

BREDON, BREDON'S NORTON AND WESTMANCOTE PARISH COUNCIL

The minutes of Bredon Parish Council Meeting held at Bredon Village Hall on **Monday 9th August 2021 at 7:15pm.**

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

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

1. Apologies for Absence.

None.

2. Declaration of Interests.

Cllr Sly declared a non-prejudicial ODI for Item 5 f), relating to Mitton Bank.

Cllr Whiting declared a non-prejudicial ODI for Item 5 g) as a friend of a Tewkesbury Borough Council (TBC) Council Solicitor (Sara Freckleton).

3. To consider the Adoption of the Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 14th July 2021.

These minutes were **agreed**.

4. Finances:

i. Invoices to be paid:

Village Hall:

Jo Lomasney	Balance of Wages – July 2021	£126.38
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Parish Council:

Timothy Drew	Balance of Wages – July 2021	£82.38
MRB Carpentry & Building	Refurbishment of Changing Rooms	£31446.00
David Gray	Lengthsman Services – Parish July 2021	£187.50
David Gray	Lengthsman Services – WCC Highways July 2021	£393.75
Chris Radbourne	Removal of Fruit Tree from Playing Field	£144.00
Greenworks	Grass cutting (x3)	£2303.42
S Merrett Services	Herbicide & Fertiliser for Playing Field	£414.00

It was **agreed** that Bredon Star RFC would be asked for a letter of cost indemnity to the Parish Council before payment is submitted. This to ensure that the payment to MRB Carpentry & Building would be covered by the Bredon Star RFC, if, a payment from Wychavon District Council was not forthcoming to pay the costs of the approved Section 106 project. Cllr Falvey abstained. All payments above were **agreed**.

ii. To approve the Financial Report.

The July 2021 bank statements and cash book were **approved**.

The Clerk advised that the external auditors (PKF Littlejohn) had requested a breakdown of earmarked expenditure from the parish council's general reserves.

5. Planning:

- a) For Ratification:
 - i. 21/01372/HP Kirklands, Main Road, Bredon, GL20 7EL
Enlargement of garage.
No objection.

- b) For Consideration:
 - i. 21/01502/FUL The Croft, 1 The Dell, Bredon, GL20 7QP
Proposed development of two dwellings with associated garaging, parking, drainage and access.
Following a full discussion, the parish council agreed to support the pre-application advice that a single dwelling would be more appropriate rather than the two as proposed. It should be brought to the planning officer's attention that new building within the conservation area should reflect the local Cotswold vernacular & adhere to the relevant conservation area policies contained within the BNP & local plans.

- c) For Approval:
 - i. 21/01572/LB Laburnum Cottage, Manor Lane, Bredon's Norton, GL20 7HB
Retrospective approval for alterations to listed dwelling and proposed new balustrade.
No objection.
 - ii. 21/00674/HP Coppice End, Hardwick Bank Road, Bredon's Hardwick, GL20 7ED
Proposed two-storey side extension and balcony.
No objection.

The parish council's comments above were **agreed**.

- d) Approved:
 - i. 21/00280/FUL Blackberry Barn, Manor Lane, Bredon's Norton, GL20 7HB
 - ii. 20/02152/FUL The Pound, Westmancote, Bredon, GL20 7ES
 - iii. 21/01524/AGR - P&D Engineering, Fleet Lane, Bredon, GL20 7EF
(Prior approval not required for the proposal).
 - iv. 21/01382/HP Old Orchard House, 19 Oak Drive, Bredon, GL20 7PN
 - v. 21/01253/HP 34 The Dell, Bredon, GL20 7QP

- e) Refused:
 - i. 21/00482/HP 1 Avondale Cottages, Church Street, Bredon, GL20 7LA

f) Highways Agency Policy Change.

Cllr Sly left the meeting for this item. Cllr Bradley has circulated a draft letter to the Midlands Regional Director of Highways England (HE) to express concern at the change in position of HE in relation to Mitton Bank Planning Application 18/00771/OUT. HE are to be requested to make all relevant documentation available to affected parties and to reconsider their position. The letter was **agreed** subject to changes discussed and the Clerk will forward to HE.

g) ABoR, GWPCA and SWDP Updates.

Cllr Whiting left the meeting for this item. Bredon Parish Council has been collaborating with other Parish Councils in seeking leave from the High Court for a Judicial Review over this planning decision. The Court has now agreed to review the planning application. Although the decision may not be overturned, it shows that there are reasonable grounds for believing that the application

process did not follow the law, and this will now be tested in Court. The Judicial Review Hearing is expected to take place in late 2021, or early 2022.

The Gloucestershire and Worcestershire Parish Councils Association (GWPCA) has met with and good attendance of parish councils and associated organisations. Evidence will be compiled for the Judicial Review together with the establishment of channels of communication for both parishioners and the wider public.

The review of the South Worcestershire Development Plan (SWDP) has been delayed again due to a decision is to allow more time for vital technical studies to be completed. The plan will now be ready for public consultation and submission for independent examination in February 2022.

h) Other Planning Matters.

Richard Buxton Solicitors are being consulted about the responses to Freedom of Information requests.

