

BRETFORTON PARISH COUNCIL

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Minutes of the Meeting held on
10th April 2017 in the Memorial Hall

PRESENT:

Cllr R Davis
Cllr J Johnson
Cllr A Grant
Cllr J Cleveland
Cllr K Carter
Cllr K Wright
Cllr N Smith
Cllr A Curry

APOLOGIES:

Cllr A Adams

PARISHIONERS:

No-one attended.

MINUTES:

Minutes of the Meeting held on 11th April 2016 were read out, approved and signed.
Proposed by Cllr Wright. Seconded by Cllr Cleveland. All in favour.

CHAIRMANS REPORT:

1. This year has been a quiet one for planning applications and new buildings in the village, and the site off Honeybourne Road that was refused by the District Council is still vacant as no planning appeal was submitted and we assume that this is the end of the matter.
2. The housing at Gras Close and Holly Close were occupied very quickly and several of the residents who have moved into the village have become shop volunteers and joined village social activities which is encouraging.
3. The main project this year has been the allotments at Bridge End Meadow between Back Lane and Drinkwater Lane. Hopefully the legal aspects and planning approval for a new access and small sheds will be finalised in the next month or so and we can get on with preparing the land for plot holders to get going. This work is to be financed from part of the New Homes Bonus for this year in conjunction with a 'greening the village' project.
4. The Burial Ground is looking attractive at this time of the year and we feel that the mowing and maintenance remains very satisfactory. There are some shrubs along the boundary fencing that need cutting back and reshaping and this will be carried out this spring.
5. Reports from our police officers indicate that Bretforton is still a 'low crime' spot but the

Council have suffered from the self-watering planted barrels at the entrances to the village being stolen (whereas Badsey ones are still in place!) and the commemorative row of trees at the Recreation Ground being destroyed which is disappointing.

6. The resurfacing of roads in the village has now been done and it has been reported that the traffic noise in these areas is now less as a result. Several road gulleys are still blocked despite requests for these to be cleared but we will persevere to get this work done. We are also looking for an additional lengthsman to do work on the roads and footpaths in the village as our existing one is very busy and hopefully this will result in an improvement in getting things done.
7. We are also in the process of getting a new parish councillor to replace Paul Lisney who has left the village and look forward to welcoming a new person to join us.

COUNTY COUNCIL REPORT:

See report included in minutes for Parish Council Meeting of 10th April 2017.

DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT;

- It has been a quiet year for planning with the SWDP working well. This will be reviewed again in 2025.
- There is joint working with Malvern Hills in many areas including waste collection changing from Fosca to Serco.
- Wychavon is 2nd in the 'Rural Quality of Life' list as opposed to 24th last year.

BYRD & CANNING CHARITY:

Payments made 2017

23 payments at £20 making a total of £ 460.00

Balance £129.32

Accounts were approved. Proposed by: Cllr Wright. Seconded by: Cllr Grant. Signed by the Chairman.

NON AGENDA ITEMS

None

Meeting closed at 7.14pm

Signed:

Date: