

BREDENBURY GROUP PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council

Held on Wednesday 29th September 2021 at 7.00pm in the Village Hall

Present: Councillors: John Hulse, Pete Jones, Hugh Farey, Alex Gerrard, Massie Piggott, Carolyne Gwynn, Geoff Hancock

In attendance: Clerk Vicky Hancock,

1. **Apologies for absence:** Ward Councillor John Harrington, CSO Sue Berrett
2. **Declarations of interest and written requests for dispensation:** Cllr Hancock Items 6.3.2, 6.3.3 Signed the book accordingly
3. **To consider the minutes of the previous meeting:** Parish Council Meeting 25th August 2021. It was **RESOLVED** to adopt the minutes and these were signed by the chairman.
4. **Open Session**
 - 4.1 There were no local residents in attendance. Several residents have expressed concerns to Councillors that a local resident was operating a car trading business from home given the large number of cars parked at the property. It was noted that in recent times the number of vehicles had increased significantly. After discussion, it was agreed that we should check directly with the owner of the property before making any assumptions regarding the nature of these activities. The chairman agreed to follow this up.
A local resident contacted the Council via the website with concerns regarding the appalling state of the road surface from the top of the Wacton Green (Upper Wacton) Lane and Stone Croft a distance of approximately 100yds. This is in such need of being completely re-surfaced and not just filling in the ruts. There are some potholes that were marked up but never filled but the whole area is in urgent need of attention. She has spoken to highways and been given a reference number but was told that resurfacing was a different department. The Chairman to take this up with Ward Cllr Harrington.
 - 4.2 Ward Cllr Harrington sent apologies and forwarded a brief report to Councillors
5. **Budget Monitoring** Clerk shared the September budget monitoring sheet. (Appendix i) Councillors **RESOLVED** to accept the September monitoring and Cllr Jones signed the document.
6. **Finance**
 - 6.1 The Clerk shared the bank statement to 1st September 2021. Balance brought forward £10,529.92 The balance at 1st September 2021 £9,373.60. Noted and signed by Cllr Jones.
 - 6.2 Clerk shared the Bank Control Account to 31st August 2021 which detailed payments and receipts to date. No outstanding cheques. Closing balance £9,393.60. Noted and signed by Cllr Jones.
 - 6.3 It was **RESOLVED** to agree the following payments:
 - 6.3.1 Autela Payroll Process Q2 £50.40
 - 6.3.2 Clerk's Expenses Postage £18.12
 - 6.3.3 Clerk's September salary and note assessment report re: Work Place Pension
 - 6.4 Precept 2021-22 Received 2nd Payment £4,280.00. Cllr Hulse signed remittance.
 - 6.5 PAYE Q2 noted
7. **Finance Working Group**
 - 7.1.1 Members of the Finance Working Group for 2022-23 Budget recommendations Cllr Hulse, Cllr Gwynn and Clerk Vicky Hancock. Date of meeting agreed **Monday 11th October 2021 via GoToMeeting @6.30pm.**

7.1.2 Precept 2022-23 requests to Herefordshire Council by 31st December but can be delayed until February if necessary.

7.1.3 A reminder that we need to complete a Reserves Policy as noted by the 2019/20 Audit requirement.

8. **Smartwater** Cllr Hulse noted that we need to purchase an additional sign to be positioned on the Valley View sign. We also have the opportunity to purchase additional Smartwater kits for residents new to the parishes at £8.90. It was **AGREED** that there was still an amount available in the budget to purchase 10 additional kits and another sign. Clerk to order kits.

9. **Planning** P213075/F Noakes Farm Bredenbury Bromyard Herefordshire HR7 4SY. Erection of an open fronted steel portal framed muck store. Councillors agreed to **SUPPORT** the application. Ref: Neighbourhood Plan BW&GB 17 Agriculture & Forestry Enterprises

10. **Community Support** Cllr Hulse reported on the Community BBQ event held on August Bank Holiday Monday. It was really successful and well attended by new and established residents. He thanked the Barneby Inn for their support. The Parish Council had agreed to support any outstanding expenses up to £250 however, due to the generosity of many people, there was no additional expense.

Cllr Hancock mentioned the community service Mary Wakefield-Jones gives in enabling village events to use the field next to the hall for additional parking and always putting up the sign. Cllrs agreed he should thank Mary and ask if she would like us to purchase a lighter, custom made sign.

11. **Lengthsman** Cllr Farey to email the lengthsman regarding the stile to be replaced at Wacton Grange. The grit for next winter road maintenance to be delivered to Little Wacton Farm for the lengthsman to fill the grit bins as necessary. The Clerk reported that two grit bins on Harp Lane/Rowden Lane were damaged and needed replacing. There is already a sum of money in this year's budget for replacing bins. It was **AGREED** to replace these and Clerk to implement. The grit bin on Wacton Lane needs to be re-sited safely. Cllr Hulse and Cllr Piggott agreed to do this.

12. Road Safety

12.1 Update The TRO at the top of Harp Lane for restricting speed to 30mph has received a Notice of Making and this order will come into effect from 1st October 2021. It was noted that this has taken nearly three years to get to this point.

13. **Correspondence WBL Greenway.** The Council had received a letter from a local resident regarding their reservations about this initiative and the impact on their tourism business. Cllr Hulse reported that neighbouring Parish Councils had been discussing this item. He suggested that it was important for the landowners should get together and discuss the implications and impact of this initiative.

Ditch at Rowden Station The owners of Rowden Station have received notification from BBLP that following research into the ownership of the lane (which apparently transferred to the council in the late 1920's), there is now agreement that the ditch running alongside the lane should be maintained. They thanked the Parish Council for taking up this matter.

14. To raise matters for the next meeting

- Parish Council Reference Group
- Traffic Management Plan Steering Group
- Footpaths
- WBL Greenway Initiative

15. Dates of next meetings

Wednesday October 27th @ 7pm

Wednesday 24th November @ 7pm

Wednesday 22nd December @ 7pm TBA

The meeting closed at 8.02pm