Wychavon Planning were asked why the Mitton Bank website showed a Consultation Start Date of 28/06/2021 and a Consultation End Date of 19/07/2021. The Planning Officer advised these dates only relate to an approach that was sent to Sport England who had not been previously consulted on the application. Consequently, this was not a re-consultation on new material. Tewkesbury Borough Council have now submitted their Sporting Facilities requirements for Section 106 funding. It was **agreed** that the Clerk writes to Wychavon Planning requesting that planning application 18/00771/OUT should be re-consulted given the need for clarity of the various site issues and variations.

6. Covid-19 Update.

Both the Worcester Royal and Gloucester Royal Hospitals are busy with many people visiting A&E with minor injuries or complaints. Bredon parishioners should attend Tewkesbury Community Hospital, our closest for inpatient and outpatient services, minor injuries, x-ray and ultrasound services, occupational therapy and physiotherapy.

Village Hall bookings are starting to increase.

7. Energy Efficiency Grant Application.

This item was deferred to the September meeting.

8. Main Car Park Fencing and Resurfacing.

In mid-2019, Wychavon decided that proposed ground works to the car parks did not constitute an improvement, as required by a Section 106 agreement. Fencing to the car parks may be eligible. Cllr Falvey has investigated materials for the Main Car Park and a metal (rather than composite) material would be most appropriate with trief kerbing. Also for consideration are a new gate from the path to the Playing Field near the Bowling Club, replacement concrete bollards (or trief kerb) and drainage channels to alleviate flash flooding. It was **agreed** that a project cost breakdown should be presented in September.

9. Correspondence, Progress Reports and Updates for Information.

The Clerk provided the following update:

- A resident has requested Speed Limit signage through Kinsham. This will be subject to Worcestershire Highways approval. Clerk to write to parishioner.
- A Wychavon plan, to protect Pershore Park from illegal encampments, is reviewing legal deterrents which could include a pre-emptive injunction on the land. This is to be monitored, although an injunction before a breach is unlikely.
- The Hedge on the approach to Grange Field Road is overgrown and unsightly. This area was not adopted and is not a parish council responsibility, however, Cllr Hardman will

investigate with a view to funding the hedge's removal. Clerk to update parishioner who raised the issue.

- Input from Councillors, to future Ward Boundaries for Wychavon District Council, has been requested.
- Kemerton Estate provided a replacement gate to the Eckington Road Footpath leading to Westmancote.

10. Progress Reports and Updates for Information:

a) County and District Councillor:

- A meeting is to be facilitated with Harriett Baldwin MP, Laurence Robertson MP, Tewkesbury Borough Council and Wychavon District Council to discuss the current position of Tewkesbury Garden Town and Mitton Bank.
- The 540 Bus routing, in relation to Queensmead for a Bus Stop, is to be a September agenda item.
- Interconnecting footway resurfacing, between Bredon and Kinsham and Bredon and Westmancote, has been referred to Worcestershire Highways.
- A meeting with Barry Barnes of Worcestershire Highways was held to review Bredon's Norton flooding and backlog of clearing drains and grips.
- Clerk asked to liaise with Lengthsman to clear grips at Westmancote and Lower Westmancote.
- An email update will be forwarded to Mr Vincent of Westmancote following speed signage request and Worcestershire Highways funding and approval.

Working Groups:

b) Police Report

Cllr Falvey reported:

- That travellers were at Eckington Recreation ground.
- An attempted burglary at a house in Kemerton.
- A car theft on Main Road, Bredon.
- Police speed checks were carried out in Bredon.
- The Rural Beat, a new publication from the Police in South Worcestershire, had been circulated to Councillors.

c) Technology & Media

Notes from the meeting held on 19th July 2021 were circulated to Councillors. The key issues discussed have been referred to elsewhere in these minutes.

Approval from Highways is awaited before up to 4 x signs are purchased and located at parish road entrances.

The September Parish Magazine will cover the Rewilding Project – Volunteer Weekend, Police Report, Tewkesbury Community Hospital, and the Ashchurch Bridge – Judicial Review.

d) Executive & Finance

The Tennis, Rugby and Football Clubs have indicated their willingness to discuss leases and alignment. No reply from Bowling Club. Cllrs Bradley, Handy and Rhodes will convene a meeting to discuss the strategy, format and objectives of individual meetings with the clubs.

Cllr Falvey has reviewed systems to take card payments in the Village Hall as a cash replacement. It was **agreed** to order 2 x SumUp Card Machines and a connected Tablet, within a £250 budget. The first major function using the Village Hall Bar is on 4th September 2021.

11. Councillors Reports and Items for Future Agenda:

CLlr Pyke asked for increased awareness of dogs not being allowed on the playing field, i.e., social media, newsletters and signage.

CLlr Sly asked that the Clerk send a letter to the owner of 8 Brensham Court, Main Road relating to the condition of the wall.

CLlr Coghlan reported the Bredon's Norton Village Hall was due to open later in the week and that unidentified dogs had been found in the sheep pen at Meadow's Farm.

CLlr Leyden asked if the parish council has a PayPal account, and this was confirmed.

15. Date of Next Meeting:

13th September 2021.