

Minutes of Bredon Parish Council Meeting held at Bredon Village Hall on Monday 11th April 2011 at 7.15pm.

Present: Cllr's Mrs Wenham (Chairman) , Mr Handy, Mr Sly, Mr Hardy, Mr Rhodes, Mr Darby, Mr Woodward, and Mr Masters.
In Attendance Ms Shields (Clerk). Cllr Hardman (County and District), Mr K Falvey and Mrs Purvis.

1. Apologies For Absence.

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr's Mrs Whiting, Brown and Frampton.

2. Declaration Of Interests.

Councillors were reminded of the need to update their register of interest. Non-prejudicial interests were received from Cllr Darby as a neighbouring farmer in two planning applications: 6(v) and 6 (iv). Cllr Darby abstained from voting due to prejudicial interests in item 15(d) parents are party to the Covenant are farming tenants of the Souters, and item 5 (d) as he leases playing pitches to the Rugby Club on a non-profit basis.

3. To Consider The Adoption Of The Minutes Of The Meeting Held On The 14th March 2011.

The minutes, having been circulated, after alterations were approved and will be signed as a true record.

4. Correspondence For Information.

Comments received regarding the VDS had been passed to the VDS Committee to respond; the final version was sent to Wychavon for adoption as a Local Information Source and inserted on Bredon's My Parish page on Worcestershire County Council website. Temporary footpath closure notice had been received for foot path 509 and 512, and placed on the notice board. Election notices had been received and placed on the parish notice boards.

Ten nominations had been received and the nominees automatically elected as Bredon, Bredon's Norton and Westmancote Parish Council Councillors, nine for Bredon Ward, one of Westmancote Ward and none for Bredon's Norton Ward. The council will compose of eight previous councillors plus two new members Mrs S Brown and Mr K Falvey. Co option for the two vacant positions will be considered at the next parish council meeting.

5. Finance

a) Invoices to Be Paid.

The following were invoices were agreed for payment:-
Wages and Salary Feb £1,406.76 (before deductions), Gas and Electric Feb £770.86. WCALC £7.50, Pippens £112.50, CPRE £29.00, Wychavon Rates £259.80 and £692.80, Admin and Accounts £168.75, Waverley £295.09, WDC Trade Waste £34.41, Insurance £86.33, RPK Maintenance £79.13, Clerks Expenses £131.87, HMRC £327.70, Lengthsman £176.00, C W Hygiene, New farms £729.99, HFN £33 445.74, Bellinger Design £4,969.13.

Due to three of the four cheque signatories leaving the council, the council agreed for Cllrs Master and Rhodes to be added to the mandate.

b) Financial Report.

Remittance received from Interest Jan £2.04, Feb £1.84, Wychavon Grant for Playing Field £10,000.00, Lengthsman (Feb) £176.00 and Network Rail £2,000.00.

c) To Consider a Donation to Bredon's Hancock's First School for CD's and other Materials.

Cllr Darby proposed, Cllr Rhodes seconded and it was agreed to donate £200.00 to Bredon Hancock's school for the purchase of new music resources.

d) To Discuss Payment of Fees for the Lease of Mr Souter's part of the Playing Field.

Cllr Rhodes proposed, Cllr Masters seconded and it was agreed to pay all parties Solicitors fees, as this had previously been agreed. The council raised its concern at the total cost of renewal of this lease, but agreed that at this point there was now no alternative.

6. Planning.

a) For Consideration.

- (I) W/11/00537/PN Bredons Hancock First School. Single storey extension. The council have no objections to this application.
- (II) W/11/00507/PP 90 Queensmead, Bredon. Side extension and internal alterations. The council have reasons to object to this proposal. The application does not: enhance the appearance of the original building ; preserve the daylight amenity of its neighbour to the east; remain clearly subservient in scale to the original building; use design breaks to prevent a terracing effect – all of which are recommended in the newly adopted Bredon village Design statement
- (III) W/11/00099/CU St Catherines Farm, Wollas Hill. Change of use to mixed business. The council deferred decision pending further evaluations
- (IV) W/11/00384/PP The Old Parsonage, Rectory Farm Lane, Bredons Norton. Single and two storey extensions to the rear. The council have no objections to this application.
- (V) W/11/00728 Pound Cottage, Westmancote, Bredon. Minor amendments. The Council have no objections to this application
- (VI) W/11/00731 Malvern House, Main Road, Bredon.
Rebuild wall to front of dwelling, new vehicular access, rebuilding of wall to northern boundary and alterations to patio. The council have no objections to this application in principle; however, we would prefer the new drive access to be similar to the original and without the large splays currently proposed which would be out of keeping with the properties current status.
- (VII) W/11/00594 Longhill, Tewkesbury Road, Bredons Hardwick. Two storey side extension. Remove existing single storey extension. The council have reasons to object to this proposal. The application does not: enhance the appearance of the original building; remain clearly subservient in scale to the original building; use design breaks to prevent a terracing effect - all of which are recommended in the newly adopted Bredon Village Design Statement.

b) Decided by Wychavon.

