

BREDON PARISH COUNCIL

The Minutes of Bredon Parish Council Meeting held at Bredon Village Hall on Monday 8th March 2010 at 7.15pm.

Present: Cllr's Mrs Wenham, Ms Allen, Mrs Whiting, Mr Rhodes, Mr Handy, Mr Verrechia, Mr Brown (Chairman), Mr Darby, Mr Frampton, and Mr Masters.

In Attendance Ms Shields (Clerk), Mr R Sly and Cllr Hardman (County and District).

Mr Sly expressed his concern, echoed by other parishioners, to the council regarding the lack of advertisement of the recent meeting held in the village hall.

The event held in Bredon Village Hall on Friday 5th March was organised by Wychavon District Council as part of its information gathering process of the South Worcestershire Joint Core Strategy (swjcs). The process is now in its third year!

Central Government initiatives have lead to Regional Spatial Strategies to identify areas for future development. Wychavon is part of the West Midland and the Regional Assembly that are preparing for the future development of 24,500 houses in South Worcestershire. Wychavon along with Malvern Hills and Worcester City have joined together three years ago to form swjcs, to plan where the development will go. Wychavon are expected to provide 9,100 dwellings from 2006 -2026. The process is in a consultation stage, 'an information gathering exercise to enable informed decisions to take place in the future'. The events which are taking place across Wychavon from January to March this year, starting in Abberley on the 12th January and finishing at Wychbold on the 27th March are designed to engage the parishioners, encourage comment and completion of questionnaires.

For further information phone 01905 722233 or contact@swjcs.org

The event had been advertised by Wychavon in the Evesham Journal, the February 2010 edition of the 'Wychavon' which is delivered to every household and information had been placed in Drapers and Queensmead Stores. The parish council had displayed a notice in the three boards plus Kinsham and Bredons Hardwick bus shelters and had asked Wychavon for more leaflets for the shop, church and two public houses.

AGENDA

1. Apologies for Absence.

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Mr Hardy and Mr Jenkins.

2. Declaration of Interests.

No declarations were received.

3. To Consider The Adoption Of The Minutes Of The Meeting Held On The 8th February 2010.

The minutes were approved and signed as a true record.

4. Correspondence For Information.

The council had signed the land transfer documents for the sale of the Jubilee Land.

The works in Dock Lane where complete, " *Extensive investigations revealed an old highway drain running from outside 'Stonehaven' across the carriageway and connecting in to the large culvert under the wharf car park area. We were able to utilise this and it seems to have prevented any water egress in the carriageway. We have also installed two new gully / access points either side of the road on the newly discovered system There will still be some water that runs in the channel from 'Springbank' and the drainage pipes on the side of the raised footway area but this now runs to the new gully outside 'Stonehaven'. Due to the nature of springs in the area we can not 100% guarantee that further water egress will not occur but our works should now ensure that any water is carried away from the highway and avoid any safety issues with freezing etc. All works in the verge areas have been reinstated with topsoil and seeded and we have filled some potholes on the wharf car park area.*" 'on your behalf' as part of the accommodation works."

J Shields
Clerk

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Mr A Darby is concerned that sites he owns in Bredon are on the 'Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment Report' (SHLAA) for development. Mr Darby had not been consulted; he was opposed to development on the sites which have already been 'ruled out' for development.

The council agreed to participate in the Wychavon games for 2010.

As the result of a question from a parishioner, the council endorsed that in planning the council respond as a whole and individual councillors' views are not made public.

The council agreed that parts of the playing field would not be sold to individual clubs, as the aim of the council is to put all the land in trust.

The Chairman will respond to a recent E Mail, sent to the chairman, concerning the lack of advertisement of the swjcs by the parish council.

5. Invoices to Be Paid.

Bar Wages, Village Hall Manager and Clerks salary.

BT £67.79, Wickstead £52.88, Lengthsman £330.00, C W Hygiene £70.50, renovate £500.84, Environment Agency £50.00.

6. Progress Reports for Information.

a) Clerk. (enclosed)

b) Playing Field Support Group.

'Terms of Reference' are to be drawn up for the group.

c) Bredon Community Hall Management Group.

