

BRETFORTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on
Monday 12th June 2017.
At the Memorial Hall, Bretforton.

PRESENT:

Cllr R Davis	Chairman
Cllr A Grant	
Cllr K Carter	
Cllr J Cleveland	Vice-Chairman
Cllr K Wright	District Councillor
Cllr J Johnson	
Cllr N Smith	
Cllr G Collins	
Cllr A Adams	County Councillor

APOLOGIES;

Cllr A Curry

OPEN FORUM:

- 3 residents attended as part of the working party for 'Greening of Bretforton' project. Details of their ideas had been sent to each councillor prior to the meeting for consideration. They expanded on the ideas which include gates at the entrances to the village, tree planting, benches and other possibilities. Clerk agreed to send out details of NHB funding and Community Consultation. Cllr Cleveland and Grant agreed to be part of the working party and present ideas back to the PC for consideration. Cllr Cleveland suggested that the party prioritise ideas and expand on these in the first instance.

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County Council:

- Cllr Adams has now been elected as Chairman of Overview & Scrutiny for Highways issues.
- Surface dressing is being carried out in Back Lane and Bridge Street. Timetable can be amended if there is an important village event and Highways are advised.
- Safer roads partnership will be carrying out speed checks at the entrances to Bretforton.
- Work is starting on the new Waitrose store at Merstow Green.
- Cllr Davis advised that drains that were reported in February and supported by a map have not been cleared. Cllr Adams requested that the map be sent to him.

District Council:

- Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) has now been adopted wef 5th June 2017.

MINUTES:

Minutes of the Meeting held on 8th May 2017 were circulated. Proposed by Cllr Cleveland, Seconded by Cllr Collins. All in favour to accept the minutes.

OPEN FORUM ITEMS:

Greening of Village- Dealt with in open forum.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST:

- **Cllr Grant-Village Marker and Defib.**
- **Cllr Johnson-Theatre Barn.**
- **Cllr Collins- Gras Close.**

PROGRESS REPORTS FOR INFORMATION.

Clerk;

- **LTN28- Basic Charity Law was noted and adopted.**

Chairman;

- **Gras Close.** Concerns have been expressed about various points relating to Gras Close and whether the Close is open to general public. The area is maintained by a Management Committee and there are various covenants that need to be adhered to.
- Chairman has looked at suggested location to submit planning application, there may be issues with village directional sign at this location. It was suggested that an alternative location of junction at Station Road and Coldicotts Lane may be considered. This was agreed. This would also bring village together which is the purpose of the project.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION.

1. **Allotment Land-a.** Planning application has been approved. There are various notes relating to nitrates, parking on Back Lane and bonfires all of which need to be addressed after drawdown. Map has been received from solicitor and approved by cllrs. Fee of £450 has been forwarded for searches. Quotation from M Parkinson was supported with the removal of part relating to clearing concrete base as this no longer forms part of the site.
2. **Installation of UPVC gates-** Worcs CC Highways have an approved supplier of UPVC village gates. Clerk to obtain designs and prices for next meeting.
3. **Defib-** PC has spare defib device, Cllr Wright suggested that it be located at Collingwood Garage. Cllr Wright to contact owner.
4. **Bretforton proms-** Details of event were read out.
5. **CCTV Footage of Main Street-** PC has received data as a result of cctv camera at New Street. Results are:

Traffic flows along Weston Road are tidal – Heavy southbound in the morning and heavy northbound in the evening - at a ratio of approximately 3:1

There were numerous occasions (approx. 20) where a vehicle with priority (southbound) had to give way to a vehicle that had already committed to overtaking parked vehicles.

There were occasions (approx. 5) where a northbound vehicle, having started to overtake parked vehicles, had to reverse to give way to oncoming traffic.

HGVs drivers did not seem to be a problem. This was probably because they could see oncoming traffic from their higher vantage point and vice versa.

The presence of parked vehicles interrupted the free flow of traffic, which by association would result in lower vehicle speeds.

In the main, motorists from both directions recognised the need to exert caution when approaching the parked vehicles. This was emphasised by many motorists heading north indicating whilst overtaking, and the relative ease that vehicles heading south could stop to give way to traffic already committed to overtaking the parked vehicles.

In summary, from the recorded footage seen and from looking at real time footage whilst the camera was up, there is not adequate justification for a blanket restriction on parking. This is backed up by the lack of any recorded personal injury accidents (5 year check) associated with vehicles overtaking at this point.

Consider the parking needs of residents and the potential for issues associated with parking migration if restrictions were imposed.

Cllr Cleveland proposed, seconded by Cllr Smith to follow the recommendations but to review periodically. All in favour.

6. **Foreign Signs-** It was agreed to obtain 2 quotes locally for A2 waterproof signs as supplier cannot provide this size.
7. **Stoneford Lane Play Area-** Issues have been reported about the infrequency of mowing by Worcs CC and length of grass. It was unanimously agreed to ask M Parkinson to mow as required over summer with a minimum of 3 cuts. Proposed by Cllr Grant, seconded by Cllr Wright.

Wychavon District Council.

Worcestershire County Council.

CALC –

PLANNING – APPLICATIONS:

Parish Council comments recorded on Planning Register

Bretforton Community Social Club, 60 Main Street, BRETORTON.

Variation of condition 1 of planning permission reference W/14/00751/PN to allow extension of a further 3 years to the approval.

**REFUSED:
APPROVAL:**

APPEAL:

WITHDRAWN;

- **OTHER ITEMS**

- **ENFORCEMENT-**

CORRESPONDENCE For Information.

Publications

CLERKS REPORT on Urgent Decisions Since Last Meeting.

COUNCILLORS REPORTS & ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA.

- Site meeting with Landscape Inc. and Chairman to look at shrubs that need replacing in BG.

FINANCE:

See follow-on sheets for Bank Reconciliation as at 31st May 2017 and Expenditure Transactions- approved list.

Invoices and payments approved for settlement. Proposed by Cllr Johnson. Seconded by Cllr Grant. All in favour. Meeting closed at 9.00pm.

Date of the next meeting; 10th July 2017.

Signed:

Date:

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