

Minutes of Bredon Parish Council Meeting held at Bredon Village Hall on Monday 9th July 2012.

Present: Cllr's Mrs Alison Palmer, Mr Matt Darby, Mr Kevin Falvey, Mr Allen Frampton, Mr Phil Handy, Mr John Masters, Mr Declan Shiels, Mr Rob Sly and Mr Andrew Woodward (Chairman).

In Attendance Ms Shields (Clerk) and Mr and Mrs Bailey.

Mr Bailey brought the following issues to the attention of the council.

Parking in Church Street between Back Lane and Drapers shop - on several occasions I have been unable to get through the lane to get to my house in Back Lane and I have witnessed many other people having the same problem

State of the green in Dock Lane. It was bad enough seeing the Cherry tree which produced such lovely fruit cut down but now the grass is a foot deep and the trees have grown over some of the benches making them impossible to sit on.

I have also noticed several other grass areas in the village which now look pretty bad.

I have always admired how well Bredon looked for visitors and villagers alike but now its appearance seems to be changing quite rapidly. Obviously the same cannot be said for the playing fields and play area which are very impressive.

1. Apologies For Absence.

Apologies were received and accepted from Mr Andrew Rhodes, who is on holiday and Mrs Gail Whiting who had work commitments.

2. Declaration of Interests.

Cllr's were reminded to update their register of interests.

Cllr Darby has a prejudicial interest in item 5a (i) as a land owner.

Cllr M Darby has a prejudicial interest in item 10 as he leases land to the Rugby Club.

Cllr K Falvey has a prejudicial interest in item 10 as Chairman of the Rugby Club.

Cllr Palmer has a non prejudicial interest in item 4c as her child attends the play group.

3. To Consider The Adoption Of The Minutes Of The Meeting Held On The 11th June 2012.

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

4. Finances.

a) Invoices to Be Paid.

PC - HMRC ££81.80, Salary £555.75, Avon Navigation Trust £10.00, Theocus £528.00, Pippens (Audit) £445.00, New Farms £444.00, Lengths man £176.00, Cox and Hodgets £656.00, Play Area Reports £168.00, GBD £671.36.

Village Hall

HMRC £52.00, Bar Staff and Hall Salary and Wages £377.13, Piano Tuner £60.00, CW £153.51, RPK Maintenance £83.37.

DD – Cathedral Leasing Ltd £31.20, Waste Collection £35.83, John Stayte £31.20, Waverley £247.81, £443.10, British Gas £538.60,

b) Financial Report.

Remittance

Waverley £8.40, Lengthsman May £176.00, Western Power (Wayleave) £18.64, bar Income £490.23, Lettings £524.00.

- c) To Consider Donation To Bredon Play Group.
The Council agreed to donate £250.00 to the Play Group.

5. Planning.

- a) For Consideration.
 - I. W/12/01209 Part of Kemerton Estates, Kemerton Road, Kemerton. Installation of additional terminal poles to enable overhead line crossing to be dismantled. No objection
- b) Decided By Wychavon.
None received.

6. Correspondence For Information.

The Council will co opt at the meeting to be held in September, Clerk to advertise.

7. To Consider The Siting Of A Defibrillator.

Cllr Falvey will continue to pursue this item and report back to the next meeting.

8. To Consider Work To Be Carried Out On Bredons Norton Clock.

The Council agreed for the work to be carried out on the clock having received an estimate of £280.00

9. To Discuss How The Council Communicates With The Parish In The Future.

Cllr Frampton presented ideas on flyers and notices board. Item deferred to next meeting to allow councillors to consider further.

Chairman to place an advert in the parish magazine regarding article for the Echo.

10. To Consider The Application To Sports England.

Having taken legal advice the Council agreed not to apply for Sports England funding.

The Council having received legal advice will reconsider the Fields in Trust application.

The Lease for the sports clubs are still ongoing.

11. To Adopt The Worcestershire Model Code Of Conduct.

The Council agreed to adopt the Worcestershire Model Code of Conduct, Councillors to complete and return the new Register of Interest Forms by the 26th July to Wychavon.

12. To Discuss Grass Cutting Contract And On Going Complaints.

The Council decided to change the grass cutting contract as it accounted for nearly a quarter of the annual precept. Previously all the grass was cut fortnightly from April to October.

This season – The cutting of the verges was separated from the playing field and two separate groups formed. The contracts were awarded to contractors that provided best value.

The verges were divided into three cuts, short - every three weeks, medium – six times per year and long twice a year and the cutting season was also shortened.

This exercise has been a learning curve for the new contractor and the grass cutting groups.

This year so far has seen an unprecedented amount of rain fall which has not helped, the grass has grown quicker and it will not mulch as quickly. The playing field has also been reseeded and fertilised

The Council agreed to amend some area's cutting frequency, to add in area's that had been missed, arrange for grass collections and when necessary have extra cuts.

The meeting was closed to ask the opinion of the parishioners present.

Meeting resumed.

13. Progress Reports For Information.

- a) Clerk.
Report previously circulated.
- b) Bredons Norton Village Hall.
No meeting had taken place.
- c) Bredon Village Hall.
Kitchen area is being decorated; the council is still waiting for quotes for the doors.
- d) Bredon Hancock's School.

Cllr Frampton had attended several meetings.

e) County And District Councillor.

Not present.

f) Bredon Hill Conservation Group.

No meeting had taken place.

g) Highways.

Clerk to ask the lengthsman to look at the overgrown vegetation on Church Street/Dock lane,
Cllr Sly to speak to School.

h) Fields In Trust.

See item 10.

i) Waste Core Strategy Update.

The revised Strategy does not have any changes that will effect Bredon.

j) Mountain Bikes In Westmancote Update.

Cllr Palmer will investigate a sign.

14. Items For Future Agenda.

Changing date of meetings and Councillors Expenses.

15. Date Of Next Meeting.

Monday 13th August.