

# Bredon, Bredon's Norton and Westmancote Parish Council

Minutes of Bredon Parish Council Meeting held at Bredon Village Hall on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> September.

Present: Cllrs Mrs Gail Whiting, Mr Matt Darby, Mr Kevin Falvey, Mr Allen Frampton, Mr Phil Handy, Mr John Masters, Mr Andrew Rhodes, Mr Rob Sly and Mr Andrew Woodward (Chairman).

In Attendance Ms Shields (Clerk), Mrs Alison Palmer, Mr Declan Shiels, Mr David Newcombe and Cllr Adrian Hardman (County and District).

## 1. Apologies For Absence.

## 2. Co Option of Councillors.

Five applications had been received, one was withdrawn for personal reasons and Mr G Bayliss was not in attendance at the meeting.

After carrying out the correct procedure Mrs Alison Palmer, Mr Declan Shiels, Mr David Newcombe were co opted on to the council. The acceptance of office was signed and they were welcomed on to the council.

## 3. Declaration Of Interests.

Councillors were reminded of the need to update their register of interest.

Cllr Darby registered a prejudicial interest in 7a(vi) and item 11 as he leases land to the Rugby Club

Cllr Falvey has a prejudicial interest in items 7a(vi), 9 and 11 as Chairman of the Rugby Club.

Cllr Handy has a prejudicial interest in item 7a(ii).

The councillors took no part in the discussion of these items.

## 4. To Consider The Adoption Of The Minutes Of The Meeting Held On The 6<sup>th</sup> September 2011.

The minutes having been previously circulated were signed as a true record,

The minutes of the meeting held on the 8<sup>th</sup> August, with amendments, were signed as a true record.

## 5. Correspondence For Information.

Grit bins – for logistic reasons the council agreed not to pursue the purchase of extra bins.

Clerk has written to the owners of Queensmead Store via the District Council, to ask if the frontage could be tidied.

Cllr Darby to co ordinate and return the completed South Worcestershire Development Plan -Evidence Gathering – Village Facilities Survey.

The council agreed for Mr and Mrs Hartley to contact the Echo and for photos to be taken of the skate facilities on the playing field.

Clerk to report to Highways - jetting of drains in Hardwick Bank Road.

Lengthsman - inspect all gully's and drains over the next two weeks.

AON – Tree branches on cables in the parish.

Wychavon – Ditches requiring clearing.

## 6. Finances.

### a) Invoices To Be Paid.

Salaries and Wages £1,211.70,

Village Hall - Bulbs £23.48, BT £219.22 (DD), Waverley £173.84, £93.94 ,£580.21,

(DD), Electric July £101.88 (DD), Gas Hall Kitchen £29.04, Electric Hall August £98.92 (DD), J Styate £31.20 (DD)

BCPR Bellinger £2,942.112

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Parish Council A Marsh £210.00, Wychavon Sports £59.00. New Farms £1,543.75, Lengthsman £132.00,

## b) Financial Report.

Remittance.

PC - Lengthsman £352.00 (2 months) Interest £2.04, Bowling Club £479.17, Tennis Club Water Rates £8.48, Water Rates football £99.64,

Village Hall - August Bar £1,273.40, Hall £2,276.83, Phone £127.77.

Playing Fields - Groundwork £3,225.57, BCPR £22,239.49.

## c) Application For Rate Relief.

The application was for one already discussed.

## 7. Planning.

### a) For Consideration.

- i. W/11/01773/LB Firtree House, Manor lane, Bredons Norton, Install an air source pump and under floor heating . No Objection.
- ii. W/11/01779 /CU Ridgeway Bank Nurseries, Eckington Road, Bredon,. Three new bay wooden stable block for full livery use. No Objection.
- iii. W/11/01489/PP The Haven, Chapel Lane, Kinsham. Conversion of Loft to provide living accommodation to comprise removal of existing roof replacing with roof of steeper pitch, installation of front and rear dormers. No Objection.
- iv. W/11/01605/LB Tudor House, Westmancote, Bredon. Proposal: Internal alterations, replacement door. No Objection.
- v. W/11/01551/PP 23, Blenheim, Bredon. Two storey extension to the rear. No Objection.
- vi. W/11/01718/PN Extension to village hall to accommodate the Rugby Club. No objection.

### Withdrawn Applications

RefW/11/01114/CU - Blackberry Barn, Manor Lane, Bredons Norton

Ref W/11/01240/CU - Little Orchard, Lower Lane, Kinsham, Tewkesbury

## b) Decided By Wychavon.

### Approved

W/11/01633/CU Land rear of Avon Willows Assisi and, Meadow View, Mill End, Bredon.

W/11/01656/PP The Quest, Dock Lane, Bredon.

W/11/01221/PN - Drapers, Church Street, Bredon

W/11/01356/PP - Hazelholm, Tewkesbury Road, Bredons Hardwick

W/11/00500/PP - Greenbank, Manor Lane, Bredons Norton

W/11/01477/PP - Saint Catherines Barn, Lampitt Lane, Bredons Norton,

## c) To Discuss Media Report of Planning at Bredons Hardwick.

To date there has been no official planning application on the land between Bredons Hardwick and Mitton, the council will inform the parishioners, via the parish magazine, that it is aware and monitoring the situation, and how it may be affected by the government's National Planning Policy Framework.

## 8. To Update The Council On Costs To Promote The Village Design Statement.

The best quote received for a black and white copy with a colour front is £1.93 per copy , the council agreed to purchase 40 copies, to be sold at £1.50 per copy, 50p will go to the seller, Cllr Handy will approach 'Drapers'.

## 9. To Discuss Grassing Cutting In The Parish.

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Deferred.

## **10. To Update On The Swing For Bredons Norton.**

Awaiting feedback from Bredons Norton Village Hall Committee.

## **11. To Discuss Leases.**

Ongoing.

## **12. To Discuss Parish Councils Documentation and Security Procedures.**

Cllrs Sly and Shiels will discuss the various options with Cllr Falvey and report back to the council.

## **13. To Discuss Sports England Funding.**

The Rugby and Football Clubs are employing a consultant, as tenants, with a view to applying for a grant to improve the condition of the pitches on the playing field. The council agreed for Cllr Falvey to carry on with his investigations, and to report back to the council.

## **14. To Discuss Signs and Posters within the parish.**

The council is concerned at the amount of fly posting and erected signs which are cluttering the Main Road through Bredon. The council would ask that residents ask the council before they put posters and remove them after the event. Unauthorised posters may be removed. The council agreed, Cllr Falvey abstained, that the rugby and football clubs could not put up permanent signs identifying their clubs on the Main Road.

The council unanimously agreed for the skate facility to have a memorial sign.

Cllr Hardman will report the advertising board near the railway bridge to planning enforcement at Wychavon.

## **15. To Discuss the Hiring of the MUGA.**

The chairman used his authority to bring this item back on the agenda as it was felt that not enough thought had gone into the charging and hiring process, the playing field and maintenance group would now look at this and bring ideas back to the council.

## **16. Progress Reports For Information.**

### a) Clerk.

Missing cats eyes are not replaced within the 30mph speed limit of a village.

The clerk will supply two dog fouling notices for the District Councillor to put on the footpath at Bredons Norton.

### b) BCPR.

The council asked for a draft plan of the proposed footpath linking the playing fields and the cricket club.

The council approved the Playing Fields draft volunteer programme for October 2011 to March 2012.

### c) Playing Field Support Group.

Cllr Falvey has had a good response from playing field users to be involved in future maintenance of the playing field, a meeting with interested parties will now be arranged. The bowls club are intending to change the fencing of the green; the council asked that they confer with BCPR's long term plan. Cllr Falvey will include in the agenda for the playing field user group.

### d) Bredons Norton Village Hall.

No report.

### e) County And District Councillor.

The VAS will be in Kinsham in Sept/Oct.

Work is to be carried out on the drain on the main road through Kinsham at the end of November.

The 385 bus service will continue operating on Wednesdays.

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The 540 bus service offers a much improved and direct link from Bredon to Cheltenham.

Wychavon are intending to raise the salaries of the five chief executives, parishioners are invited to comment when posts are being cut!

Wychavon is objecting to the new National Planning Framework and advising that any changes do not take place until 2014.

The council thanked Cllr Hardman for his work on the bus service.

f) Bredon Hill Conservation Group.

No report.

g) SWDP and NPPF.

A consultation on the Government's proposed National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) has been announced. At the core of the proposals is deregulation of planning to promote economic growth, so that the default answer to development applications will be "yes" (a reversal of the past presumption *against* the development of countryside land). The Government also proposes that 20% more housing must be allocated over and targets set by local development plans. Under further proposed changes to the *Use Classes Order*, Local councils will lose the power to determine whether buildings should be reserved for employment or residential uses. According to the National Trust and other heritage organizations the Government's planning reforms could lead to unchecked and damaging development in the undesignated countryside on a scale not seen since the 1930s. The NT states that the proposals represent a major shift of power away from local communities and towards already powerful developers, which is the opposite of what is promised under the Localism agenda. The chairman of the NT writes "*Do we really look out from the Cotswolds towards Gloucester and say, what the Severn valley really needs is for Gloucester to be joined to Cheltenham and Worcester in a Severn Vale metropolis? This is precisely what the Localism Bill implies*". The parish council will prepare its response to the consultation.

h) Mockfest.

The event had been well supported and the council had only received positive remarks, the organisers are hoping to hold an event next year.

## **17. To Update The Parish 'On Line' Presence.**

Ongoing.

## **18. Items For Future Agenda.**

The council are concerned that the car parks have not been left in the condition they were expecting. Clerk to contact Mr Dunn and point out the relevant section in the contract document.

## **19. Date Of Next Meeting.**

October 10<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>.