

BREDENBURY GROUP PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council

Held on Wednesday 27th April 2022 at 7.00pm in the Village Hall

Present: Councillors: John Hulse, Geoff Hancock, Pete Jones, Massie Piggott, Alex Gerrard,

In attendance: Vicky Hancock Clerk, Ward Councillor Harrington, PCSO Sue Berrett

1. **Apologies for absence:** Cllr Gwynn
2. **Declarations of interest and written requests for dispensation:** Item 6.4.1, Cllr Hancock signed the book accordingly.
3. **To consider the minutes of the previous meeting:** Parish Council Meeting 30th March 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 delivered a brief report to members
 - As of 14.04.22 Covid infections 356/100,000
 - The Herefordshire Local Plan is available on the Herefordshire Council website and is now consulting on the Local Plan Policy Options April 4th – 16th May. (Cllr Hulse noted that it wasn't easy to access this on the website.)
 - Herefordshire Council have acquired land in Luston to create a wetland area reed bed to mitigate phosphates making their way into the river Wye. This scheme could be extended through the county. Cllr Piggott asked if this scheme could be extended to farmers to provide reed beds on their own land. Cllr Harrington to make enquiries.
 - £200 vouchers for reusable nappies have been successful and hopefully the scheme will be extended.
5. **Budget Monitoring** Chairman shared the April 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 April 1st 2022. Closing balance £9,488.54 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 The Clerk shared the Cashbook April 21-March 2022 showing all expenditure and income. Noted and signed by Cllr Hulse.
 - 6.4 It was **RESOLVED** to agree the following payment:
 - 6.4.1 Clerk's March Salary and note assessment report re: Workplace Pension
7. **Tree Preservation Orders (TPO)** As a result of a letter sent to Herefordshire Council in January 2022, we have finally received definitive copies of the original individual or area TPOs in the parishes. Following on from this it was **AGREED** to ask Cllr Farey to audit these with the maps now available.
8. **Local Plan** We have received a report from Ian Culley to support us in our response to the 2nd Consultation on Local Plan Policy Options. Policy options are a particularly important aspect of the new Local Plan as this could have the most significant impact on the retention of Neighbourhood Plans and the ability for local residents to have a say on their local area. Main concerns are that with local areas not having any say over settlement boundaries and local planning issues. Approval was

given by the council for the Chairman and Clerk to respond on behalf of the Parish Council and submit the consultation.

- 9. Defibrillator** Bredenbury School have agreed in principle to a defibrillator being installed at the school. Clerk to investigate costs and if there are any grants available.

10. Lengthsman

10.1 We have received the contract between Herefordshire Council and our council to participate in the Lengthsman Scheme 2022-23. Chairman and Clerk to sign agreement.

10.2 Councillor Hulse informed the meeting that a new lengthsman has been appointed on a 3-month trial after a successful tendering process with Cllr Jones and Cllr Hulse. James Jones has accepted the role and we look forward to working with him.

- 11. Road Safety** PCSO Sue Berrett was welcomed to the meeting. She gave an update on a new team member in Bromyard Toby Stevenson which will enable them to do more community work. She outlined traffic monitoring that has been undertaken over the year. Councillors reviewed the West Mercia Police Community Charter Parish Council Contract. 1) Speeding in the community. 2) Other traffic offences including: Mobile phone use on A44 and minor roads, in the Bredenbury area, also the manner of driving on the A44 and minor roads. Updated contract to be sent to the Clerk. A 3-monthly review date was agreed 27.07.22. Some discussion ensued regarding the HGVs using Rowden Lane and she concurred that the signs are advisory only. She agreed that PC contacting the HGV company when there is an issue is a timely approach. Cllr Hulse shared the work that The Traffic Management Group (TMG) have been doing on an Aspirational Traffic Management Plan for the settlement of Bredenbury.

11.1 Some members of the TMG met with Simon Hobbs Senior Accident Investigation Engineer for Herefordshire Council. They shared details from the aspirational traffic plan for calming traffic through the settlement of Bredenbury. i) 30mph through the settlement ii) to extend 40mph to beyond Grendon Manor bend iii) road marking system as seen in Ashperton, Stretton Grandison and Edwyn Ralph iv) improved cat's eyes v) to improve visibility opposite Three Pines garage by tidying the verge vi) Planters at the Bredenbury village signs. Advice was that these should be made from polymer/recycled material and not wood and a license would have to be obtained. After discussion council **RESOLVED** to apply for a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) for 30mph and no overtaking in the current 40mph zone and an extension of the 40mph to Batchley. Councillors thanked PCSO Sue Berrett for her attendance and she left the meeting.

12. Community Events

12.1 Cllr Hulse gave an update on the Village Hall improvements. The septic tank has been located and is running freely. He thanked those councillors and members of the community who have helped with the work to date.

12.2 Jubilee Celebrations

12.2.1 There was a discussion regarding the provision of a commemorative item of the Platinum Jubilee for the children in the Bredenbury Community up to 16 years of age. The Clerk thought the school may be providing something but there would be other children in the community not at the school. Clerk to investigate if we could order through the school. Councillors **AGREED** (1 abstention) that the Parish Council would fund a memento of the occasion from the donations budget.

12.2.2 There is to be a Platinum Jubilee BBQ in the Barneby Inn car park on Sunday 5th June for local residents from 3pm.

12.3 Bredenbury Action Group (BAG) are organising a Summer Ceilidh with a 'bring and share' picnic on Sunday 26th June in a marquee in the field by the village hall.

13. Correspondence

- We have received an email from Tracy Morriss, Stakeholder Manager BBLP, inviting Parish Councils to apply for funding for a minor road safety improvement scheme. After some discussion it was **AGREED** to apply for funding to replace the road sign on the A44 to Pencombe along Woodland Way which is completely illegible and the stanchion is badly corroded. Clerk to action as closing date is 5th May.

14. Items for the next meeting

- Village Safety Initiatives
- Local Plan
- AGAR
- Traffic Management Group (TMG) feedback
- TPO audit

15. Dates of next meetings agreed:

Wednesday 18th May 2022 Annual Meeting of the Parish Council 7.00pm (please note change of date)

Wednesday 29th June 2022 @ 7pm

Wednesday 27th July 2022 @ 7pm

The meeting closed at 8.34pm