a new village hall and other needed facilities and hopefully this will produce some results.

Our new store at Bretforton House Farm is now in use and will be a useful facility for ourselves and village clubs.

We are sending the County Council photos that Cllr Collins has taken in the rain of the impassible areas of footpath along Station Road to try and get some response to which I was going to add to pictures of sub- standard sections of the footpath along the main road. However I now feel that this needs an extensive examination with a full description of all the bits of footpath that are narrow, badly maintained and dangerous to use along the B4035. We may have to put up with the road but there is no excuse for unsafe footpaths and I will press for action on this during the next year.

With the assistance of our clerk Andrea we are starting to get to grips with the management problems of the Memorial Hall and this will hopefully result in an improved set up.

Thanks to Andrea again this year for her positive attitude and help to me during the year.

The election is now upon us and hopefully we will meet again at the next Council meeting and see what next year will bring.

Robert Davis
Chairman

COUNTY COUNCIL REPORT:

See report included in minutes for Parish Council Meeting of 8th April 2019.

DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT;

See report included in minutes for Parish Council Meeting of 8th April 2019

BYRD & CANNING CHARITY:

Payments made 2019
25 payments at £20 making a total of £500.00 Balance £91.54
Accounts were approved. Proposed by: Cllr Grant. Seconded by: Cllr Wright. Signed by the Chairman.

NON AGENDA ITEMS

Meeting closed at 7.09pm

Signed:

Date: