

BREDENBURY GROUP PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council

Held on Wednesday 26th October 2022 at 7.00pm in a private room at The Barneby Inn

Present: Councillors: John Hulse, Pete Jones, Alex Gerrard, Hugh Farey, Geoff Hancock

In attendance: Vicky Hancock Clerk, Ward Councillor Harrington, four local residents

1. **Apologies for absence:** Cllr Piggott, Cllr Libby
2. **Declarations of interest and written requests for dispensation:** Items 6.4.1, 6.4.2 Cllr Hancock signed the book accordingly.
3. **To consider the minutes of the previous meeting:** Parish Council Meeting 28th September 2022. It was **RESOLVED** to adopt the minutes and these were signed by the chairman.
4. **Open Session**

4.1 Local residents Mrs Sallie Barrett and Mr Mike Hickman brought concerns regarding the danger from vehicles coming at speed from Bromyard and coming upon vehicles waiting to turn right into their residential and business lane. They asked about the progress of getting the hedge cut back and topped on the A44 before the entrance to Noakes Court. Cllr Harrington had been in touch with Simon Hobbs and Hereford Nature trust regarding the hedge and it was due to be cut back to original boundary and height. There has been a hold up regarding contractors so we requested our own local contractor could do it. Details to be sent to Cllr Harrington. Mr Hickman also expressed concern about the hidden dip before Bredenbury Court and the dangers of overtaking.

There then followed a short discussion on recent communications to local residents regarding supposed PRoWs across their property. Cllr Farey noted that the PRoWs mentioned do not appear on the Herefordshire Council Definitive Map of PRoWs. Cllr Hulse commented that he was aware that several local residents had received direct contact from Mr Fisher on these matters and asked if it was appropriate that such direct contact should be made? Cllr Harrington stated that this was not the correct route and that it would be preferable for Mr Fisher or anyone else who was trying to identify ancient footpaths should contact either the Parish PRoW Officer or Herefordshire Council in the first instance. It was agreed that Cllr Hulse would write to Mr Fisher regarding this matter.

Local residents Mr P Kirwan and Ms. C Chavez-Brandon wished to express concern regarding the WBL Greenway Feasibility Study and presented notes to the council. This matter is dealt with under item 11.

4.2 Cllr Harrington gave a brief report

- Avian flu is a worry in the county with two outbreaks reported and there is now a requirement to protect flocks. Consult DEFRA website for more information.
- Herefordshire Council is providing Warm Spaces for people to go to during the day who are worried about energy costs. Libraries and museums in the market towns are participating in this scheme. A full list of Warm Spaces is available on the Talk Community website.
- Herefordshire Council is looking at needing to make £2 million savings during the next financial year.

- BBLP are responsible for the upkeep of 2000 roads & footpaths and 700 bridges. It is estimated expenditure in excess of £300 million is needed to return these to acceptable condition.
5. **Budget Monitoring** Clerk shared the October budget monitoring sheet. (Appendix i) Noted and signed by the Chairman.
 6. **Finance**
 - 6.1 The Clerk shared the bank statement to 1st October 2022. Closing balance £15,054.54 Noted and signed by Cllr Jones.
 - 6.2 Clerk shared the Bank Control Account September 2022 which detailed payments and receipts to date. Noted and signed by Cllr Jones.
 - 6.3 Payment already made was noted: J Jones Lengthsman Services £35.00
 - 6.4 **It was RESOLVED** to agree the following payments:
 - 6.4.1 Clerk's reimbursement £20.00
 - 6.4.2 Clerk's October Salary and note assessment report re: Work Place Pension
 - 6.5 The bank signatories are now fully updated: John Hulse, Geoff Hancock, Pete Jones.
 7. **Finance Working Group** meeting to be held with Cllr Hulse, Cllr Libby and the Clerk on Monday 7th November to discuss budget recommendations for the following 3 years and the precept for 2023-24 ready to present to full council on 30th November 2022.
 8. **Policy & Procedure**
 - 8.1 The Financial Regulations were reviewed by councillors and there being no amendments it was **AGREED** that the review for 2022-23 was completed.
 - 8.2 Review Risk Register 2022-23. The draft review was sent to all councillors for discussion. With thanks to Cllr Jones for working through draft. There were three updates:
 - i) **Strategic Future development of the parish** *Herefordshire Council is currently going through a consultation and review process on developing a new Local Plan for 2021-2041. This may also impact on the Neighbourhood Plan in its current form. Residual Risk Level raised to - Likelihood Possible (3) x Consequence Moderate (3) until outcomes known.*
 - ii) **Management Parish Council meeting location:** *Building improvements are currently underway at the village hall. Therefore short term relocation for Parish Council meetings has been implemented.*
 - iii) **Communication with the press** – *A Press and Media Policy to be written and agreed as this was still an outstanding item. Review to be presented at the next council meeting.*
 9. **Planning**
 - 9.1 P222860/F Newbury Farm, Bredenbury, Bromyard HR7 4TL Proposed erection of roof over existing silage storage area. It was **RESOLVED** to **SUPPORT** this application making reference to Neighbourhood Plan Policy BW&GB 17 Agriculture and Forestry Enterprises.
 - 9.2 P222897/F Newbury Farm, Bredenbury, Bromyard HR7 4TL Proposed farm track. It was **RESOLVED** to **SUPPORT** this application making reference to Neighbourhood Plan Policy BW&GB 17 Agriculture and Forestry Enterprises.
 10. **Local Plan Update** We received the Rural Settlement Hierarchy Audit Report and had the opportunity to make some factual changes regarding our parishes and to query one element. These were as follows:

Appendix 2 Rural Services and Facilities Retail Food Outlet Grendon Bishop - Remove small farm shop/egg hut as this is a vending machine and these have now been removed from the audit.

Appendix 2 Rural services Maintenance Bredenbury - Remove Garage Mechanical as this business is focused purely on maintenance and sales for their own van business and they are not carrying out third party business.

Appendix 2 Rural services Other Leisure and Tourism Bredenbury – It was noted that there is still an inclusion for Tourism Accommodation and Facilities (Facilities such as hotels, B&Bs, self-catering accommodation, caravan parks, camping and glamping sites have been removed from the tables). We have requested clarification on this matter.

Appendix 4 Bus Services - Add Grendon Bishop as it has a market day service 482.

Councillors agreed with all of the above changes made to the audit.

- 11. WBL Greenway Messrs** Chavez-Brandon and Kirwan have compiled reports which they shared with the meeting. They reminded the meeting that there has been no consultation with any current owner of the proposed route despite several having written to the originators since 2019. Their specific concern is that the Feasibility Study (published as an Implementation Plan) is not balanced and does not take into account the costs to existing businesses which would be adversely affected. Furthermore, they are concerned that the study will be considered for inclusion in the HC Local Plan 2021-41 without consultation with local residents, land and business owners. Cllr Harrington assured them that no action would be taken without proper consultation and that without the agreement of landowners this project could not go ahead. Cllr Harrington asked that they send their finished reports directly to him and that he would ensure that they received proper consideration.

- 12. Lengthsman** The final cut has been completed on the grass verge opposite Three Pines garage. Milestone still to be completed the paint has been purchased.

13. Road Safety

The Traffic Management Group (TMG) & Police Commissioner grant. Cllr Hulse reported that the TMG have been invited to apply for a grant up to 5k to help with traffic management in the settlement of Bredenbury. They met to discuss various options and village gates were once again discussed as an option. They have requested advice from Simon Hobbs, Herefordshire Council.

- 14. Village Hall** The next steps will be purchasing materials and construction of foundations and drainage up to finished floor level.

- 15. Correspondence** The Clerk has received communication from Electoral Services regarding estimated costs for Parish Council Elections May 4th 2023. This to be taken into account when Finance Working Group meets.

16. Items for the next meeting

- Lengthsman
- PRow & TPO Report
- Local Plan
- Road Safety
- Traffic Management Group (TMG) feedback
- Village Hall
- Finance Working Group draft budget + Precept Feedback

- 17. Dates of next meetings agreed:**

Wednesday 30th November 2022 @ 7pm

Wednesday 28th December 2022 @7pm

Wednesday 25th January 2023 @7pm

The meeting closed at 8.33pm