

BRETFORTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on
Monday 11th March 2013.
in the Memorial Hall

PRESENT:

Cllr L Hall	Vice-Chairman
Cllr J Johnson	
Cllr A Grant	
Cllr N Smith	
Cllr P Lisney	
Cllr K Wright	District Councillor
Cllr K Carter	
Cllr R Davis	Chairman

APOLOGIES;

Cllr J Cleveland	
Cllr T Bean	County Councillor

OPEN FORUM:

Residents and members of the Bretforton Community Alliance attended to raise issues regarding:

- Closure of village Post Office and shop.
- Underground watercourse at Fallon Lane.
- Planning application for Vicarage Nurseries.

Comments were received regarding this application as follows:

An encampment of this size and type this close to the centre of the village housing 300 people (33% increase of the current adult population of the village) would put unacceptable pressures on the local infrastructure and amenities. (Shop and Post Office closing on 27th April 2013)

The provision of 52 car parking spaces would also mean significant additional movement of vehicles on and off site. At this time, HGV's have to reverse on to site causing damage to tarmac on Weston Road and churning of verges (Pictures sent under separate email), increased vehicles would make this issue far worse. Buses will be used to take workers to other sites also increasing vehicular movement.

Car parking is too close to boundary of the adjoining garden.

The application does not satisfy local and national guidelines because the application is incomplete.

There is no proof of how many caravans are actually required to service the business. A survey needs to be carried out to determine labour required for area cultivated.

At present, Bretforton residents are not employed on site. If they were there would be a lesser need for caravans or vehicles using this site.

The proposal may result in the establishment of a permanent residential base for agricultural workers to be used on sites around the county, which would be a significant change of use in the land and which requires a planning application other than "storage and use of caravan"

Jem Teal from Wychavon DC provided information on section 106 monies and the application process and criteria for receiving S106 funding. (Clerk has full guidance notes if required).

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County Council:

No report.

District Council:

Consultation on Littlebrook Nurseries will be held on 16th March 2013. All residents should use the opportunity to comment before the end of the consultation period of 30/03.13.

MINUTES:

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DECLARATION OF INTEREST:

Cllr Smith-Red Telephone Box

OPEN FORUM ITEMS.

British Legion
Shop Closure
Underground Watercourse

PROGRESS REPORTS FOR INFORMATION.

Clerk;

Clerk handed out bank mandate to update signatures and advised that an application for online banking had been submitted.

Chairman;

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION.

Allotments- Wychavon have provided a web address that will allow Parish Councils to obtain mapping which will help define the size of this plot. All in favour of becoming members.

Parish Plan- Cllr Grant has drawn up a business/organisation questionnaire. Clerk will circulate by email to all Councillors for agreement at next meeting.

Amenity Mowing- Renewal contract from Limebridge has been received. Amenity mowing increases to £230, verge mowing increases to £170 and Clayfield & Red Yat to £78. Proposal to accept quotes but tender in November 2012. Proposed by Cllr Grant. Seconded by Cllr Johnson.

Trees-i. Quotations- Quotes have been received from Ancient Oaks and Arborvale. Accept quote from Ancient Oaks for works on Station Road. Proposed by Cllr Lisney. Seconded by Cllr Grant. Accept quote from Arborvale for Recreation Ground. Proposed by Cllr Hall. Seconded by Cllr Grant.

ii. Trees-Recreation Ground. Request received from Sports Club to move trees away from fence. Advice from tree specialist is that this would be unwise and that given shape of trees, mowing would be difficult once grown and would require strimming instead. Therefore it was agreed to not move trees and for PC to arrange for any strimming required around the trees. Email Sports club. Proposed by Cllr Wright. Seconded by Cllr Lisney. All in favour.

iii. Lime Trees- Recreation Ground. Awaiting comment from Tree Officer @ Wychavon.

Fencing & Play Equipment. Cllr Grant Proposed that fencing around play area be painted. All in favour.

Mobile Post Office Service- Clerk, Chair and Cllr Smith have met with change co-ordinator from PO regarding setting up a mobile PO service as the PO closes on 27th April 2013. A slot has been offered of Monday, Wednesday and Friday between 15.15 and 16.45 at two locations. All in favour in principle subject to signal tests and approval from organisations concerned.

Burial Ground-i. Certificate of completion of works has been completed and returned.

ii. Email regarding BG works relating to graves 325/326, which have now been completed as per certificate, requesting an apology. Send letter signed by Chair advising that PC consider that the matter is now closed. Proposed by Cllr Johnson. Seconded by Cllr Carter. All in favour.

VAS- Honeybourne & Offenham Parish Council's are will to share VAS with Bretforton. All in favour to share with Offenham as Dc is the same for both villages and Lengthsman works for both Parishes.

ii. Email received regarding BG matter relating to graves 325/326 requesting an apology from PC. Send letter from Chairman advising that PC believe matter to be closed. Proposed by Cllr Johnson. Seconded by Cllr Carter. All in favour.

Donation to BCA for publishing flyer. Proposed that BCA send an invoice for costs incurred. All in favour. PC to include suggestion of using BCA publication as part of its overhaul of communications which will include the website. Suggested that Webpage be updated with Councillor details. Clerk to email Cllrs to confirm the details they wish to make public. All in favour.

Request for Grit Bin/Salt. Clerk has emailed Worcs CC regarding grit bins. Responded that bins can be purchased and sited now once locations are provided. Next agenda to decide on locations.

Telephone Box- Power supply has now been disconnected. Cllr Smith is to look into removing boxes and re-siting them at The Fleece. Email resident to advise of removal.

Wychavon District Council

Worcestershire County Council.

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PLANNING - APPLICATIONS:

Parish Council comments recorded on Planning Register

Vicarage Nurseries, Weston Road, Bretforton

Change of use of part agricultural holding currently covered in part by glasshouses to the permanent storage of 56 static caravans for use by seasonal agricultural workers, plus erection of communal room with kitchen and ablutions block.

APPROVAL:

Land off Holly Close, Bretforton

Provision of 22 affordable dwellings for rent & shared ownership with car parking space & private amenity rear gardens

APPEAL:

WITHDRAWN;

- REFUSED:

- OTHER ITEMS –

- ENFORCEMENT

CORRESPONDENCE For Information.

Publications

Clerks & Councils Direct.
The Clerk Magazine
Parish Matters

CLERKS REPORT on Urgent Decisions Since Last Meeting.

COUNCILLORS REPORTS & ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA.

ROADS/FOOTWAYS/GREENING OF THE VILLAGE:

Potholes i. Station Road opposite Fallon Lane
Street Lights Back Lane-intermittent.
Other Items- i. Gullies, drains on Weston Road.
Lengthsman Tasks –

Finance:

February 2013.

Income:	£	Expenditure:	£
Opening Balance:	18804.72	A Evans	248.53
Investment Account	10879.61	PWLB d/d	922.26
Fixed Deposit	15197.29	Calc Training	36.72
Interest	.40	Joseph King	40.00
Fixed Deposit(2)	25062.95	Burial Fee	25.00
		Eon	102.00
		B J Unwin Forestry	144.00
		A Evans/printer cartridge	19.50
		Davies memorials	1180.00
		M Parkinson	210.00
		M Parkinson (lengthsman)	150.00
		M Parkinson (lengthsman)	49.00
		Ancient Oaks	1600.00
Deposits			
C Sheriff re Tittensor	75.00		
Campion & New	650.00		
Campion & New	250.00		
Worcs CC (lengthsman)	199.00		

Invoices to be approved:

A Evans-Salary	248.53
Eon	151.20
Eon	93.60
Bretforton PCC	33.00
A Evans/burial fee	25.00
Joseph King (paid by undertaker)	260.00
Eon	93.60

Invoices and payments approved for settlement. Proposed by Cllr Wright. Seconded by Cllr Hall. All in favour. Meeting closed at 9.37pm

Date of the next meeting; 8th April 2013.

Signed:

Date: