

BRETFORTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on
Monday 10th September 2018.
At the Memorial Hall, Bretforton.

PRESENT:

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

APOLOGIES:

Cllr A Grant
Cllr N Smith

OPEN FORUM:

5 members of the public attended to raise a number of issues as follows:

- Mowing around the village has not been up to standard this year in particular the verges along New Street and on 's' bend on Weston Road and Drinkwater lane and Back Lane- *The County Council has a policy of leaving the verges longer now to assist biodiversity and Drinkwater Lane is shortly to be cut by Lengthsman.*
- Tree along B4035 needs canopy raising-*Owner of land attended meeting and tree will be removed in next couple of weeks as building work commences.*
- Residents attended to receive an update on any information received from Rooftop regarding the proposed development on Station Road and what the PC view is on the matter, this included Richard Lasota, DC for The Littletons-*The PC has had no further information regarding the development and the summary of residents' views is not yet forthcoming. The land is currently designated open space but there is a view that this may change in the future or that it could be classed as a rural exception site. The PC will make comment if/when an application is submitted and will let all residents know of any information received and if/when an application requires comment.*
- Representative from Bretforton Silver Band requested that the need for a new band room be considered if any land becomes available for development. *The PC are aware of this and will keep it in mind.*

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

County Council:

See attached report.

District Council:

- Congratulations to The Fleece for winning most popular pub.

MINUTES:

Minutes of the Meeting held on 9th July 2018 were circulated. Proposed by Cllr Wright. Seconded by Cllr Cleveland. All in favour to accept the minutes.

OPEN FORUM ITEMS:

Silver Band request for new band room and Musical Legacy project.

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)).

Cllr Keith Wright-Wychavon Planning Committee- Proposed development on Station Road/B4035.

PROGRESS REPORTS FOR INFORMATION.

Clerk;

- **The proposed date for local council elections including parish council elections is pencilled in as May 2nd 2019. Councillors should give consideration to whether they wish to stand again.**

Chairman;

- Allotment BBQ took place at the weekend and was well attended. There is a suggestion of fruit trees being planted on triangle area. Chairman will do a plan of planting in due course.

FINANCE:

Bank Account Reconciled Statement

Lloyds Bank Current Account	01875579	30-93-11	
Statement Number	18		
Statement Opening Balance	£5,840.17	Opening Date	03/07/18
Statement Closing Balance	£3,944.48	Closing Date	09/08/18
True/ Cashbook Closing Balance	£3,944.48		

Date	Cheque/ Ref.	Supplier/ Customer	Debit (£)	Credit (£)	Balance (£)
03/07/18	500264	Tomlins & Son	0.00	745.00	6,585.17
03/07/18	500265	Simply Stone	0.00	200.00	6,785.17
03/07/18	500266	D Witts	0.00	280.00	7,065.17
03/07/18	500267	Western Power	0.00	21.83	7,087.00
03/07/18	BACS180703AE	Andrea Evans	3.99	0.00	7,083.01
03/07/18	BACS180703WCC	Worcestershire County Council	0.00	278.00	7,361.01

05/07/18	Transfer		0.00	485.00	7,846.01
06/07/18	002191	Robert Davis	20.99	0.00	7,825.02
06/07/18	Transfer		0.00	153.40	7,978.42
09/07/18	BACS180709AE	Andrea Evans	822.00	0.00	7,156.42
11/07/18		Vinyl Fencing	1,294.80	0.00	5,861.62
13/07/18	002196	Maurice Parkinson	146.00	0.00	5,715.62
13/07/18	002197	Maurice Parkinson	665.00	0.00	5,050.62
16/07/18	002193	HMRC	171.01	0.00	4,879.61
18/07/18	002192	Landscape Inc.	35.00	0.00	4,844.61
18/07/18	002195	V Signs	50.00	0.00	4,794.61
18/07/18	d/d180718	Npower	286.82	0.00	4,507.79
23/07/18	002183	Phil Moxon	70.00	0.00	4,437.79
23/07/18	002194	Phil Moxon	70.00	0.00	4,367.79
23/07/18	d/d180723	Campaign To Protect Rural England	36.00	0.00	4,331.79
25/07/18	BACS180725AE	Andrea Evans	50.00	0.00	4,281.79
25/07/18	BACS180725JK	Joseph King	290.00	0.00	3,991.79
25/07/18	d/d180725NP	Npower	723.55	0.00	3,268.24
30/07/18	500268	Simply Stone	0.00	200.00	3,468.24
30/07/18	500269	Merstow Green Funeral Home	0.00	745.00	4,213.24
30/07/18	500270	Memory Lane	0.00	100.00	4,313.24
02/08/18	BACS180802BSC	Bretforton Sports Club	0.00	67.00	4,380.24
09/08/18	BACS180809AE	Andrea Evans	435.76	0.00	3,944.48

