

BRETFORTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on
Monday 14th December 2020.
Via Zoom.

PRESENT:

Cllr J Cleveland	Vice-Chairman
Cllr R Davis	Chairman
Cllr A Grant	
Cllr G Collins	
Cllr L Hall	
Cllr K Carter.	
Cllr N Smith	
Cllr T Appleby	

APOLOGIES (accepted):

Cllr K Wright.	
Cllr A Powell	District Councillor

OPEN FORUM:

A resident attended to request assistance from PC to advise residents of a scheme available to them via 'Airband' for quicker broadband. A grant is available as part of a government scheme if a certain number of sign-ups are achieved in Bretforton, this currently stands at 45 and 80 are needed. The funding for this project is withdrawn in March 2021 so time is short to get the message to all residents. A letter is available from Worcs CC supporting this project and answering some important points for residents. This matter was discussed later on in the meeting and agreed that it would be put on a hand delivered newsletter to be delivered by councillors w/c 21st December using the WCC wording.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

County Council:

- See report which is displayed, when supplied, on school noticeboard and at www.worcestershire.gov.uk/myparish or at www.Bretforton.net

District Council:

Covid

The number of cases in Worcestershire as a whole and in Wychavon have fallen considerably over recent weeks, from well over 100 per 100,000 population when the new tiers were announced to 88 per 100,00 in Worcestershire and 61 per 100,000 in Wychavon. That said, I understand that it is

unlikely that many, if any, areas will be downgraded from Tier 2 to Tier 1 next week due to concerns about a potential post-Christmas increase in cases.

On the positive side, the vaccination programme has started and there are some local GP surgeries who are participating and giving the vaccine. Eligible residents will be written to.

Avian Flu outbreak

As if Covid wasn't enough you may have seen the news of a national outbreak of Avian Flu in birds. DEFRA has issued regulations which require all captive poultry and fowl to be kept inside as a consequence. There have now been confirmed cases of avian flu in swans in the Diglis area of Evesham. The public are being asked not to touch dead or sick birds and will be advised not to feed swans and wild fowl. Signs are being placed in Wychavon's parks.

Rough Sleepers

The annual rough sleeper count took place in November and identified 4 rough sleepers in Wychavon. While low in number this is disappointing given all of the effort that was put in to trying to help people off the streets during the pandemic.

Transport

I attended a meeting today on various matters around Evesham, including an update on the Evesham Transport Summit which took place last month and included the Highways Agency, the County Council and the District Council. There are a number of workstreams, one looking at quick wins such as one way systems and traffic light management; one looking at active travel and encouraging walking and cycling; and one looking at longer term infrastructure issues such as the A46. I have asked that the situation with hauliers in the villages be included within that infrastructure workstream.

Littleton Solar

On a related subject you might want to take a look at <http://www.littleton-solar.com>. A planning application has been submitted and is likely to go to the planning committee in January. At a briefing for North and Middle Littleton Parish Council this week it was noted that a number of parish councils had been consulted (notably Bidford, but not Bretforton) and that transport to the site during construction would be via Main Street, Weston Road and Buckle Street.

Planning

Thank you for a copy of the leaflet being circulated by Vicarage Nurseries. They have still not made any attempt to contact me to discuss their proposals!

Also on planning, you will no doubt be aware of the appeal lodged against the refusal of planning permission on the field off Station Road (**19/00984/OUT**) with the Heru units. Representations are due by 25th December (!) with the hearing being held on 21 January.

Census

"In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. ... And everyone went to their own town to register. So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child." Rather fitting for the time of year, believe it or not it is Census time again! The census will take place in March 2021. It will be primarily online so no need to travel to Bethlehem! There are apparently a number of temporary census jobs available if you have friends or family interested: <https://www.censusjobs.co.uk/>

MINUTES:

Minutes of the Meeting held on 9th November 2020 were circulated. Proposed by Cllr Collins. Seconded by Cllr Cleveland. All in favour to accept the minutes. **Minutes will be signed at next available meeting.**

OPEN FORUM ITEMS:

None.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST:

- a. Councillors are reminded of the need to update their register of interests.
- b. To declare any personal interests in items on the agenda and their nature.
- c. To declare any prejudicial interests in items on the agenda and their (Councillor Councillors with pecuniary interests must leave the room for the relevant item(s)).

REPORTS FOR INFORMATION.

Clerk;

Chairman;

FINANCE:

Bank Account Reconciled Statement

Lloyds Bank Current Account	01875579	30-93-11
Statement Number	44	Bank Statement No. 44
Statement Opening Balance	£6,054.57	Opening Date 01/11/20
Statement Closing Balance	£2,129.08	Closing Date 30/11/20
True/ Cashbook Closing Balance	£2,129.08	

Date	Cheque/ Ref.	Supplier/ Customer	Debit (£)	Credit (£)	Balance (£)
01/11/20	D/D201023NP	Npower	1,191.29	0.00	4,863.28
02/11/20	BACS201109AE	Andrea Evans	3.90	0.00	4,859.38
06/11/20	BACS201106WCC	Worcestershire County Council	0.00	98.00	4,957.38
09/11/20	BACS201109AE	Andrea Evans	481.75	0.00	4,475.63
09/11/20	BACS201109AO	Ancient Oaks	384.00	0.00	4,091.63
09/11/20	BACS201109LW	Lynette Williams	70.00	0.00	4,021.63
09/11/20	BACS201109PM	Phil Moxon	60.00	0.00	3,961.63
09/11/20	BACS201109SC	Smartcut Ltd	786.00	0.00	3,175.63
09/11/20	BACS201109ZP	Zoe Pettinger	232.00	0.00	2,943.63
10/11/20	ACS201110AE	Andrea Evans	14.39	0.00	2,929.24
12/11/20	BACS201112MP	Maurice Parkinson	824.40	0.00	2,104.84
16/11/20	002380	HMRC	120.60	0.00	1,984.24
17/11/20	BACS201117AT	Andy Tyrrell	40.00	0.00	1,944.24
19/11/20	BACS201119AE	Andrea Evans	4.56	0.00	1,939.68
19/11/20	BACS201119SS	Simply Stone	0.00	100.00	2,039.68

