

BREDENBURY GROUP PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council

Held on Wednesday 18th December 2019 at 7.00pm in the Village Hall

Present: Councillors: John Hulse (Chair), Geoff Hancock, Pete Jones, Carolyn Gwynn, Hugh Farey, Sam Sayce

In attendance: Ward Councillor John Harrington, Vicky Hancock (Clerk)

1. **Apologies for absence:** Cllr Piggott
2. **Declarations of interest and written requests for dispensation:** Cllr Hancock declared an interest in items 7.3.2 7.3.3 7.3.4 7.3.5 and signed the book accordingly.
3. **Open Session**
 - 3.1 Ward Councillor Harrington gave a brief update;
 - Hereford bypass review has been extended. In discussion with Highways England regarding removal of traffic lights and additional roundabouts installed.
 - Discussion re: City wide bus service – possibly run by a private company. Review of rural bus services JH to meet with Baroness Vere Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State in the Department for Transport to discuss the issues around Hereford City
 - Has met with Welsh Environmental Agency regarding the Lugg/Wye catchment area and the nitrate levels. Building of 1100 houses currently on hold. Council looking at funding reed bed management systems. Meeting planned for January to present plan to Natural England. There are additional monitoring systems in place now.

Cllr Hulse asked about the 5 point regime regarding phosphate levels that would allow planning to go forward. If applications met the criteria could they go forward? Ward Cllr to send updates re: bio-discs and sewage treatment.
 - Looking at reinstating the P3 money for the Lengthsman scheme with 100% funding
 - The chairman asked about the 106 monies retained by Herefordshire Council. Ward Cllr to let PC know how this money can be accessed. The CIL to be brought in and there would be guidance on how to access this money
 - Funding available for residents and businesses affected by the recent flooding. If anyone known of contact Cllr Harrington
 - Speed limit on the A44 at Steensbridge has not been decided
 - No update on the status of the TRO for Harp Lane. Council continue to maintain concern that this has not been given sufficient priority .

The Chairman thanked Ward Councillor Harrington for his input and he left the meeting.
 - 3.2 No local residents in attendance.
4. **To consider the minutes of the previous meetings...**

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It was RESOLVED to adopt the minutes and they were signed by the Chairman.
5. **Planning** No planning to discuss

6. Budget Monitoring

The Clerk shared the December budget monitoring sheet. She explained that the expenditure under the Clerk's expenses /mileage included stationery. The variance as a percentage of the budget stands at -1.60%. There being no questions the monitoring was noted and signed by Cllr Hulse as an accurate record.

The Clerk shared the December Neighbourhood Plan budget monitoring. It was noted that there had been expenditure on printing ink. Cllr Hulse informed the council that there will be additional expenditure for consultant services after the Examiner's report has been received these would be covered by the Groundwork Grant. There being no questions the monitoring was noted and signed by Cllr Hulse as an accurate record.

7. Finance

As agreed in the Financial Regs Cllr Pete Jones was appointed to sign the following-

- 7.1 The Clerk shared the bank statement to 30th November. Balance brought forward £10872.73. The balance at 1st December 2019 £10812.73. Agreed and signed by Cllr Jones.
- 7.2 Clerk distributed the Bank Control Account to 30th November 2019 which detailed payments and receipts to date. Balance less outstanding cheques £10275.95. Noted and signed by Cllr Jones as an accurate record.
- 7.3 It was RESOLVED to agree the following payments:
 - 7.3.1 Eyelid Productions Annual Website Support £100.00
 - 7.3.2 Clerk's Reimbursement (Staples Stationery) £136.65
 - 7.3.3 Clerk's SLCC Membership 2019/20 & 2020/21 £195.00
 - 7.3.4 Clerk's Mileage SLCC meeting 34 miles @ 45p per mile £15.30
 - 7.3.5 Clerk's December salary and note assessment report re: Work Place Pension

7.4 HMRC Q3 received no payment to be made

- 8. **Neighbourhood Plan Update** Councillors were informed that the Steering Group had agreed to request Anne Skippers as the Independent Examiner for the Neighbourhood Plan. This decision had been made with the support of our Consultant. It was felt she had experience of local NPs and would understand the nature of our community. Herefordshire Council had been informed but there had been no further communication.
- 9. **Feedback from The Great Collaboration.** Cllr Jones gave feedback from this meeting at The Falcon which was delivered by Hereford Green Network. This was an introductory session which was essentially information giving and an understanding of the support available to Parish Councils on how to enable their community to become carbon neutral by 2030. There were slides, a team of members and a lot of information which set the scene for how councils could make a start on this. Reference materials gave an insight into some of the materials available and current ongoing projects. Councils are encouraged to engage with local residents to take develop an action plan and take small steps initially. The group was keen to point out that there are plenty of people who are willing to give advice and support and speak with the Council. It was AGREED that a small working group would meet to discuss this. Cllrs Jones, Hulse, Sayce & Gwynn volunteered to be part of this. The Clerk to forward the information and slides received from the meeting.
- 10. **Smartwater Update** – Cllr Hulse informed councillors that we currently had 57% of the parish signed up for the scheme. Frequent queries have been 'what happens if you sell an item?' and 'what happens if you move house?' In both instances the householder would simply contact Smartwater and inform them of the changes. If the majority view of residents agreed to Parish Funds being used to finance the Smartwater kits that would be the decision. The money available had not been allocated to other projects.

11. Road Safety -

11.1 November SID data we do not have figures for the complete month as the device was not operational and went into the December period. The Clerk informed Council that there were only two more deployments for this financial year - January and February.

11.2 Grit bin near Wiggall has been replaced by BBLP.

11.3 Verge maintenance. With reference to the notice from BBLP regarding reducing the cuts to verges from 2 per year to one it was agreed that good visibility in Harp Lane and Wacton Lane was vital and therefore we would request maintaining the two cuts per year. Clerk to inform.

12. Correspondence

12.1 Leominster-Worcester railway. The Chairman read correspondence from a local resident regarding the proposal to re-open the old line as a cycle/walkway. The old railway line passes within 15 metres of his residence and the line is in constant use for the business and therefore not disused. He then read the response from the council. He also expressed concern regarding the bio-security of the farm. Cllr Hulse read response on behalf of the council explaining that group had not made direct contact with any of the landowners, therefore recommending they do not consult Parish Councils until they have done so.

13. Matters for the next meeting: (The Clerk informed the council that she would not be available for the next meeting and Cllr Farey agreed to take the minutes) Smartwater, Neighbourhood Plan, Lunch Club, Great Collaboration, Road Safety, Planning

14. Dates for the next meetings:

Wednesday 29th January 2020, Wednesday 26th February 2020

The meeting closed at 8.35pm