

# BRETFORTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on  
Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2013.  
in the Memorial Hall

## **PRESENT:**

Cllr R Davis	Chairman
Cllr J Cleveland	Vice-Chairman
Cllr K Wright	District Councillor
Cllr A Grant	
Cllr L Hall	
Cllr N Smith	

## **APOLOGIES;**

Cllr P Lisney  
Cllr J Johnson  
Cllr K Carter

## **OPEN FORUM:**

**Presentation was received from Cerda Planning with regard to planning application W/13/01789.** Cllr Wright had the following points/questions:

- Transport statement says that the village has shop/PO but this is not the case.
- Where would pedestrian access be? If Fallon Lane then this is a private road. If footpath is to be onto corner of Honeybourne Road then path is substandard and too narrow. Any widening would be on private land.
- Statement that there will be no cycle provision and that the roads are suitable but no-one could be expected to cycle onto B4035.
- Wychavon are demonstrating a 5 year land plan.
- Why is affordable housing 30% and not 40%.
- Bretforton School is completely full so where would children go.
- There is larger than 2 hectares on aquifer.
- Why is there only 20% of public open space when Wychavon are looking for 40%.
- Town houses and red brick are not appropriate for village location.
- Wheelchair access is inadequate.
- Outside development boundary.
- Bretforton has its allocation already with the other two developments.
- Lacks connectivity to village.
- Mention of existing bus service. This is an inadequate bus service which mainly serves school children.

## **Other Business.**

- Resident attended to raise issue about manhole covers on recently resurfaced carriageway.
- Resident attended to express concerns about planning application for 59 houses on Honeybourne Road.

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### County Council:

- B4035 has been resurfaced.
- **Double Yellow lanes on New Street/Main Street Junction** – can these be extended? Parked cars restrict view of traffic and make it difficult to use this junction. I reported this to Kieran Hemstock at Highways and he explained the lengthy process that traffic orders can take – up to 18months. I will support you and initiate the process.
- **Widening the road – New Street – proposal by Highways** There is a section on New St between the C2049 Honeybourne Road and School Lane which is less than 6.0 M wide and has vegetation growing out to the edge of the carriageway creating a tunnelling effect. The vegetation can obviously be cut back to help the situation, but long term given the high volume of HGV traffic, it would be advantageous if Highways could carry out some localised widening within the road, this would entail clearing back and possible removal of some of the vegetation. The layout of the highway at this location is historic, the only variation is the growth of vegetation, so it has not just become a safety issue. Highways wanted to hear the Parish Council / land owners views, so everyone understands the problem and are happy with the proposals. It was agreed to request a proposal from Highways on exactly what they are proposing. Also to see as part of this widening the pavement along this stretch of road could also be widened.
- **Man hole covers either raised or sunken** as part of the re-surface works causing noise. The Parish Clerk to identify where these manhole covers are and I will follow it up with Highways
- **FutureFit – is the WCC Corporate Plan.** This basically means looking at all services and deciding whether there is a better way of supplying the service; different supplier? more cost effective way? different way of doing things, Etc. Their phrase is “*The right service from the right provider at the right price for the tax payer.*” Currently less than 50% of the WCC budget is spent externally. The likely consequence of being an excellent commissioning authority is that a growing percentage will be spent externally with private companies, voluntary organisations and charities, social enterprises tailored to local communities, or other public sector organisations. The aim is to provide a better service with greater choice and flexibility, and to save tax payers money (target £100million). The expectation is the number of staff employed by the council directly will fall from 4500 to less than 3000.
- **Campaign on fairer funding for rural councils-** Cllr Adams has sent out request urging all Parish Councils and local residents to sign a petition to Parliament to campaign for fairer funding for rural councils. Urban councils currently receive 50% more per head than rural areas in central government grant, despite evidence that many services are more expensive to deliver in sparsely populated rural communities. With budgets reducing it is essential that we move to a fairer allocation of limited public resources
- **PACT. (Police Liaison Meeting,** -Evesham North Rural policing is being increased: By the end of September we should have in place have 1 x new patrol person, and 2 x new CSO’s, a new CSO for the schools, and 6 x new Special Constables. The Special Constables will concentrate on enforcing speed limits in and around the area. Unfortunately, as part of this re-organisation, we will be losing a familiar face in Bretforton; Julie Pardoe, our current CSO, is moving to Pershore Rural North.
- **30mph stickers for wheelie bins** Reminder - these are now being produced by the West Mercia Safer Road Partnerships, and if you want some please contact your Parish Clerk– they are free but must only be applied to wheelie bins.
- **Broadband** — Worcestershire County Council signed a £20m deal with BT in August to bring broadband services in the county in line with the government’s targets. That means that all residences should have access to a minimum of 2Mb/s broadband speed by the time that the project completes in June 2016. Additionally the deal will see superfast broadband speeds (up to 80Mb/s) made available to 90% of homes in the county. There was a meeting on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> August with the council and BT to find out more about the next steps. On 9<sup>th</sup> Sept, WCC announced which villages would be included in the roll-out of Superfast Broadband and all the villages in this area have been included but some houses in the outlying areas may miss out

## **District Council:**

- Cllr Wright raised a number of points (see above) with regard to the planning application W/13/01789 for 59 houses on Honeybourne Road.

## **MINUTES:**

Minutes of the Meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> July 2013, circulated, approved and signed.

## **OPEN FORUM ITEMS.**

- Bretforton Silver Band-Dealt with at July meeting.

