

Minutes of Bredon Parish Council Meeting held at Bredon Village Hall on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2012.

Present: Cllr's Mrs Alison Palmer, Mrs Gail Whiting, Mr Matt Darby, Mr Phil Handy, Mr John Masters, Mr David Newcombe, Mr Andrew Rhodes, Mr Declan Shiels, Mr Rob Sly and Mr Andrew Woodward (Chairman).  
In Attendance Ms Shields (Clerk), Mr R Colbourne, Mr A Bawdon (Bredon Star Rugby Club) Mr K Christian (Bredon Star Rugby Club), and Cllr Adrian Hardman.

Mr Colborne asked the Council if they were aware of the changes on SWDP website to the area at the end of Oak Lane. Mr Colbourne left the meeting.

Mr Bawdon gave a comprehensive talk on the history, make up and future of the Rugby Club. Mr Bawdon and Mr Christian left the meeting.

**1. Apologies for Absence.**

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr's Mr Allen Frampton and Mr Kevin Falvey,

**2. Declaration of Interests.**

Cllrs were reminded to update their register of interests.

Cllr R Sly has a prejudicial interest in item 6c, as owner of an adjoining property.

Cllr D Newcombe as a non prejudicial in item 8, although his name appears on the current lease to the Rugby Club lease as a trustee, he is no longer a member.

**3. To Consider The Adoption Of The Minutes Of The Meeting Held On The 16<sup>th</sup> January 2012.**

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

**4. Correspondence For Information.**

The council agreed for Bredon Play Group to use the playing field, for the start and finish of a quarter marathon, they will also have a small number of stalls, serving food and selling gifts. Clerk to check insurance for the event.

The parish has been consulted regarding the proposed change in speed limit through Kinsham. The Clerk to seek assurance that it will be enforced, if the planned increase is to go ahead.

The council supports the Traffic Regulation Order (Prohibition of Waiting at Any Time) on Main Road, Bredon, as part of a series of measures being looked at with regard to traffic calming.

The council would investigate the changes in the SWDP raised by Mr Colbourne.

**5. Finances.**

a) Invoices To Be Paid.

Village hall

T Spry £398.00, British Gas (Kitchen) £65.32, Waverley £313.92, Manager £186.67, Bar Staff £28.00, Water rates £382.28, CW Hygenie £73.58, Banners £172.90.

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Severn Trent, 369.85 and £27.93, Bearwood £144.00, N Power £67.07 and £2.49, M Adlard £60.00, W Mills £498.00, Lengthsman £176.00, Insignia £382.06,

b) Financial Report..

The Finance Group had met recently, the group agreed for more comprehensive information to be provided, including a financial forecast for the next five years. Cllr Newcombe and the Clerk will undertake this task.

Financial Report up to the 31.12.2011 was presented to the council.

c) To Discuss Work To Be Carried Out At The Village Hall.

The Council agreed for Chandler Room, excluding the stage area and side rooms, to be decorated and for the wall lights to be replaced, so that all eight match.

**6. Planning.**

a) For Consideration.

12/00047 Windrush, Kemerton Road, Westmancote. Two storey extension to rear, porch to front, demolition of existing garage and erection of new double garage. No reasons to object.

12/00098 Avonside Cottage, Main Road, Bredon. Single storey extension to provide annexe accommodation. Whilst we have no objection in principle to an extension on this building,

we do feel that the materials and style should match the main building, on the road side especially, as it is a listed building. We feel that the use of slate, and the glazed section connecting the extension to the main building are inappropriate in this context. The Bredon Village Design Statement (adopted as a local information source in July 2011). Guideline 6.5 which states: "with regard to historic buildings, the development of an extension should blend externally with the existing architecture, by making use of building styles, materials, techniques and features which match the original building, including cylinder blown glass, glazing bars and cast-iron rainwater goods"

b) Decided By Wychavon.

Approved by Wychavon.

11/02732 Fern Cottage, Church Street, Bredon. Replacement windows.

c) Update on Planning Proposal for Mitton.

Cllr's had attended a public exhibition on 25<sup>th</sup> January, held by a group of developers who would like to develop for housing, land on the edge of Tewkesbury at Mythe Farm and at Mitton Bank, Bredon's Hardwick. The council had tried to make parishioners aware that this was not an authorised public consultation. The parish council will not make any further comment on this devolvement until a Planning Application is submitted.

d) Update on GCT Joint Core Strategy

Parish councillors had also attended exhibitions on the Gloucester-Cheltenham-Tewkesbury Joint Core Strategy (JCS). The council was very concerned at the housing numbers proposed immediately adjacent to Bredon parish which would have significant negative consequences locally.. To inform parishioners about the key issues, the council organised leaflet drops, the placing of banners in strategic positions in the parish, a dedicated website ([www.bredonhill.com](http://www.bredonhill.com)) and the cooperation of the village shop to be a receiving centre for completed questionnaires. The parish council had itself submitted a response. The Chairman thanked Cllrs Palmer and Darby, on behalf of the parish, for their efforts, as well as the staff and owners of Drapers for their helpful assistance.

## **7. The Parish Office.**

The council agreed for the proposed IT equipment to be purchased for the office, the room is in the process of being adapted to be used as an office. It will hopefully be 'up and running' by 1<sup>st</sup> April.

*Cllr Darby entered the meeting during item 8 with apologies for his lateness. He declared a prejudicial interest with relation to the Rugby Club and left the room for the remainder of item 8.*

## **8. To Discuss the Leases and legal Advice Received.**

### **a) To Consider The Leases And Legal Advice Received In Closed Session.**

The council agreed to discuss the item in closed session.

### **b) To Discuss the Leases and Legal Advice Received.**

In light of recent events and advice given, the council agreed the following:-

The proposed Bowls Club Lease, having been agreed by both parties will be drawn up by a Solicitor.

The proposed new lease with Rugby club, having been rejected by the Rugby Club and after taking legal advice, will need to be reconsidered.

- Siting of the club house, after a lengthy discussion and with regard to comments received by parishioners the council agreed, "Following careful consideration the council is unable to continue to support the current planned development but wishes to make it clear that it wants to work with the Rugby Club to try to find an alternative solution." The Council agreed that it would be appropriate to refund reasonable planning costs that the Rugby Club has attracted thus far and will ask for the figures to be forwarded to the Parish Clerk.
- Hire of pitches, a new arrangement will need to be considered.
- Changing rooms, the existing lease needs to be updated in light of the legal advice the council has received.

Cllr Newcombe abstained from voting on the siting of the Rugby club house.

Football Club and Tennis Club leases, following the legal advice received the council will resume negotiations with the clubs, lease to be drawn up by a solicitor.

**9. Grass Cutting Tenders.**

The grass cutting tenders were opened and subject to confirmation of references, the contract awarded to GBD Evesham Ltd. Clerk to write to all parties.

**10. To Discuss the Tree Report.**

The council agreed for the Clerk to obtain quotes for the work to be carried out on the trees, by the Village Hall.

**11. To Finalise the Fields in Trust Submission.**

The council agreed for the application form and relevant paperwork to be submitted and a representative from Fields In Trust had visited the site.

**12. To Discuss the Graffiti on the Playing Field.**

The wall bordering Brensham Court and the playing field has been subject to various graffiti. Although the wall belongs to Brensham Court residents, subject to their permission, on this occasion the council agreed to pay for the removal of the graffiti. The council will also look at various solutions to deter future graffiti, including planting in front of the wall.

**13. Progress Reports For Information.**

a) Sports England Funding.

No report.

b) Clerk.

Provided for councillors.

c) BPCR.

Report provided, enc.

d) Bredons Norton Village Hall.

Copy of last minutes provided.

e) Bredon Village Hall.

Comments had been received regarding the condition of the floor in the Chandler Room, after investigation it was concluded that the dust had been made by users on the same day after it had been cleaned.

f) Hancocks Trust.

Deferred due to time.

g) County and District Councillor.

Cllr Hardman asked if the council would use some of its New Homes Bonus to continue the footway between Brensham Court and the Jubilee car park.

h) Bredon Hill Conservation Group.

No report.

i) Highways.

j) Westmancote Postbox.

Cllr Masters had met a representative from Royal Mail.

k) Queensmead Shop.

As the letter from the council, forwarded by Wychavon, had not resulted in any action being taken, by the owner. The council are unable to instruct anyone to go on the property, therefore the council had asked Wychavon if the leaves could be blown, without entering onto the property, from the frontage, collected and removed, when the village received its next 'sweep'.

**14. New Homes Bonus.**

The council is eligible to submit an application for monies under the New Homes Bonus. The council agreed to look into the feasibility of installing solar panels to parts of the Village Hall roof where they could not easily be seen (Cllrs' Handy, Master and Rhodes abstained) and to put monies toward the footway (see 13g above).

**15. Items For Future Agenda**

**16. Date Of Next Meeting.**

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> March.