20/11/20	BACS201120WCC	Worcestershire County Council	0.00	216.00	2,255.68
23/11/20	BACS20121123Eon	Eon UK Ltd	126.60	0.00	2,129.08

Bretforton Parish Council

Expenditure transactions - payments approval list start of year 01/04/20

Tn no	Cheque	Gross	Heading	Invoice date	Details	Cheque
139	BACS20121 4PM	£70.00	21100	14/12/20	Phil Moxon - play and defib checks	£70.00
140	BACS20121 4ML	£432.00	21200	14/12/20	Memory Lane Memorials - Headstone repairs	£432.00
141	BACS	£115.20	20200	14/12/20	Eon UK Ltd - street light repairs	£115.20
Sub Total		£617.20				
		£602.35			Confidential	
Total		£1,219.55				

- a. **Invoices and payments approved for settlement including account balances and payments. Proposed by Cllr Hall. Seconded by Cllr Cleveland. All in favour.**

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION.

1. Flood planning-Cllr Smith will obtain more sandbags, these will be moved on a pallet from farm to community shop if needed in order to be more central. Cllr Smith asked for permission to approach local people to help when required, agreed, Cllr Cleveland also advised that he would have contacts to form a team.
2. New footpath-Recreation Ground.- A revised quote has been received of £21950 from Henson. Cllr Appleby agreed to send spec to some contacts for comparison quotes. NB. This must be agreed at January meeting to apply for funds. This project highlighted the lack of communication methods available to PC, discussion took place about how to get this message to all residents for them to make comment. It was agreed that a hand delivered newsletter would be produced and delivered by councillors w/c 21st December 2020 showing plan and information. This would also include 'Airband' information, Facebook page and anything that councillors felt needed to be included. Cllr Grant agreed to format it and get it printed on this occasion and councillors will agree which roads they will deliver. The matter of communication will be further considered at January meeting.
3. Climate Emergency Action Day- Certain links need to be put on webpage to assist residents but the matter needs to be discussed at length at January meeting. There was a suggestion of extensive tree planting as well as looking at solar power. Next agenda.
4. The green at The Cross- Work is due to start on the kerbs in January 2021 as a price has now been received for granite kerbs which is acceptable of £1000. Cllr Davis will meet with contractors on site to ensure that it is laid correctly.
5. Vicarage Nurseries- Nothing to update .
6. SHLAA- No further update.
7. The provision of disabled play equipment as per residents' request- A request has been received to consider enhancing the play areas to make user friendly for disabled users. It was agreed that some research would be carried out on what can be done and any requirements needed. Next agenda for consideration on information found.
8. Communication methods. Eg. Website. It has become clear that the PC has not got effective communication channels when reporting out to residents. Clerk suggested that a dedicated website should be considered as well as a quarterly newsletter delivered to each house and enhanced use of Facebook. It agreed to discuss further in January to see how

effective newsletter has been and after gathering further information on a website and what needs to be done.

9. Non- public footpaths- Next agenda.
10. Red telephone box/Book exchange- Cllr Smith has agreed that the red telephone box can be used as the village book exchange. An assessment of the box has been carried out and the door may need replacing. It was agreed to get prices for next meeting. Bretforton book club are willing to manage and maintain it.

Wychavon District Council.

- **Section 106 monies-** Clerk confirmed that the funds for Public Arts & Culture have been requested for the music project. Latest information shows that there is also £131984 for sport to be used by Bretforton Sports Club.
- **Planning-Ward Questions-** A list of questions asked of Planning by ward councillors has been circulated to help explain how and why planning applications are dealt with in the way that they are.

Worcestershire County Council.

CALC –

LENGTHSMAN:

PLANNING – APPLICATIONS:

Parish Council comments recorded on Planning Portal.

Applications for Consideration:

20/02488/AGR- 10 Bowers Hill, Badsey.

Agricultural Barn- Storage for machinery, hay and fertiliser.

APPEAL:

REFUSED:

APPROVED:

20/02070/HP- 11 Stoneford Lane, Bretforton

Demolition of existing side extension and erection of single storey side and rear extension.

20/02193/HP- Bank House, Main Street Bretforton.

New windows throughout. Insertion of new velux window. Removal of existing conservatory and lean-to book room and replace with single storey rear extension.

- **OTHER ITEMS**
- **ENFORCEMENT-**

Publications

CLERKS REPORT on Urgent Decisions since last meeting

- Bus shelters have been painted and cleared
- Ivy Lane noticeboard has been repaired

- Benches at BG have been sanded and varnished and put away in shed with the exception of one for winter use.
- Letter has been sent regarding The Triangle as no response received to first letter.

COUNCILLORS REPORTS & ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA.

- Tree trimming- Cllr Grant will advise on locations.

Meeting closed at 8.50pm

Date of the next meeting; 11th January 2021.

Signed:

Date: