

BRETFORTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on
Monday 12th October 2015.
At the Memorial Hall, Bretforton.

PRESENT:

Cllr K Wright	District Councillor
Cllr R Davis	Chairman
Cllr K Carter	
Cllr A Grant	
Cllr J Cleveland	Vice-Chairman
Cllr J Johnson	
Cllr P Lisney	

APOLOGIES;

Cllr Alistair Adams
Cllr J Johnson

OPEN FORUM:

One resident attended to raise the following issues:

- Healthwatch- A new scheme for residents to raise concerns about NHS issues or social services issues.
- New Street- Further issues have been experienced with car parked outside cottages causing visibility issues- No plans to extend lines to prevent parking.
- Youth bus flyers- These will be advertised by Parish Clerk.
- Bretforton Silver Band Sign-Could this be repaired and re-instated.
- Posters are not taken down following events. Causing visibility issues as well as looking unsightly. Article in magazine requesting removal.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

County Council:

The widening the pavement from Vicarage Nurseries in Weston Rd towards the corner on B4035 has been given the go ahead as per the attached map. I have asked for the pavement to be made as wide as possible, and WCC are saying it will be made approx. 1.3 wide. Work will be completed before April 2016. Gloucestershire County Council have at last re-tarmac'ed the "no mans" strip of road between the cement works and the bridge. Excellent news! Most of my parishes have booked their Lengthsman to be trained to apply weedkiller. (Some lengthsman attended the course last month!) I am sure that now the local lengthsman can eradicate the weeds and grass on the pavements in the parishes, then this will be a huge benefit to the villages. The roads and pavements will look better, and also it will prevent the pavements deteriorating. The request to extend the 30mph all the way through the village of Bretforton has been rejected by Highways following the speed surveys they have carried out. I sent the Highways report to the Parish Clerk. The main discussion currently at County Hall is devolution, and what it means to Worcestershire. KPMG is working with Worcestershire County

Council and the District Councils to develop a proposal to put to Central Government for our rural areas. The local authorities to the north of us are looking to promote a West Midlands Combined Authority, but the view is these northern urban areas have different economic and social needs compared to our rural needs.

District Council:

- SWDP Modifications- Consultation will run from 9th October 2015 until 20th November 2015. Nothing in report affects Bretforton village.
- Article in magazine requesting all residents making comment on planning application behind Abbey Road, Evesham for 300+ houses.
- Business rates will be paid to local authority, further details to follow. Business rates will fall.
- Facewatch- List of shoplifters will be produced, further details to follow.

MINUTES:

Minutes of the Meeting held on 14th September 2015 were circulated, approved and signed.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST;

- Cllr Cleveland- Memorial Hall Wall.

OPEN FORUM ITEMS.

- Defibrillator- Clerk has obtained a price of £530 excl VAT for cabinet. Cllr Wright proposed and Cllr Cleveland seconded with a unanimous vote in favour to purchase cabinet. Cllr Cleveland to check location at shop for next meeting.

PROGRESS REPORTS FOR INFORMATION.

Clerk;

Chairman;

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION.

1. **Allotments-** Next agenda.
2. **Welcome Pack-** Cllr Grant provided a sample A5 booklet with a front piece written by Chairman and loose leaf pages that can be updated and inserted. Cllr Grant to obtain costings for printing and have proof for next meeting.
3. **Memorial Hall-** Clerk has secured a builder to assess wall when Cllr Wright is available. Site meeting to be arranged by November meeting to look at wall and replacement door.
4. **Assessment of Village Road and footpaths-**Cllr Davis has carried out a full inspection of footpaths, gullies and roads throughout the village and will produce a schedule of works for next meeting. This will involve weed spraying and gully clearing. The footpath between Gras Close and Holy Close has yet to be connected. Clerk to chase.
5. **Trees Station Road-** Chairman has carried out an inspection of trees, some are healthy and some have died. It has been agreed that the trees will be re-assessed in spring when some may have improved. It was unanimously agreed to contact N Wheatley to request

permission to remove hedge and re-plant should the PC decide along Station Road.,
Quotes to be obtained from Ancient Oaks, Arborvale and Roger Small for next meeting.

