

# **BRETFORTON PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Meeting held on  
Monday 14th March 2016.  
At the Memorial Hall, Bretforton.

## **PRESENT:**

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

## **APOLOGIES;**

## **OPEN FORUM:**

- Worcs CC footpaths warden, Jane Lowe attended to introduce herself to PC and to detail the role. She will be walking the paths around Bretforton and working with Worcs CC and parish council to ensure paths are well maintained. Bretforton PC welcomed her to the role.

## **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

### **County Council:**

See attached report.

### **District Council:**

- Wychavon DC have been voted 29<sup>th</sup> for Rural Quality of Life 2015 and are currently 24<sup>th</sup> so far this year.
- Community grants are still available until 31<sup>st</sup> March 2016.
- SWDP- Has now been adopted, all major applications have been adopted until 2030. A survey is currently being carried out on traveller sites.
- Flood Insurance Scheme-Due to be launched in April 2016 for residents who live in flood areas and struggle to get insurance.
- Fosca are tendering for a joint arrangement between Malvern Hills and Wychavon.
- Flytipping-Bretforton has been identified as a hotspot and should benefit from cameras where appropriate. Greater promotion of brown bins.
- The Fleece has won 'Tourism Pub of Year' Congratulations to all at The Fleece.

## **MINUTES:**

Minutes of the Meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> February 2016 were circulated, approved and signed.

## **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST;**

- Cllr Cleveland- Memorial Hall Wall-Neighbour

#### **OPEN FORUM ITEMS.**

- Speeding along B4035 and visibility on turn to village- No further action to be considered.
- Wall structures-Letter sent to Wychavon DC-Inspection and repair to be carried out if required.

#### **PROGRESS REPORTS FOR INFORMATION.**

##### **Clerk;**

- Burial records for entries in 2015 were audited by Cllr Wright and Cllr Carter and approved.
- Clerk advised that the section on agenda for 'roads, footways and greening of village' would no longer be included and any reports/repairs required should be emailed directly to clerk for action.

##### **Chairman;**

- Chairman has produced drawings to assist Sports Club with Section 106 application for changing rooms. Chair will contact Sports Club for their approval before arranging a meeting with Wychavon.

#### **ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION.**

1. **Dog poo bin at Gras Close-** Residents has raised suggestion of bin at Gras Close, it was unanimously agreed to arrange for a Wychavon site visit to locate a bin. Resident to be advised.
2. **Bretfest 2016-** It was agreed to make a donation of £250 and to monitor profits before consideration next year. Proposed by Cllr Wright.
3. **Memorial Hall- i.** A further quotation of £1360 has been received, it was unanimously agreed to accept the quote and for work to commence after 31<sup>st</sup> May 2016 as indicated. Proposed by Cllr Grant, seconded by Cllr Curry, all in favour.
4. **Allotment Land-** Planning response has been received and circulated, awaiting further response from solicitor regarding existing tenancy.
5. **Village Survey-** Correspondence was read out with no action to be taken. Cllr Wright suggested that a village survey should form the basis of a neighbourhood plan which will become an integral part of planning processes.
6. **Burial Plot 600-** Further correspondence was read out, the suggested response from the solicitor was approved with a unanimous vote in favour. Clerk to advise.
7. **Verge Parking-**Further correspondence regarding issues on verges along Main Street has been received and read out. It was unanimously agreed that whilst Bretforton PC sympathise with the residents situation, they can take no further action and that he should contact Worcs CC, County Cllr and local police for assistance.
8. **Crime report-** An up to date crime report for villages has been provided by PCSO Wilson.
9. **Bretforton Show-**It was unanimously agreed to make a donation of £250 towards this event in light of other requests received. Profits will be monitored prior to consideration next year.

10. **Back Lane-Willows-** A compliant has been received from a resident regarding the work carried out on the willow trees on Back Lane. Clerk and Chair have inspected area and area needs making good. Contact contractor and ask that work be carried out immediately.
11. **Disabled Access-**Correspondence has been received regarding disabled access around Bretforton for consideration. It was unanimously agreed to advise that Chairman has carried out audit but could resident provide hotspots for County Council to consider together with any suitable locations for dropped kerbs.

#### **Wychavon District Council.**

- It was suggested by Cllr Grant that some cllrs have not kept declarations of interest up to date. Clerk to clarify with Wychavon and advise if required.

#### **Worcestershire County Council.**

#### **CALC**

#### **PLANNING - APPLICATIONS:**

##### **Parish Council comments recorded on Planning Register**

##### **Land behind Jangada, Shop Lane, Bretforton**

Change of use from agricultural land to garden area to Six Oaks, The Fields and Jangada.

##### **REFUSED:**

##### **APPROVAL:**

**Mr N Spencer, Field Station Road, Bretforton.**

Re-location of field access.

