

BREDON & BREDON'S NORTON PARISH COUNCIL

The minutes of Bredon Parish Council Meeting held at Bredon Village Hall on **Monday 11th July 2022 at 7:00pm.**

Present: Councillors: Mr Nick Bradley [Chairman], Ms Karen Brooks, Mr Matt Darby, Mr Neil Leyden, Mr Ed Pyke and Mr Andrew Rhodes.

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

1. Apologies for Absence.

Cllrs Mr Kevin Falvey, Mr Declan Shiels, Mr Rob Sly and Mr Brod Whiting.

2. Declaration of Interests.

None.

3. To consider the Adoption of the Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 30th May 2022 and Monday 6th June 2022.

The minutes were **agreed**.

4. Finances:

- i. Invoices to be paid:

Village Hall:

Jo Lomasney	Balance of Wages – June 2022	£184.63
RPK Maintenance	VH General Repairs – Materials	£174.64
RPK Maintenance	VH General Repairs – Labour	£550.00
LCM Flat Roofing	Repair to Roof Valley & Skylight	£1188.00

Parish Council:

Timothy Drew	Balance of Wages – June 2022	£160.00
David Gray	Lengthsman Services – June (Highways)	£450.00
David Gray	Lengthsman Services – June (Parish)	£284.00
Greenworks	Grass cutting – June 2022 (x2)	£1655.23

All payments above were **agreed**.

- ii. To approve the Financial Report.

The June 2022 bank statements and cash book were **approved**.

5. Planning:

- a) Approved:

- i. W/22/01263/LB The Old Thatch, Main Road, Bredon, GL20 7EG

No objection.

- ii. W/22/01278/FUL Buildings and Land, Tewkesbury Road, Bredon's Hardwick

No objection, subject to any suggested amendments by the Environmental Officer.

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

- b) Other Planning Matters.

A Multi-Agency meeting has been held at Wychavon to report on the situation and recent activities at Castle View. Monthly meetings will be scheduled, and an open public meeting is under consideration.

David Hammond, Wychavon's Head of Planning Services, replied to the request for the procedure the parish council would need to adopt if making a complaint in support of the parishioner who has formally complained. After discussion it was **agreed** that, due to the maladministration by Wychavon Planning, the Clerk should pursue a complaint but also write to Alan Newell of Croft Farm to seek any assistance in the matter.

6. Revised Code of Conduct.

A new County Wide Code has been revised and designed to protect council's democratic role, encourage good conduct, and safeguard the public's trust in local government. It was **agreed** to adopt the revised code which remains subject to annual review.

7. Fox and Hounds – Asset of Community Value (ACV).

The existing ACV is valid until January 2024 and will be reviewed by the council in mid-2023.

8. Fly Tipping/Posting Policy.

The Clerk circulated The Good Practice Guide for The Control of Fly-Tipping which had previously been used to enforce the removal of signage/posters on street furniture. Clerk to contact CALC to ask if a specific procedure or policy exists.

9. Climate and Ecology Bill.

In the absence of Cllr Sly, this item was deferred to the August meeting.

10. Progress Reports and Updates for Information.

The Chairman referred to the recently received resignation by Mr Phil Handy, gave thanks for his many years of sterling service and acknowledged that he would be a sad loss for the parish council. The Clerk will write to Phil acknowledging his email and passing on the council's thanks.

a) County and District Councillor:

- The road surface at Westmancote has been repaired and made safe.
- The drains in Bredon's Norton near the Village Hall are being replaced and will entail around 2 months' work (scheduled for 30/08/22 to 25/11/22).
- Funding has been allocated for the Kemerton Road footway from the Surgery to Lower Westmancote. The Kinsham footway has been earmarked for 2023.
- A field off the Eckington Road is thought to be under consideration for purchase by the Woodland Trust.
- The 20's Plenty Campaign, intended as a national policy has now been targeted at parish councils.
- Social Care reforms at County level have been delayed by government.

b) Police Report:

- No Report.

Working Groups:

c) Transport & Organisations:

- A meeting with WCC Highways has been arranged for 22nd July in Bredon to review Church Street parking, traffic calming options in the parish and Radar Speed Signs roll-out.

11. Correspondence, Progress Reports and Updates for Information.

The Clerk provided the following update:

- A quote from CW Hygiene for £650 per hall plus hire of floor sander and glue remover per hall was **agreed**.
- A quote from Nimbra Signs to provide two warning signs for river access at The Dock and two parking notices next to the St Giles Church wall, were **agreed** at £319.40 plus VAT.
- An estimate from SJ Booth, to install 4 double sockets in Jubilee Room at £470.00, was **agreed**.
- The valuation Report for the Village Hall has been received from Sedgwick and will be discussed by the Executive & Finance Working Group and forwarded to the Sports Clubs where appropriate.
- A letter from Peter Whitehead of the Parochial Church Council (PCC) relating to the planned Glebe Field extension of the current churchyard at St Giles, was circulated to Councilors.
- The new proposed wards for Southern Wychavon and draft recommendations for electoral review were distributed.

12. Councillors Reports and Items for Future Agenda:

Cllr Hardman had received thanks from Bredon Hancocks for the Platinum Jubilee coins.

Cllr Leyden enquired when Wychavon planned to provide replacement bins. Clerk to follow up with Phil Childs.

Cllr Brooks reported that residents of Bredon's Norton are requesting crime figures and wish to organise a meeting with the Police Community Support Officer. They have expressed concern over the perceived increase in crime locally.

15. Date of Next Meeting:

8th August 2022

Notes of Public Question Time:

Peter Whitehead referred a previous meeting the Parish Council when the need to extend the current churchyard at St Giles was discussed due to the diminishing space for new burial plots within the existing church curtilage.

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) have recently agreed a contract with the Diocese to prepare an area within the Glebe Field to accommodate the necessary expansion.

The details of an estimate from All Season Gardens Company, to extend the church yard by roughly by 50 feet wide and 180 feet in length, was discussed. The cost is £6,260 plus VAT, although alternative quotations would be sought.

The recent extended church closures have had a severe impact on available funds and a PCC/BPC cost share for the work involved was requested.