Bretforton Parish Council

Expenditure transactions - payments approval list Start of year 01/04/18

Tn no	Cheque	Gross	Heading	Invoice date	Details	Cheque
79	BACS180814AE	£13.92	21400	14/08/18	Andrea Evans – Postages	£13.92
72	002209	£48.00	20500	10/09/18	Maurice Parkinson – Mowing	£948.00
73	002209	£450.00	20100/1	10/09/18	Maurice Parkinson – Mowing	£948.00
74	002209	£450.00	20100/2	10/09/18	Maurice Parkinson – Mowing	£948.00
75	002208	£25.00	21400	10/09/18	Bretforton PCC – Magazine	£25.00
76	0022007	£70.00	21100	10/09/18	Phil Moxon - Defib and play inspection	£70.00
77	002205	£160.00	20500	10/09/18	Ancient Oaks - Minor tree works	£160.00
81	002211	£312.00	20100/2	10/09/18	Limebridge Rural Services – Mowing	£312.00
		£3,323.55			Confidential	
Total		£2,063.50				

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14/08/18	BACS180814AE	Andrea Evans	13.92	0.00	3,930.56
14/08/18	Transfer		0.00	3,000.00	6,930.56
16/08/18	BACS180816WCC	Worcestershire County Council	0.00	146.00	7,076.56
20/08/18	BACS180820MG	Merstow Green	280.00	0.00	6,796.56
20/08/18	D/D180820PWL	PWLB	750.38	0.00	6,046.18
21/08/18	002198	HMRC	108.80	0.00	5,937.38
22/08/18	500271	Merstow Green Funeral Home	0.00	465.00	6,402.38
24/08/18	002199	Eon UK Ltd	132.00	0.00	6,270.38
30/08/18	002200	Wychavon Sport	69.00	0.00	6,201.38
03/09/18	BACS180903BSC	Bretforton Sports Club	0.00	67.00	6,268.38
06/09/18	002201	Limebridge Rural Services	312.00	0.00	5,956.38
07/09/18	002203	Hazel Mitchell	50.00	0.00	5,906.38

Invoices and payments approved for settlement including account balances and payments. Proposed by Cllr Cleveland. Seconded by Cllr Carter. All in favour.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION.

1. **NHB-** No further information has been provided or requested at this time.
2. **Neighbourhood Plan-** It was agreed not to proceed with this at this time due to the cost involved and the man hours required.
3. **Village of Culture-** Bretforton PC application has been submitted awaiting further information after closing date of 21st September 2018.
4. **Village Energy Facility-**It was agreed to remove this matter from the agenda..
5. **TPO list-** A list and map has been submitted to Sally Griffiths, Tree Officer at Wychavon for assessment, awaiting a response. Chase.
6. **Smartwater-** Clerk has produced a crib sheet of information regarding the product, this can be viewed at www.worcestershire.gov.uk/myparish and by inputting Bretforton. The packs are subsidised as part of West Mercia Police project at £8.70 per pack, they contain 200 dabs of solution unique to each pack and serial number, any item inside the home or outside such as shed items can be marked with 1 dab which will identify their owner. It was agreed to further consider implementation at next meeting. Cllr Cleveland and Collins will talk to local groups such as Gras Close residents to gauge their views on the scheme.
7. **Planter Produce-** A letter has been received in response to the PC letter regarding litter and other issues along Stoneford Lane. This has raised the emphasis on residents' concerns and the need for regular monitoring of litter by the company. The PC have been invited to attend the site if they wish- No further action to be taken at this time.
8. **BG-**
 - a. Amendments to burial rules. Clerk asked councillors to consider if any amendments should take place in the BG rules to cover applications from the public who may have been born and raised in Bretforton but have moved for work but class the village as their home. There is currently no provision for them to be buried. It was agreed to consider this suggestion at next meeting after having read a copy of the rules and rules from other parishes and their wording.
 - b. Clerk advised that the provision for the BG to be managed by Hazel Mitchell over summer break had been successful and would be continued when clerk has annual

leave. Funeral Directors were advised with an auto message also on email responses.