## **PROGRESS REPORTS FOR INFORMATION.**

### **Clerk;**

Clerk advised that NALC payscale changes had been received and implemented for Parish Clerk and backdated to 1<sup>st</sup> April 2013.

### **Chairman;**

Chair had attended Shop Volunteer meeting which had been positive.

## **ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION.**

**Parish Plan-** Next agenda.

**Request for Grit Bin/Salt. -** Clerk and Chair to assess locations for next meeting.

**Red Telephone Box-** Due to be removed on 8<sup>th</sup> September.

**Project for Section 106 Monies/Meeting with Sports Club.** Representatives from Sports Club met with Cllrs Cleveland and Davis and Clerk to discuss possible uses for S106 monies including multi-sport equipment and enhancements to play equipment. Sports Club also raised the issue of some changes to Lease which is due for renewal in November 2013. They requested that PC consider:

- a. The extension of the lease length from 10 years to 25.
- b. That the Sports Club members apply for limited status.

Matter has been raised with solicitor for consideration. Cllrs unanimously agreed that each Cllr should have a copy of lease to consider amendments in order to make a decision. Clerk to produce copy for each Cllr and Cllrs must return any comments to Clerk by 20<sup>th</sup> September 2013. Cllr Smith and Clerk will then meet with Solicitor to produce a draft lease for consideration by both parties.

**Flooding Contingency Plan-** Contact at Wychavon will confirm whether there is likely to be a central plan set up as funding has been earmarked for this project. Next agenda.

**Film Club-** No longer needs discussion.

**Theatre Barn-** Cllr Smith advised that he has been asked to assist Theatre Barn with making venue more accessible to village and to be used for education purposes with local schools etc. he has also been asked to assist in organising a community event before Christmas and event diary which could include weddings and performances. The aim could be to raise funds for the community shop. Chair to check if Theatre Barn could be considered as a Community Value asset.

**Trees-Station Road-** Request Ancient Oaks to assess area and provide suggestions of trees that can be planted in gaps.

**Fencing-Station Road.** Next agenda.

**Allotments-** Clerk advised that email had been received from Wychavon to advise that no land is available for rent or purchase for allotments. Cllr Grant asked if could contact them. All in favour.

**Extension of Double Yellow Lines-New Street.** See County Councillor report.

**Wychavon District Council**

1. **Member Conduct Committee-** August.
2. **New Homes Bonus-Annual Report and request for advance Payments.** Report has been received to advise that central Government have currently suspended all future payments of NHB funds. There is a consultation taking place which Wychavon have responded to. Details can be provided by Clerk if required.

**Worcestershire County Council.**

**CALC**

**PLANNING - APPLICATIONS:**

**Parish Council comments recorded on Planning Register**

**Land off, Holly Close, Bretforton.**

Variation of Cond 4 of planning permission W/12/01519/PN to remove planting to Eastern boundary & replace with close boarded fence.

**Crest Nicolson SW & Alliance**

Field adjacent to Holly Close, Bretforton.

**APPROVAL:**

**Mrs A Hasteed, Apple Orchard, 1 Weston Road, Bretforton.**

Rear extension and Conservatory.

**Mr C Buckham, The Royal British Legion, 60 Main Street, Bretforton.**

Temporary Community Shop in club car park.

**APPEAL:**

**WITHDRAWN;**

- **REFUSED:**

- **OTHER ITEMS –**

- **ENFORCEMENT**

**CORRESPONDENCE For Information.**

**Publications**

Clerk & Councils Direct.

The Clerk Magazine.

Countryside Voice

Newsline

**CLERKS REPORT on Urgent Decisions Since Last Meeting.**

**COUNCILLORS REPORTS & ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA.**

**ROADS/FOOTWAYS/GREENING OF THE VILLAGE:**

**Potholes i.**

**Street Lights**

**Other Items- i.**

Lengthsman Tasks – Canopy at Orchard Close. Tree at Recreation Ground.

Tree at Grange Road/Ivy Lane. Canopy on Weston Road  
Up to Bench from Jelfs Flowers.

**Finance:****July 2013.**

<b>Income:</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>Expenditure:</b>	<b>£</b>
Opening Balance:	15738.04	A Evans	277.60
Investment Account	10881.40	A Evans/expenses	165.70
Fixed Deposit	15219.77	Joseph King	40.00
Interest	.37	Burial Fee	25.00
Fixed Deposit(2)	25100.44	HMRC	23.80
		CPRE d/d	29.00
		NPower d/d	590.21
		Limebridge	282.00
		M Parkinson/mowing	1015.00
		M Parkinson/mowing/VAS	793.00
		J Lisney. Red Bull Soap Box	250.00

**Deposits.**

Merstow Green/Cleaver 250.00

**August Invoices to be ratified.**

A Evans-salary /holiday pay	343.77
HMRC	46.60
George Willcox Granite	600.00
M Parkinson	839.00
M Parkinson	42.00
Wychavon Games	69.00
Eon	252.00
PWLB d/d	906.63
Limebridge	861.60
Tower Trophies/Bret Show	360.00 (payment made electronically).

**Invoices to be approved:**

A Evans-Salary	257.40
HMRC	25.00
Bretforton PCC/church clock	300.00
Bretforton PCC	37.00
Arnold Baker/ninth Edition.	31.88 (shared with Badsey PC).
Limebridge	282.00
A Evans/Burial Fee	25.00
Joseph King	40.00

Invoices and payments approved for settlement. Proposed by Cllr Grant. Seconded by Cllr Smith. All in favour. Meeting closed at 9.35pm

**Date of the next meeting; 14<sup>th</sup> October 2013.****Signed: .....****Date: .....**