

BREDENBURY GROUP PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council

Held on Wednesday 23rd February 2022 at 6.00pm in the Village Hall

Present: Councillors: John Hulse, Hugh Farey, Geoff Hancock, Pete Jones, Massie Piggott, Carolyne Gwynn (joined meeting 6.45pm)

In attendance: Vicky Hancock Clerk, Ward Cllr J Harrington (joined meeting 7.10pm)

1. **Apologies for absence:** Cllr Gerrard
2. **Declarations of interest and written requests for dispensation:** Item 6.4.1, 6.4.2 Cllr Hancock signed the book accordingly. Item 8.1 Cllr Piggott signed the book accordingly.
3. **To consider the minutes of the previous meeting:** Parish Council Meeting 26th January 2022. It was **RESOLVED** to adopt the minutes and these were signed by the chairman.
4. **Open Session**
 - 4.1 No local residents in attendance.
 - 4.2 Ward Cllr Harrington read a brief report to Councillors.
 - Covid figures for Herefordshire 630 per 100,00. N/A 540 per 100,00. No hospitalisations
 - 13 roads had been closed in Herefordshire on 22.02.22 due to flooding
 - Annual Budget has been adopted with 2.99% tax rise for households. 1.5million directed to Social Care
 - HC to pilot a Dog Warden Scheme to target those areas where dog mess is an issue
 - Herefordshire Council are advertising for registrars to cover the shortfall in the county
5. **Budget Monitoring** Chairman shared the February budget monitoring sheet. (Appendix i) Councillors **RESOLVED** to accept these and Cllr Hulse signed the document.
6. **Finance**
 - 6.1 The Chairman shared the bank statement to February 1st. Closing balance £11079.85. Noted and signed by Cllr Jones.
 - 6.2 Chairman shared the Bank Control Account which detailed payments and receipts to date. Noted and signed by Cllr Jones.
 - 6.3 To note payments already made.
 - 6.3.1 £44.97 Bunting & Flag
 - 6.4 It was **RESOLVED** to agree the following payments
 - 6.4.1 Radway Bridge Garden Centre tree for the Queen's Green Canopy £51.99
 - 6.4.2 Clerk's February salary and note assessment report re: Work Place Pension
 - 6.5 Clerk has made a VAT refund claim for January 2021-January 2022 of £855.18
7. **Herefordshire Local Plan Review** Councillors have all received a copy of the report on Herefordshire Local Plan Spatial Options consultation compiled by Ian Culley on the implications for the various options for Bredenbury and also a copy of the draft response from Bredenbury Group Parish Council to the consultation. The Chairman went through the documents and the options and discussion ensued. Ward Cllr Harrington gave some additional background information. Cllr Hulse asked why Herefordshire Council had not adopted CIL and Cllr Harrington will get briefing note on this issue. Questions were asked regarding the implications for our Neighbourhood Plan. Cllr Harrington reminded Council that NDP not yet adopted still carried material weight. However, the new Local

Plan for 2021 -41 would be closely cross-referenced with NDPs. Councillors supported the report and the draft response and agreed that the Parish Council should respond by 28th February.

8. Planning

- 8.1 P220180/ H Grendon Manor Bredenbury HR7 4TH. Hedgerow removal notice. It was noted that this was particularly an issue regarding the safety aspect of articulated lorries and farm vehicles being able to pass simultaneously without stopping on the A44. Councillors agreed to **SUPPORT** this application.
- 8.2 P2220455/Westington Works Hatfield Leominster HR6 OSJ. Proposed Storage Building. Councillors agreed to **SUPPORT** this application.
- 8.3 Herefordshire Council have confirmed those farmers applying for the DEFRA grant for renewing concrete yards do not need prior approval or planning permission.
- 8.4 Planning Consultation 21491/FH Land at South of Rowden Mill Station, Bromyard, Herefordshire, HR7 4TG Farm Vending Kiosk with 6 car parking spaces has been determined.

9. Lengthsman

- 9.1 Due to our current Lengthsman ending his contract on March 31st 2022 Councillors agreed that we should tender for a replacement. It was agreed a note would go out on Bromyard Info, in the Roundabout and on Facebook. Cllr Hulse to contact a local contractor.
- 9.2 Clerk to complete the BBLP 2022-23 EOI & Annual Maintenance Plan for Lengthsman & P3 Scheme.

10. PROW

- 10.1 Bridleway Brockington Grange. After discussion it was **AGREED** to donate the planings owned by the Council for spreading on the bridleway to improve the surface. Cllr Gwynn to make contact with Brockington Mews regarding this. The Clerk has contacted BBLP to see if they still offer the planings scheme to Parish Councils.
- 10.2 Registering England's Footpaths. For information the Council was informed that the deadline to register England's footpaths has been cancelled after a public access campaign.
- 10.3 Verge Cutting Programme It was **AGREED** to respond to BBLP and request two cuts of the grass verges during the year for safety and visibility reasons.

11. BBLP Annual Plan of works in our locality. There are 2 drainage schemes to be completed.

- i. C1062 East side of highway in verge opposite 4 St Andrews Close
- ii. Structure minor works outside Wiggall de-water structure and fill void under downstream invert with concrete.

12. HC Website now shows Bredenbury, Wacton & Grendon Bishop NP as having completed the referendum but has not yet adopted by the council.

13. Road Safety Feedback from Traffic Management Group. Cllrs had received two documents from the group. i. Introduction and Vision for an Aspirational Traffic Management and Road Safety Action Plan ii. Table showing aspects of the plan including Measures, Descriptions, Evidence, Actions and Costs. Council approved what had been written so far. Cllr Hulse thanked Cllr Jones for his input in reviewing the document so thoroughly. Ward Councillor Harrington requested a copy and one to be sent to Simon Hobbs.

14. Queen's Platinum Jubilee. The tree has been purchased for Radway Garden Centre. It will be planted on Sunday 13th March after the morning service at St Andrews. There will be refreshments provided. Clerk has invited the youngest and the oldest resident to help plant the tree. Councillors had received details of the Queen's Green Canopy plaques to mark the occasion. The plaque from The Workshop Aberfeldy was the preferred option. Clerk to check the fixings and order.

15. Correspondence: No response regarding letter sent to Herefordshire Council regarding local Tree Preservation Orders. Cllr Harrington requested a copy of the letter

Request made for LGA New Model Code of Conduct to be adopted by Parish Councils as this has been adopted by Herefordshire Council. Clerk replied the Bredenbury Group Parish Council had already adopted this.

16. Items for the next meeting

- Lengthsman Contract
- Local Plan Update
- Feedback regarding Tree Protection Order
- Traffic Management Plan
- PROW (Definitive Map re: PROW) Cllr Farey

17.Dates of next meetings

Wednesday 30th March 2022 @ 7pm

Wednesday 27th April 2022 **Annual Parish Meeting** @6.30pm followed by scheduled Parish Council Meeting

Wednesday 18th May 2022 **Annual Parish Meeting of the Parish Council** @7pm

The meeting closed at 8.06pm