

BREDENBURY GROUP PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council

Held on Tuesday 30th June 2021 at 7.00pm in the Village Hall

Present: Councillors: John Hulse, Pete Jones, Alex Gerrard, Carolyne Gwynn

In attendance: Clerk Vicky Hancock, Ward Councillor Harrington, PCSO Sue Berrett no local residents in attendance

1. **Apologies for absence:** Cllr Hancock, Cllr Piggott
2. **Declarations of interest and written requests for dispensation:** None declared
3. **To consider the minutes of the previous meeting:** Parish Council Meeting 25th May 2021. It was **RESOLVED** to adopt the minutes and these were signed by the chairman.
4. **Open Session**

4.1 The Clerk welcomed PCSO Sue Berrett to the meeting

- Sue introduced herself and gave a brief overview of her role as part of the team at Bromyard Safer Neighbourhood Team. She outlined the large area the team covers within North Herefordshire and the remit of their role – all in all covering 15 Parishes.
- There are two PCSO stationed at Bromyard PCSO Sue Berrett and PCSO Di Smith
- Their remit is to deal with community/neighbourhood issues but also to offer back - up to the force
- There has been a newly appointed officer at Bromyard PC Pete Brown
- She highlighted the new online reporting tool for incident reporting and a free messaging service www.neighbourhoodmatters.co.uk from West Mercia to receive updates on crimes in your area, info about ongoing incidents, witness appeals, current scams
- WMP have been directed by the Police Commissioner to develop a West Mercia Police Community Charter and establish a contract between the police and the Parish Council where up to 3 issues are highlighted which can be worked on with the PCSO

Some discussion ensued as to the main focus of this contract. A recent spate of serious Road Traffic Incidents on the A44 and the volume of heavy vehicles on Harp Lane and drivers using mobile phones were highlighted as issues that are causing the greatest concerns.

Sue explained that the charter can have up to 3 issues highlighted but it seemed that traffic offences and speeding were the most prevalent. The contract can be revisited and priorities changed if something becomes more urgent. The contract to be written and agreed with the council. There would be regular updates with Sue through a monthly email no later than 7 days prior to the next meeting. Sue to attend meetings on a 3-monthly basis. Cllr Hulse agreed occasional police presence would be welcome. Cllr Jones requested data on Rural crime and incidents in our area. Clerk to follow this up.

Cllr Hulse thanked Sue for her time and looked forward to seeing her at future meetings.
(PCSO Sue Berrett left the meeting)

4.2 Ward Cllr Harrington gave a brief update

- Covid cases currently 42 cases per 100,000

- 158,000 residents have had 1st vaccination 131,000 have received their 2nd vaccination
- New Chief Executive Paul walker settling into his role
- Hereford Transport funding agreement complete to improve transport and services arrangements in Hereford and outlying areas
- Funding received via the National Bus Strategy to enhance partnerships and improve services
- Council have brought in two new project managers inhouse

4.3 Views of local residents: Cllr Jones mentioned the overgrown hedgerow outside The Old Rectory which is making it difficult to walk along the pavement. JH to investigate.

5. Budget Monitoring Clerk shared the June budget monitoring sheet. (Appendix i)

Councillors **RESOLVED** to accept the June monitoring and Cllr Jones signed the document.

6. Finance

6.1 The Clerk shared the bank statement to 31st May 2021. Balance brought forward £12,114.20. The balance at 31st May 2021 £11,609.79. Noted and signed by Cllr Jones.

6.2 Clerk shared the Bank Control Account to 31st May 2021 which detailed payments and receipts to date. Outstanding cheques total £625.74. Closing balance £11,609.79. Noted and signed by Cllr Jones.

6.3 To note payment already made: Clerk reimbursement for GoToMeeting annual subscription £136.80. The Clerk reminded Councillors this item was budgeted for as we were unsure of the rules for face-to-face meetings going forward. We would still be able to use online meetings for the NP steering group and the finance working group.

6.4 It was **RESOLVED** to agree the following payment:

6.3.1 Clerk's May salary and note assessment report re: workplace pension.

7. Planning

7.1 P211724/F Three Pines Garage Bredenbury Bromyard HR7 4TF To raise the roof of the existing workshop building by 2m to improve current mechanical operations
Councillors agreed to support this application and to refer to NP Policy BW&GB 15 Business Development.

7.2 Planning determined by Herefordshire Council P204595/Grendon Manor Bredenbury Bromyard HR7 4TF Agricultural muck storage building. Approved

8. Section 106 It was agreed that the Chairman and Clerk will complete the 106 Town/Parish wish list.

9. Neighbourhood Plan

9.1 Appropriate Assessment was not agreed by Natural England. Herefordshire Council is still working on this with their legal representatives. However, our Neighbourhood Plan will still have material weight.

9.2 Referendum Expenses The Clerk has still not had a satisfactory resolution to this and has been unable to claim expenses regarding postal communications to all residents prior to the referendum. To email details to Ward Cllr. Harrington.

10. A Tree for the Platinum Jubilee In his absence the Clerk reported that Cllr Hancock felt it would be difficult to identify any ground within the parish that had full public access where a significant number of trees could be planted. He suggested that Councillors themselves could plant a tree and he had some oak trees available. After discussion Cllr Jones suggested we contact the PCC and discuss planting a tree to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee on the area by the community car park. The Clerk to investigate.

11. Smartwater We now have additional Smartwater signs to put up in the parishes. The councillors were asked for suggestions of places where another sign could be placed. Suggestions were – Valley View and the lane to Great Wacton and the top of Wacton Lane. Cllr Hulse to put these up.

12. Road Safety

12.1 TRO on Harp Lane update this is now in the hands of Herefordshire Council and is due to be signed off.

12.2 School sign on the A44 this has now been cleared and is fully visible.

12.3 Safety on the A44 and Harp Lane. Ward Cllr Harrington has been in contact with Simon Hobbs, Senior Accident Investigation Engineer he has agreed to meet with councillors regarding road safety on the A44 and Harp Lane.

13. Lengthsman – Nothing to report

14. Footpath the two stiles on the footpath WK1 from the A44 to Harp Lane have been reported on the council website. There has been no news regarding the replacement of the bridge at Wacton Green. Clerk to send info to Ward Cllr Harrington.

15. Correspondence Invitation has been received to join Parish Council Reference Group to share knowledge between councils. It was agreed we sign up to this.

16. To raise matters for the next meeting

- HGVs on Rowden Lane
- Annual Insurance
- Financial Regulations
- Code of Practice

17. Dates of next meetings

Wednesday 28th July @ 7.00pm

August meeting TBA

Wednesday 29th September @ 7.00pm

The meeting closed at 8.49pm