Approved by Wychavon.

W/11/00167/PP - Kirklands, Main Road, Bredon

Appeal Dismissed.

Appeal Ref: APP/H1840/D/11/2146502

West Barn, Westmancote, Bredon, Tewkesbury.

Withdrawn Applications.

W/10/02438/PP - Westhurst, Eckington Road, Bredon.

Mr and Mrs Gray had written to inform the council that they would not be progressing the planning application on the land at the end of Oak Lane. The council will write to the Grays expressing their appreciation of the Grays'

decision, which has been taken with the interests Bredon residents in foremost in mind.

7. To Discuss Snow Clearance.

Cllr Darby proposed, Cllr Woodward seconded and it was agreed by all to write to Overbury Estates to discuss the possible sharing of their snow plough and driver during periods of heavy snow. Cllr Hardy would prepare 'self help snow clearance guidelines' to be placed in the parish magazine.

8. To Discuss The Councils 'On Line Presence'.

Cllr Sly will continue with this project.

9. To Discuss The Inclusion Of Skateboarding Facilities On The Playing Field.

The clerk read out a letter from Mrs Hartley. Cllr Handy proposed, Cllr Hardy seconded and it was agreed by all that 'subject to an appropriate location being agreed by BCPR, the council supported the siting of two small pieces of skateboarding equipment on the playing field'.

10. To Discuss Damaged Bin At Queensmead.

Cllr's Handy and Rhodes will inspect the damaged bin, to evaluate possibilities of repair and moving it to Drapers as there are already two other bins in the vicinity. Clerk to contact Wychavon as to the cost of re-siting and to contact Mr. and Mrs Jenkins regarding the bin outside Drapers.

11. To Consider The Management Of The Village Hall.

Cllr Master proposed, Cllr Woodward seconded and it was agreed by all to continue with the present management of the Village Hall by the 'Village Hall Management Group' governed by the terms of reference as previously determined by the parish council.

12. To Consider Continuation Of The Lengthsman Scheme.

Cllr Rhodes proposed, Cllr Hardy seconded and it was agreed by all to continue with the Lengthsman scheme and renew the contract with Mr S Gwilliam.

13. To Discuss Application For Rural Rate Relief.

Cllr Rhodes proposed, Cllr Handy seconded and it was agreed to recommend that the application no 500182343 is of benefit to the local community however the parish will not fund part of the relief.

14. To Consider Maintenance for the Car Parks.

Cllr Woodward proposed, Cllr Wenham seconded and it was agreed by all to have the 'main car park tidied and white lined and the small car park sprayed and cleared of vegetation; clerk to organise. The Jubilee car park will be re instated by the contractors after the completion of the playing field.

15. Progress Reports For Information.

a) Clerk.

b) Playing Field Support Group.

c) Bredon Community Play and Recreation.

d) Bredon Village Hall Management Group.

The council agreed for the Rugby Sub Group to continue 'talks' with the Rugby club to include the preparation of a lease.

e) Bredons Norton Village Hall.

The clerk is no longer (for health and safety reasons) prepared to stand on the wall to put notices in the board out side the Village Hall, the council agreed for the clerk to write to the Village Hall Committee asking them to nominate a person to whom notices can be sent to, for display on the board.

f) County and District Councillor.

The 540 and 545 bus services will not be subjected to cuts in subsidy; this will mean a few changes to the service including the proposal to

continue the service thought to Cheltenham instead of ending at Tewkesbury. Unfortunately the subsidy on the 395 will be withdrawn. Many road repairs will be carried out in Bredon in the coming months. Cllr Hardman was congratulated on his re election as District Councillor.

g) Bredon Hill Conservation Group.

A productive meeting was held in Bredon on 22nd March. New administrative procedures were adopted. It was agreed that the Group would lobby Wychavon to make sure that new SWDP policies took proper account of the statutory purposes of the Cotswolds AONB. It was also agreed that the Group would support the listing of Parsons Folly.

h) Fields in Trust.

Applications forms to be filled in by Cllr Sly and brought to the council for approval.

i) South Worcestershire Development Plan.

16. Items For Future Agenda.

Mockfest – update.

17. Date of Next Meeting.

9th May Annual Parish Meeting and 16th May Annual Parish Council meeting.

The council warmly thanked the out going councillors, Mrs Wenham, Mr Brown and Mr Hardy for their outstanding contributions to the running of the council.