Due to resignation of Mrs A Crowther the Clerk will advertise the vacancy on the notice board in the hall. If no one comes forward than the position will be advertised in the parish. The bar prices and the managers salary is still under review. The maintenance group had identified various items for immediate repair.

d) Bredons Norton Village Hall.

e) Lengthsman.

f) Clerks' Finance Working Group.

The council has retrospectively registered for VAT. The Clerk and Cllr Frampton had a meeting with a VAT officer to ensure the council was interpreting the rules correctly. The council will amend the Financial regulations at the annual review in May to include certain payments by direct debit.

Grass cutting to increase from £579.27 to £608.23 plus VAT per cut.

g) County and District Councillor.

The county is putting £8m into its capitol budget for flooding as not all priority ones' have been addressed. The footpath from Bredon to Kinsham will be recommended for repair under the 'Footpath Improvement Scheme'.

Potholes, about 140 are reported daily and by working Saturdays, highways are trying to get on top of the problem, but we still have a lot to do and it helps if they are reported via the phone line or the internet as soon as possible.

h) Bredon Hill Conservation Group.

This Group comprises a representative from each of the nine parish councils around Bredon Hill. Its purpose is the liaison between councils in order to oppose unwelcome local development. The Group is funded by subscriptions from each of the member councils. It met for the first time in 18 months on 5 March. From that meeting it became clear that the Group is not functioning according to its constitution. The secretary has not arranged meetings within the specified period. Agendas and minutes fall short of the minimum standard for a publicly-funded body. The secretary has responded to planning applications on behalf of the Group without seeking the approval of members. He has not responded to the Strategy consultations as requested.

The Parish Council unanimously agreed that its continued participation in the Group should be dependent on its proper functioning. The Council may seek advice from CALC or Wychavon District Council to facilitate this.

i) Parish Plan.

The Village Design Statement group are having a meeting this week.

j) Highways Issues.

J Shields

Clerk

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- k) Motorway Noise.
Cllr Darby is looking into ways of addressing noise.

7. Planning.

For Approval

- a) W/09/01590/LB Wells Farm, Lower Lane Kinsham.
- b) HRN/10/002 Hedgerow Request.
- c) W/10/00266/PP 10 St Giles Road, Bredon. Erection of two storey rear extension, side porch and rear conservatory.
- d) W/10/00382/PP The Gables Bredons Hardwick. Single storey extension to side and rear of existing kitchen.

Amended Plans

W/09/02897/PP Dovecote House, Rectory Lane, Bredons Hardwick.

Refused by Wychavon

W/09/01714/PP Kirklands, Main Road, Bredon, Tewkesbury. Erection of Carport and extension to store

Approved by Wychavon

W/09/02999/PP Meadow Hill, Eckington Road, Bredons Norton, Tewkesbury. Loft Conversion with dormers to left and right elevations.

Cllr's Rhodes and Darby will respond to comments concerning the council's comments to two planning applications.

Cllr Darby, subject to Council approval, will comment on the swjcs.

8. To Discuss The LEADER Contract.

The Parish Council warmly welcomes the LEADER grant offer, but notes that the contract irrevocably commits the Council to unaffordable expenditure if other funds cannot be raised. This could expose the Council to financial commitments which it is unable to meet. Cllr Rhodes proposed, Cllr Handy seconded, and it was unanimously agreed that the amount of the LEADER grant be revised downwards, in line with match funding that can be firmly secured.

9. To Discuss The Play Builder Grant Application.

The Council warmly welcomes the Playbuilder grant offer. It was unanimously agreed that the Council will be the 'accountable body', subject to contract.

10. To Discuss 'Village Hall' Or 'Community Hall'.

Due to time deferred to the next meeting.

11. To Discuss The Recent Report On The Playground.

Due to time deferred to the next meeting.

12. To Discuss The Grazing Agreement For Glebe Field.

The council agreed to offer the agreement to Mr Jones for a further year.

13. To Consider the Purchase of Litter Bins for Bredon Dock.

The council agreed to purchase one large solid bin with 50% funding from Wychavon.

14. To Discuss Clerks Contract.

Due to time deferred to the next meeting.

15. Items For Future Agenda.

Bredons Norton Village Hall Committee funding, Bredon Lawn Tennis Club lease renewal, Youth Club funding, Parish paths Partnership Scheme.

16. Date of Next Meeting.