All enquiries were dealt with by Hazel, with thanks.

9. Comments made by a parishioner on a number of points including new housing development and village facilities have been received for consideration by the PC. The email was read out. PC noted the views and would take them into consideration. The PC cannot consider the purchase of this land for village projects as it is not for development land. The PC are aware of the request for land for silver band band room as above and will bear that in mind. With regard to the request for a crossing on B4035, PC submitted a request to Councillor Adams in July 2018 for a crossing which will be assessed by Highways. The cost would almost certainly need to be borne by PC.
 - c. **SWDP Revisions-** Rural Transport Survey has been submitted. It was agreed to request a Policy Planner to attend the PC meeting in October.
 - d. **Rooftop Housing Proposal-** No further information has been received. The application will be assessed as before, it is not part of the current SWDP therefore Wychavon will need to consider the implications on other villages if the application is approved to develop on designated open space. This land was been submitted in the Wychavon 'Call for Sites' over the past 12 months.

Wychavon District Council.

Worcestershire County Council.

CALC –

PLANNING – APPLICATIONS:

Parish Council comments recorded on Planning Register

REFUSED:

APPROVAL:

Branscombe Nurseries, Weston Road, Bretforton.

Proposed demolition of former nursery shop and associated buildings, to include removal of water tower and low level water tanks. Change of use of land to provide 2 no. glamping units, associated gardens and parking and all ancillary work for holiday lettings.

APPEAL:

WITHDRAWN;

- **OTHER ITEMS**

- **ENFORCEMENT-**

CORRESPONDENCE For Information.

Publications

CLERKS REPORT on Urgent Decisions Since Last Meeting.

COUNCILLORS REPORTS & ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA.

- **Human faeces has been reported on paths around Vicarage Nurseries who are aware of the issue and are dealing with it.**
- **Dog sign at Bretforton Sports Club.**
- **Locks on grit bins and replenish with grit.**

Meeting closed at 9.17pm.

Date of the next meeting; 8th October 2018.

Signed:

Date:

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County Councillor Report- Bretforton

Month: Sept 2018

Prepared by Alastair Adams

Littletons Division, Worcestershire County Council

Operation Snap announced by WEST Mercia Police

Members of the public can now submit footage from dashcams and other devices through a secure online portal, to report a range of driving offences for the police to assess and take action. See <https://www.westmercia.police.uk/operationsnap> The introduction of Operation Snap means that officers no longer have to travel to collect footage, which has reduced the time spent on these investigations from an average of eight hours to just 20 minutes.

GCSE results for the county this year were an improvement on 2017

Initial data provided by 30 schools shows 67% of students in the county achieved a standard pass in English and Maths. In 2017, the figure was 65.5%. A grade 4 (or standard pass) indicates a similar level of achievement to the old C grade. A grade 5 (or strong pass) under the new system is similar to a high C or low B in the old system.

The average grade achieved by A level pupils in Worcestershire is also better this year compared with 2017. Initial data provided by 23 schools to the County Council shows that the average grade was higher than on results day last year. In 2018, the average A-level grade in Worcestershire was between a B and a C. In 2017, the average grade was a C.

Cheaper energy tariffs could soon be available to Worcestershire residents following the launch of the County Council's annual Collective Energy scheme.

Launched last month, Worcestershire Energy Switch negotiates competitive prices with energy companies on behalf of local residents with group buying expert iChoosr. Last year saw 550 residents sign up to the scheme and they went on to see average savings of £182 per year on their energy bills.

Residents should visit www.worcestershire.gov.uk/energyswitch with their latest energy bill handy as details are needed during the registration process.

Registration is open until midnight 8th October 2018 with individual offers emailed to residents from 22nd October 2018.

