

BREDON & BREDON'S NORTON PARISH COUNCIL

The minutes of Bredon Parish Council Meeting held at Bredon Village Hall on **Monday 13th March 2023 at 7:00pm.**

Present: Councillors: Mr Rob Bell, Mr Nick Bradley [Chairman], Ms Karen Brooks, Mr Matt Darby, Mr Kevin Falvey, Mr Andrew Rhodes, Mr Declan Shiels and Mr Rob Sly.

In Attendance: Mr Tim Drew (Clerk).

1. Apologies for Absence.

Cllrs Ms Katie Hall, Mr Neil Leyden, Mr Ed Pyke, Mr Brod Whiting and Mr Adrian Hardman.

2. Declaration of Interests.

Cllr Sly has an existing dispensation for SWDP related matters (5 e i).

Cllr Darby requested a dispensation for Planning Application 20/02640/FUL (5 b i) due to family ownership of neighbouring land. He previously declared a non-prejudicial ODI but has since been in dispute with the appellants and now declares a prejudicial ODI. A dispensation to discuss but not vote was **agreed**.

3. To consider the Adoption of the Minutes of the Meetings held on Monday 13th February 2023.

These minutes were **agreed**.

4. Finances:

- i. Invoices to be paid:

Village Hall:

Jo Lomasney	Balance of Wages – February 2023	£25.70
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Parish Council:

Timothy Drew	Balance of Wages – February 2023	£41.20
Pippins Accountancy	Q3 VAT Return 2022-23 & bookkeeping	£148.75
David Gray	Lengthsman – February 2023 – Highways	£420.00
David Gray	Lengthsman – February 2023 – Parish	£90.00
Greenworks	Mowing – February 2023 (x1)	£911.20
Richard Buxton Solicitors	SWDP Input, Enquiries and Requests.	£800.00 plus VAT

Ashchurch Parish Council have indicated that they expect that monies paid so far for the ABoR Appeal will be enough to cover the legal costs incurred once the addition of the £70k from Tewkesbury Borough Council. It is expected that a sum of over £9k will be refunded to the parish council.

All payments above were **agreed**.

- ii. To approve the Financial Report.

The February 2023 bank statements and Cashbook were **approved**.

5. Planning:

- a) For Approval:

- i. W/23/00331/CU Castle View, Eckington Road, Bredon's Norton, WR10 3FB

Use of land for single pitch traveller site.

Objection. A written response will be submitted by the 27th March 2023 Consultation End, which is after this publication goes to press.

- ii. W/23/00344/FUL Castle View, Eckington Road, Bredon's Norton, WR10 3FB
Day room building.

Objection. A written response will be submitted by the 27th March 2023 Consultation End, which is after this publication goes to press.

- iii. W/23/00218/CU St Catherines Barn, Lampitt Lane, Bredon's Norton, GL20 7HB
Proposed Shepherds hut with car park/amenity space (bed & breakfast).

No Objection, subject to the Planning Officer being satisfied the application is consistent with planning policy.

b) Planning Appeal:

- i. 20/02640/FUL Land Off Kemerton Road, Bredon
Change of use of land to provide gypsy/traveller pitch and associated works including mobile home, touring caravan amenity block and hardstanding. Appeal will be held as an in-person event taking place at Wychavon District Council, Civic Centre, Queen Elizabeth Drive, Pershore, WR10 1PT on 21st March 2023 at 10:00am.
Wychavon Planning only advised the appeal date on 6th March 2023. This left insufficient time for any councillors, to rearrange other commitments. The Clerk will forward a written submission, requesting the Inspector to refer to the detailed comments submitted on 7th July 2022 and take them into account in our absence.

c) Approved:

- i. W/22/02719/HP The Birches, 11 Perwell Close, Bredon, GL20 7LJ
- ii. W/22/02668/CLE Severn Sailing Club, Wharf Lane, Bredon's Norton, GL20 7HD
- iii. W/22/02723/HP The Olde Forge, Rectory Farm Lane, Bredon's Norton, GL20 7EZ

d) Refused:

- i. W/22/02726/PIP Blenheim House, Tewkesbury Road, Bredon's Hardwick, GL20 7EE

e) Other Planning Matters.

i. SWDP Consultation:

Cllrs Hardman and Bradley met with Vic Allison (CEO of Wychavon) to discuss the SWDP and the recent Mitton and Ashchurch Bridge decisions. It was agreed that Wychavon Planning would be more engaged with the parish council, acknowledging Bredon incurred all the harms and no benefits from these planning applications. Responses to the SWDP consultation had not yet been reviewed and the examination in public has been delayed to June/July 2023.

ii. Ashchurch Bridge over Rail (ABoR):

Tewkesbury Borough Council met and appointed a director to oversee the Garden Town and request grant funding from Government in order to proceed.