6. **Section 106 1. Play Area** - Drawings and prices have been received from Play & leisure for improvements to recreation ground play area. It was unanimously agreed to approve plans subject to the quote being amended to include the larger quest nemesis and to dismantle the redundant equipment and store. This is due to the costs of the project and the fact that Bretforton Social Club are not totally in support of the equipment relocation. Cllrs will approve amendments in between meeting to submit to Wychavon as funds have been released for the project. Proposed by Cllr Smith, seconded by Cllr Lisney.
 - ii. **Public Arts & Culture** –Committee members from Bretfest will submit proposals once agreed for the PC to consider.
7. **Footpath Warden Scheme**-Worcs CC have agreed to support the local applicant for the role. Chase.
8. **Village Entrance**- Chair provided drawings of suggestions to enhance the planting at entrances of village. Cllr Wright agreed to ask gardening club to submit a similar plan to carry out. Cllr Cleveland proposed and Cllr Lisney seconded with a unanimous vote in favour to request lengthsman to trim verge in front of planters on a regular bases. Quote to be obtained.
9. **New Street-i. Hedge**-It was unanimously agreed that Clerk should contact Worcs CC to request that New Street hedge be re-instated so as to provide continuity for wildlife corridor.
10. **Play Area Inspections**- It was unanimously agreed that regular checks should be carried out. Clerk to check Rospa requirements for next meeting.
11. **Bretforton Sports Club**- Car Park- A site visit was carried out by Chair, Clerk and contractor on 8th October 2015. A sample of a larger sized material was provided for cllrs to consider being rolled into existing surface. Quotations have been received for a drain to be installed together with a larger soakaway and a quote for the purchase and delivery of the material. At the site meeting, no suggestion that the PC would be charged was indicated. Contractor has contacted supplier but they have advised that original material is fit for purpose as long as the base was correct. Contractor laid material knowing the base surface and agreeing that it could be carried out successfully. It was unanimously agreed that a letter should be sent on behalf of PC signed by Chairman advising that the PC is not happy with the costings and that they will consider legal action. The quote for drain will be considered once this matter is concluded.

Wychavon District Council.

1. **WDC- Diamond Jubilee Community Recognition Award 2015/16.** Article is to put ion magazine asking residents for nominations. Next agenda for cllr consideration.

Worcestershire County Council.

CALC

PLANNING - APPLICATIONS:

Parish Council comments recorded on Planning Register

REFUSED:

APPROVAL:

APPEAL:

WITHDRAWN;

- **OTHER ITEMS**

- ENFORCEMENT-

CORRESPONDENCE For Information.

Publications

- Clerks & Councils Direct.

CLERKS REPORT on Urgent Decisions Since Last Meeting.

COUNCILLORS REPORTS & ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA.

- **Village Marker- Cllr Grant.**
- **Caution Horses sign- Cllr Curry.**
- **Review of public Footpaths & connecting roads- Cllr Wright.**

ROADS/FOOTWAYS/GREENING OF THE VILLAGE:

- Potholes –**
- Street Lights-**
- Other Items- i.** Dog poo at end of Ivy Lane- Check with Wychavon.
- Lengthsman Tasks-**

Finance:

October 2015.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT AND CHEQUES TO BE DRAWN				
Bretforton Parish Council	1st October 2015	B/F		01.04.15
				39,998.99
		INTEREST		82.03
	19,184.77			
	4,888.39	CREDIT		5,871.39
	23,299.88	PRECEPT		25090.00
	47,373.04	TOTAL		71,042.41
LESS				
AS LIST	47,043.04			
Cheque No.		PAYMENT		23,999.37
				47,043.04
outstanding				-
1889	300.00			-
1874	30.00			-
				-
				-
Credits				-
Betts/memorial	220.00			-
Wayleave	1.25			-
				-
				0.00
<hr/>				
Payments to be made		Oct-15	NET	VAT GROSS
Date	Name	Product	Chq	

12.10.15	Limebridge	grass cutting	1890	235	47	282
12.10.15	A Evans	qrtly exp	BACS	195.93	0	195.93
12.10.15	A Evans	Salary	BACS	254.4	0	254.4
12.10.15	HMRC	Tax & NI	1891	63.6	0	63.6
12.10.15	Landscape inc	BG maint	1892	145	0	145
12.10.15	M Parkinson	Lengthsman	1893	112	0	112
12.10.15	M Parkinson	Mowing	1894	519	0	519
TOTAL						1571.93

Invoices and payments approved for settlement. Proposed by Cllr Seconded by Cllr All in favour. Meeting closed atpm.

Date of the next meeting; 9th November 2015.

Signed:

Date: