

BREDON, BREDON'S NORTON AND WESTMANCOTE PARISH COUNCIL

The minutes of Bredon Parish Council Meeting held by Zoom Video Conference on **Monday 14th December 2020**.

Present: Councillors: Mr Rob Bell, Mr Nick Bradley (Chairman), Mr Richard Coghlan, Mr Matt Darby, Mr Kevin Falvey, Mr Phil Handy, Mr Neil Leyden, Mr Andrew Rhodes, Mr Declan Shiels, Mr Rob Sly and Mr Brod Whiting.

In Attendance: Mr Tim Drew (Clerk), Cllr Adrian Hardman, Mr Ed Pyke.

1. Apologies for Absence.

None.

2. Declaration of Interests.

Councillors were reminded to update their Register of Interests with Wychavon.

Cllr Darby declared a Prejudicial ODI for Item 5 e) Application 20/02640 (neighbouring woodland) and a Prejudicial ODI for Item 10 (Landowner).

Cllr Falvey declared a Prejudicial ODI for Item 10 (Chairman of Bredon Star RFC).

3. Adoption of the minutes of the meetings held on Monday 9th November 2020.

These minutes were **approved**.

4. Finances.

a) Invoices to be paid:

Village Hall:

Jo Lomasney	Balance of Wages – November 2020	£126.38
County Boiler Services	Boiler Repair incl. electrodes & gaskets	£257.64
County Boiler Services	Boiler Fan Replacement	£353.82

Parish Council:

Pippins Accountancy	Sage, Bookkeeping & Q2 VAT Return	£122.50
Timothy Drew	Balance of Wages – November 2020	£307.92
David Gray *	Lengthsman Services – October 2020	£352.00
Thomas Spry	Maintenance at Various Locations around Parish	£675.00
Thomas Spry	Maintenance of three Car Parks	£775.00
Thomas Spry	Hedge Cutting – Adjacent to Play Area	£100.00

* Paid & to be ratified.

The above payments were **agreed**.

b) Financial Report:

The November 2020 bank statements and cash book were **approved**.

5. Planning.

a) For Ratification:

- i. 20/02311/CLE Stone Haven, Rectory Farm Lane, Bredon's Norton, GL20 7EZ
Certificate of lawfulness for the existing use - land used as domestic garden.

The parish council has no objections.

- ii. 20/02318/CLPU 75 Queensmead, Bredon, GL20 7NF (*see d) viii below*)
Certificate of Lawfulness for the proposed construction of new dormer and insertion of roof lights.

The parish council has no objections.

b) For Approval:

- i. 20/02486/HP Cherry Tree Cottage, Lower Lane, Kinsham, GL20 8HT
Retrospective application for gates and fencing to rear.
The parish council has no objections.
- ii. 20/01325/HP The Bredons, Kemerton Road, Bredon, GL20 7JB
Proposed two storey side extension.
The parish council has no objections.
- iii. 20/02704/HP The Gables, Tewkesbury Road, Bredon's Hardwick, GL20 7EE
Erection of two-storey extension and alterations to first floor bedroom.
The parish council has no objections.

The parish council's comments for a) & b) above were **agreed**.

c) Planning Committee:

- i. 20/01592/FUL Meadow View, Mill End, BredonTewkesburyGL20 7LQ
Erection of detached dwelling and associated parking.
Refused by Wychavon Planning Committee.

d) Approved:

- i. 20/02087/HP The Manor, Farm Lane, Westmancote, GL20 7ES
- ii. 20/01604/HP 3 Back Lane, Bredon, GL20 7LH
- iii. 20/01895/HP Land to south of Inshallah, Manor Lane, Bredon's Norton
- iv. 20/02302/AGR Avonvale Farm, Tewkesbury Road, Bredon's Hardwick
- v. 20/02249/HP 23 Pippins Road, Bredon, GL20 7NJ
- vi. 20/01998/HP Lantern House, Manor Lane, Bredon's Norton, GL20 7HB
- vii. 20/02223/NMA Ashley Cottage, Cheltenham Road, Kinsham, GL20 8HP
- viii. 20/02318/CLPU 75 Queensmead, Bredon, GL20 7NF

e) Other General Planning Matters.

Two applications, 20/02640/FUL and 20/00076/LB require a response before the January meeting. In the case of the former, Cllr Darby left the meeting, when the Land off Kemerton Road was discussed. The parish council were updated on recent public social media posting and comments on the Wychavon website. The land is a designated 'Local Green Space' and 'Local Gap' and is outside the development boundary and there is an obligation to provide allotments. The application is contrary to the Neighbourhood Plan which was approved by residents in 2017. There are also likely to be Highways issues at Kemerton Road. Councillors to further consider the application and contact the Planning Working Group Chairman with comments before a formal response is posted.

The Garden Town / Ashchurch Railway Bridge (GT/ARB) has not been listed for the Tewkesbury Borough Council (TBC) December Planning Committee. The Chairman gave an appraisal of recent correspondence and discussions with Richard Buxton Solicitors and their advice on the wider implications of various planning considerations and their implications for GT/AB and the Mitton Bank applications. They recommend writing to Wychavon to challenge the Sustainability

Assessments. Cllr Hardman provided an update on the Government White Paper, the associated algorithms, Highways England and M5 Junction 9.

The following actions were **agreed**:

- Bredon Parish Council to join and progress the proposed alliance of parish councils to oppose the GT/ARB.
- Write to individual TBC Councillors in advance of the next Planning Committee scheduled to discuss GT/ARB.
- Write to Highways England to request an update on their position on the Mitton Bank development (18/00771/OUT).
- Write to Wychavon to question the delegated powers for their approval of the Planning Statement signed with TBC in September 2017.

Correspondence relating to unauthorised building work at 70 Blenheim Drive (Ref ENF200391) was circulated to Councillors.

6. Covid-19 Update.

Cllr Hardman updated the parish council as follows:

- Bredon are expected to remain in Tier 2 due to higher case numbers in North Worcestershire.
- Although hospital numbers are rising, there are few in ICUs.
- Vaccine roll-out has commenced and there will be a big push after Christmas.

There was no update from WhatsApp groups.

7. Current Byelaw Provision.

All Councillors are to review the circulated advice from Thomson and Bancks and make proposals at the January meeting.

8. Co Option of a 12th Parish Councillor.

One application had been received from Ed Pyke of Kinsham who will be put forward for co-option to the parish council at the January meeting. Ed had addressed the council – see Notes of Public Question Time below.

9. Bredon AFC Space Outside Clubhouse.

On behalf of Bredon AFC, Mr Martin Miles, had addressed the parish council in November to explore the use of the outside space between the Clubhouse and MUGA. This was outlined as a temporary structure, with a retractable canopy over the bi-fold doors envisaged. This would be an appropriate distance from the MUGA fence and would be used for player changing (during Covid-19 restrictions) and public shelter.

Councillors had been circulated with a projected overview, general measurements, usage, maintenance and operational issues, together with various variable visual examples.

After discussion, it was decided that the proposal was primarily designed for as a Clubhouse extension (i.e., as a beer garden) rather than a changing facility. There was also concern around the proximity to the MUGA, used mainly by children.

The proposal was **not agreed** in principal although the council would be willing to discuss any issues Bredon AFC have relating to the current Covid-19 situation and assist if possible.

Clerk to respond to Bredon AFC indicating that any future request or proposal for the area would need greater clarity as to how the space would be used as a temporary structure, together with specific detail (including design and actual size/dimensions).

10. Bredon Star RFC Pitch Drainage.

Cllrs Darby and Falvey left the meeting for this item. Councillors had reviewed the plan provided and made comments relating to underwriting damage to footpaths, clarification on the number of headwalls, depth of drainage and work schedule (time and duration). It was **agreed** the Chairman would contact Bredon Star RFC to request a response to the various issues raised.

11. IT Hardware.

The Technology & Media Working Group (T&MWG) recommended that if Councillors required tablets and software to conduct parish council business, they should be made available but remain council property. It was **agreed** that the T&MWG would provide a proposal for a tablet specification, to include software and insurance, for presentation to the January meeting.

12. Correspondence for Information.

The Clerk provided the following update:

- A briefing from the Boundary Commission.
- Education Provision at Mitton due to Tewkesbury Urban Expansion.
- The role of Development Management and Planning Committee in Wychavon Planning Applications.

13. Progress Reports and Updates

a) Clerk:

- Outlined of the Precept requirement for 2021-22, to be approved at the January meeting.

b) County & District Councillor:

- Any temporary structure agreed under Item 9 above may be difficult to revoke.
- Education Provision at Mitton will be raised at the Worcestershire CC meeting in January. The catchment area and right to attend Tewkesbury School issues need to be resolved.
- Line marking at the road junctions at Westmancote completed.
- Bredon's Norton drainage scheduled to start 4th January 2021 for 2 weeks. Trying to get Bredon's Norton Village hall flooding resolved at same time.
- No update on Moreton Bank bridge in Eckington Road but likely to be budgeted in 2021-22.

c) Defibrillators and SmartWater.

- Books placed in the two kiosks at Westmancote and Queensmead are becoming a hazard. A notice to be placed on Facebook to request they are kept in tidy state. A local nominated owner will be sought and costs for shelving to be sought.
- No update on SmartWater.

d) Transport & Organisations Working Group.

- Clerk to write to Worcestershire Highways to chase outstanding speeding report and propose a meeting with Barry Barnes.
- A proposal for four VAS Cameras to be purchased for the four roads into the parish to be costed.

Cllr Falvey provided the following update from the Police:

- Two catalytic convertors have been stolen from vehicles in Blenheim Drive.
- There was a report of Anti-Social Behaviour in Dock Lane, where a vehicle was being driven at speed. Officers attended but no activity.
- A car was damaged in Bredon's Norton. The rear windscreen wiper had been snapped and the fuel cap opened, but it appeared no fuel was taken.

- e) Assets Working Group.
 - The Village Hall will close over the Christmas and New Year period.
 - The Christmas Tree is now in place and decorated.
 - Clerk to write to Simon Booth regarding Village Hall electrical requirements.
- f) Executive and Finance Working Group.
 - Meeting to be held on 17th December, primarily to review the Precept for 2021-22.
- g) Technology and Media Working Group.
 - Hallmaster software and website on hold due to Covid-19 situation.
 - There are an increasing number of followers on Twitter and Instagram.

14. Councillor's Reports and Items for Future Agenda.

Cllr Bell requested an update on compliance with ecological requirements, particularly wildflower planting on the January agenda.

15. Date of Next Meetings.

Monday 11th January 2021.

Meeting closed at 09:55pm.

Notes of Public Question Time:

Ed Pyke, who had applied to fill the parish council vacancy and be co-opted as the 12th parish councillor; gave details of his background, career, record of public service and aspirations for the parish in general and Kinsham in particular.