It was **agreed** to form a Strategy Working Group (Cllrs Bradley, Brooks, Darby and Sly) to prepare information and data (particularly transport) for the SWDP public examination. Cllr Sly to contact Railton for their transport availability and find a Rail specialist support.

iii. Other (Croft Farm):

A Bredon resident has contacted Wychavon to review enforcement of technical breaches of planning at Croft Farm, including deviations of the reception building in terms of roof shape and external layout of the building, the parking area and reduction in green space.

6. Formation of a Village Hall Committee.

This could either be a function of the Assets Working Group or operate similar to BCPR. The Internal Audit is likely to recommend greater control of Village Hall assets, financial procedures, and stock control. This will be discussed further at the April meeting.

7. Parish Election – 4th May 2023.

The Clerk outlined the election process and key dates including the Nomination deadline of 4pm on Tuesday 4th April 2023. These must be hand-delivered to the Returning Officer, at the Civic Centre in Pershore, WR10 1PT.

8. Coronation of King Charles III:

Wychavon have allocated a grant of £760 towards any parish celebrations. The Women's Institute have agreed to assist and provide the teas cakes for a Village Hall Afternoon Teas event on Monday 8th May 2023, 2pm to 4pm (like Warm Room events). This would be in the Chandler Room and/or Courtyard depending on the weather.

9. Car Park Incident – 27th January 2023 - 7:15pm.

A Village Hall user was injured by a fall next to the bollard between the Bowling Club fence and Main Car Park. Clerk to write offering thanks for bringing the incident to the council's attention. In December 2022, the adjacent streetlight was upgraded from an outdated road lantern to a LED streetlight. This is much brighter and more energy efficient and was working at and the time of the incident.

10. Progress Reports and Updates for Information.

- a) County and District Councillor:
 - No report.
- b) Police and Defibrillator:
 - There have been further 'Cherry-Knocking' incidents in Bredon. Four ASBO's have been served and complaints received relating to individuals loitering around College Green streets.
 - Cllr Falvey has received a request for Defibrillator Training from Bredon WI.

11. Correspondence, Progress Reports and Updates for Information.

The Clerk provided the following update:

- Cllr Falvey is meeting Wales & West Utilities Ltd to discuss the planned Eckington Road Car Park height restriction barrier.
- A decision from the loss adjuster relating to the Insurance Damage to car is pending.
- Cllrs Falvey and Leyden proposed additional fencing to protect the open space adjacent to Glebeland Drive and Plantation Crescent. This was **agreed**.
- Wychavon's Community Legacy Grant Round 5 Briefing was circulated.
- Details of the 2023 Wychavon Parish Games will be published in the April Parish Magazine.
- Consultation Cotswolds National Landscape Draft Position Statement and the Draft CNL Neighbourhood Planning Position Statement, were circulated.
- Trees Call to Action will be reviewed by Cllr Bell.

12. Councillors Reports and Items for Future Agenda:

Cllr Shiels advised the April Parish Magazine content would be the Coronation, 2023 Parish Games and the Parish Election.

The Warm Room events are continuing and will be called 'Warm Welcome Room' events.

Cllr Falvey advised the Car Park Skip can be collected and replaced with a large concrete block supplied by Cooper Groundworks. This was **agreed**.

Cllr Falvey referred to current and future improvements for consideration, including repair and decoration of the kitchen wall, new lighting in the kitchen and Jubilee Room, PIRs in toilets, refurbished toilet furnishings, outside lighting and CCTV in the Courtyard and Village Hall front and boiler upgrades with zoning.

13. Date of Next Meeting:

11th April 2023 (Tuesday after Bank Holiday)

Notes of Public Question Time:

Martin Miles addressed Councillors to advise he was stepping down as Chairman of Bredon Community Play and Recreation (BCPR). He referred to the success of the Big Days Out and Play Rangers and many improvements made during his tenure. But he also raised concerns that signage, bins, and fencing had not materialised in the Play Area. At present there is no succession plan for BCPR.

Cllr Bradley thanked Martin for his excellent work and contribution over the last 6 years.