Worcestershire Monthly County Economic Summary

The claimant count in Wychavon for those aged 18-64 (at July 2018) currently stands at 775, which is down 30 on the previous month. The claimant count proportion in Wychavon is 1.1% of the 16-64 population, which is the joint lowest across Worcestershire (Worcestershire 1.5%, West Midlands 2.8% and England 2.1%).

Universal Credit arrives in Wychavon from 14 November.

Universal Credit is being rolled out by Jobcentre not local authority area, so while a large part of the district and surrounding areas will go live in November.

Universal Credit is being introduced by the Department of Work and Pensions and will combine six in-work benefits into one monthly payment. This is the biggest change to the benefits system in a generation and will mean significant changes for our residents who claim in-work benefits. These include being paid monthly, and being responsible for paying their own rent. For more information see <https://www.wychavon.gov.uk/universal-credit>

Highways:

Worcestershire County Council's road and pavement improvements programme is nearly finished for this year. The last few roads will be surfaced dressed this month, and there are some pavements due to be improved before the Winter season starts and gritting becomes the main task.

1. **New tarmac along Station Rd, Bretforton to Blackminster** – Major improvement – all complete
2. **Surface dressing B4085 Birmingham Road, Badsey** -Done
3. **Surface Dressing between Badsey & Bretforton B4035** - Done
4. **B4035 Weston Road, Bretforton will be closed from its junction with Stoneford Lane to its junction with the Gloucestershire Boundary in order to facilitate Severn Trent works. from 27th Sept for up to 5 days**
5. **Pedestrian Crossing on the B4035** - TICT team currently have a very full programme of projects to deliver for this year so, unfortunately, they will not be able to look into this request in this financial year. However, they will add this onto their list of requests for future consideration.

As always, if you have any issues on any Highways matters, please report it on the WCC website http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/homepage/98/report_it

Also remember a photo of the Highways problem is as good as “a thousand words” so always take a photo where possible.

Worcestershire has been successful in its bid for Government funding to test and explore 5G mobile phone connectivity. 5G is the next generation of mobile technology, so this hopefully will give Worcestershire better and faster mobile phone connectivity. The Worcestershire 5G Consortium, which includes the County Council and the Local Enterprise Partnership, are part of the country's most comprehensive industrial 5G Testbed trial.

Children's Social Care Services – a new company owned by the WCC is in the process of being set up to supply the children's social care services following the Ofsted report last year. The aim is to improve the services offered, and help more children. To give you some idea of the cost of Children Services, 800 children in care costs the County Council £40million/year.

Smart Water Offer The Police & Crime Commissioner, John Campion, has offered to help every village fight burglary by supplying smart water at 25% discount and supplying the signage to be erected around the village warning potential thieves “Thieves beware - we don't buy crime – Smart water in this area”. Details sent to every Parish Council for their decision to participate in the scheme or not.

Improved Cycle ways joining Evesham to Honeybourne, and Honeybourne to North Littleton– A scheme to upgrade the bridleway between Pear Tree Corner, Badsey and Allen's Barn Bretforton to improve it for cyclists and thus join up the cycle way from Evesham to Honeybourne will be started this month.

The National Cycle Network (NCN's) are national routes provided by local authorities in discussions with Sustrans.

The NCN41 and NCN442 link Pershore to Hinton on the Green and from Honeybourne to Pebworth or Chipping Campden. With each route there is a missing part from Evesham to Honeybourne. This project aims to join the two ends by utilising country roads and existing PRow. This section will link Badsey to Honeybourne by travelling along Willersey Lane then branching off to Pear Tree Lane and using the bridleway BD-510 and BV-522 to Stoneford Lane and on to Honeybourne.

There is also another programme to join up Honeybourne with North Littleton .

Divisional Fund

Grant requests received this month include:

1. Vale Landscape Heritage Trust – grant requested to help fence Littleton Meadows & Rough Hill next to the B4510 - paid
2. South Littleton Scout Hut – grant requested for a new fridge - paid
3. 1st Honeybourne Scout Group – grant for some tents – paid
4. St Peters Church Pebworth – grant for roof - paid

If you run a local Community organisation and need a grant for some vital equipment or service, then please feel free to apply for one from the Divisional Fund by contacting me at adams.pebworth@gmail.com

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