**Mr D Cooke, Clayfield Barn, Clayfield Road, Bretforton, Evesham, WR11 7HS**  
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##### **APPEAL:**

##### **WITHDRAWN;**

- **OTHER ITEMS**

- **ENFORCEMENT-**

#### **CORRESPONDENCE For Information.**

##### **Publications**

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

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

**Finance:**

**March 2016.**

<b>FINANCIAL STATEMENT AND CHEQUES TO BE DRAWN</b>			
<b>Bretforton Parish Council</b>	7th March 2016	<b>B/F</b>	<b>01.04.15</b>
			39,998.99
		INTEREST	<b>164.63</b>
Current Account	43,443.29		
Business deposit	9.22	CREDIT	<b>38,539.29</b>
Fixed Deposit	23,081.65	PRECEPT	<b>25090.00</b>
	66,534.16	TOTAL	<b>103,792.91</b>
LESS			
AS LIST	<b>28,002.16</b>		
Cheque No.		PAYMENT	75,790.76
			<b>28,002.16</b>
outstanding			-
			-
	1874	30.00	-
	1922	38502.00	-
			-
			-
Credits	Merstow Green	175.00	-
	Worcs CC	540.00	-
	Bret sports club	67.00	-
			0.00

<b>Payments to be made</b>				<b>Mar-16</b>	<b>NET</b>	<b>VAT</b>	<b>GROSS</b>
<b>Date</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Product</b>	<b>Chq</b>				
14.03.16	A Evans	Salary	BACS	254.4	0	254.4	
14.03.16	A Evans	Holiday pay 2015	BACS	233.29	0	233.29	
14.03.16	Philip Moxon	play inspection	1927	40	0	40	
14.03.16	Eon	Street light repairs	1928	87.5	17.5	105	
14.03.16	Ancient Oaks	Willow trees	1929	1100	0	1100	
14.03.16	Bretforton PCC	magazine	1930	28	0	28	
14.03.16	HMRC	Tax & NI	1931	122	0	122	
14.03.16	Vsigns	play signs	1932	60	0	60	
14.03.16	Graphic print	welcome pack/maps	1933	51.2	0	51.2	
14.03.16	John Hyde	odd jobs-play area	1934	57.5	0	57.5	
		<b>TOTAL</b>					<b>2051.39</b>

Invoices and payments approved for settlement. Proposed by Cllr Curry, Seconded by Cllr Cleveland. All in favour. Meeting closed at 9.10pm.

**Date of the next meeting; 11<sup>th</sup> April 2016.**

Signed: .....

Date: .....

## **County Councillor Report- Bretforton**

**Month: March 2016**

**Prepared by Alastair Adams**

**Littletons Division, Worcestershire County Council**

**Congratulations** - The Fleece Inn at Bretforton won the Tourism Pub of the Year award.

**Best rural place to live in the West Midlands** I thought you'd be interested in the results of the latest [Halifax Rural Areas of Quality of Life Survey](#), which have just been published. According to the survey, Wychavon is currently the best rural place to live in the West Midlands. It must be the Fleece pub that makes all the difference!

**Community Speed Watch** – is where volunteers from the community carry out speed checks in their villages. They are trained by the Safer Roads and all equipment is provided. – I have spoken to the manager in charge of Community Speed Watch at Safer Roads Partnership in Warwickshire and West Mercia asking how we could set up one in this area.

Step 1 – I need to know which parish out of the 8 Parishes I cover has the greatest problem of speeding through their village, and which road in particular.

Step 2 – Safer Roads Partnership will do a traffic speed survey on that road. If it meets the criteria, volunteers will be requested from that Parish for training – 6 volunteers are needed

Step 3 – all equipment is shared between communities so the equipment will have to be collected and returned

See <http://www.thinksaferroads.org.uk/community-speed-watch-launch/>

For more information on Community Speed Watch

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, please me or your Parish Clerk.

### **BT cabinet in Bretforton upgraded to allow for more houses to be connected to Superfast**

**Broadband.** More connections have been added this month to the cabinet, so if you want to order Superfast Broadband, please contact your ISP/Broadband provider. Reminder - any resident will then have to contact their ISP and ask for an upgrade to Superfast. It does not happen automatically, you need to subscribe to it! For more information on upgrading <http://www.superfastworcestershire.com/broadband-providers>

Or

<http://www.uswitch.com/broadband/>

Remember BT call “Superfast Broadband” **BT Infinity**

### **Satellite Superfast Broadband – new government scheme**

To help those houses and farms that are outside our main villages, and therefore have poor Broadband a new scheme has just been announced by WCC. Houses too far from the superfast broadband fibre enabled cabinets have slow speeds, and the cost of installing a new3 cabinet near these remote houses is prohibitive. Therefore the government will help pay for a satellite connection.

For more information see

<http://www.superfastworcestershire.com/other-projects>

And

<http://www.superfastworcestershire.com/USC-FAQS>

**New “Slow Down” and “30MPH” wheelie bin stickers available** – if you want some, please ask at the Bretforton Community Shop or contact me or your Parish Clerk.

**Pavement widening along the B4035 Badsey & Bretforton** – starting 12<sup>th</sup> April 2016

**Offenham Rd/Elm Road roundabout** - Final design drawings submitted. Work expected to start July/August

**40mph speed limit Offenham Rd between Evesham and Offenham** - New signs now erected

**Divisional Funds.** Last month the following were requested:-

- Offenham village hall – grant requested for Broadband
- Littleton Juniors Football Club – grant requested for some goal posts
- Pebworth – grant request for some goal posts

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