

BREDENBURY GROUP PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council

Held on Wednesday 21st December 2022 at 7.00pm in the dining 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

1. **Apologies for absence:** Cllr Libby, Cllr Piggott
2. **Declarations of interest and written requests for dispensation:** Item 6.3.2, Cllr Hancock signed the book accordingly.
3. **To consider the minutes of the previous meeting:** Parish Council Meeting 30th November 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.
 - Noakes Farm – there is still no update from Herefordshire Wildlife Trust regarding the cutting back of the hedge on the A44 opposite the driveway to Noakes Court. The Chairman commented that it would be preferable if this section of hedge were laid properly rather than just cut back.
 - Two residents had asked about the Definitive Map Modification Order (DMMO). It has been checked and confirmed that an applicant is required to notify affected landowners in advance of making a DMMO application to the Local Authority.
 - 4.2 Councillor Harrington gave a brief update regarding the continuing discussions regarding budget-setting at Herefordshire Council.
5. **Budget Monitoring** Clerk shared the December budget monitoring sheet. (Appendix i) Noted and signed by the Chairman.
6. **Finance**
 - 6.1 The Clerk shared the bank statement to 1st December 2022. Closing balance £14,117.08 Noted and signed by Cllr Jones.
 - 6.2 Clerk shared the Bank Control Account November 2022 which detailed payments and receipts to date. Noted and signed by Cllr Jones.
 - 6.3 Noted payment already made: Eyelid Annual Website Support £100.00
 - 6.4 It was **RESOLVED** to agree the following payment:
 - 6.4.1 (NOTE) AEDdonate Replacement Defibrillator Pads have not arrived due to shortage – so no payment made to date.
 - 6.4.2 Clerk's December Salary and National Salary Award note assessment report re: Work Place Pension
7. **Precept 2023-24** Clerk informed Herefordshire Council that our Precept Requirement for 2023-24 would be made after the January 2023 PC meeting. A question was raised over the ability to determine how many Band D properties are in our parishes which enables Councillors to make an informed judgement on our requirements. The formula is worked out according to the tax base however this is not available until February 2023 even though the tax base is determined in the preceding September. Ward Councillor Harrington to make enquiries.
8. **Parish Boundaries and Group Parish Council status** There is an opportunity in the future to look at Community Governance review which could determine a change to current parish boundaries or the number of Councillors in a Parish. Cllr Jones and Cllr Farey agreed to look at the current Parish

boundaries of our three parishes Bredenbury, Wacton and Grendon Bishop and report back to the Parish Council meeting on March 1st 2023.

9. **Neighbourhood Plan** Our Neighbourhood Plan is still in a state of limbo even though there was a successful referendum in May 2021 because of the phosphate issue. The Chairman asked why this is still the case and was it a legal position as the community had voted to support the plan through proper process. Cllr Harrington to contact Sam Banks regarding this. NALC are also to be consulted through HALC. Cllr Jones asked if there was any progress being made towards lifting the moratorium on new planning in the Lugg catchment. Currently there is no movement with Natural England on this issue.
10. **Local Plan** Agricultural Development Consultation. Councillors had all received a draft copy of the response to this consultation and **AGREED** that it should be submitted. It was also **AGREED** to put a copy of this response in a letter to all agricultural holdings in the parishes for their information. Chairman and Clerk to action.
11. **Road Safety** The pavement has been cleared between Rowden Lane and Bredenbury Court entrance at West Lodge on the A44. BBLP have issued a defect number for the pavement clearance between Arfryn and the Village Hall.
12. **Roads & Public Rights of Way**
 - 12.1 DMMO. The Chairman read his response to Mr T Fisher regarding contact with local residents as explained in Item 4.1 bullet point 2.
 - 12.2 Maintenance of footpaths & culverts. HALC has advised that this can be done if necessary to alleviate or prevent flooding. Cllr Harrington to ask about the verge opposite The Three Pines and putting pipes into the drainage channels so the verge can be maintained more easily.
13. **Heartstart training** As requested the Clerk has had contact with Heartstart Hereford and they are willing to offer a community training session. Clerk to ask Bredenbury Primary School if their school hall could be available during March 2023 for this session. Date and time to be advertised in The Roundabout and on Parish noticeboards.
14. **Village Hall Update** Work has been on hold due to the inclement weather. BBLP has issued a defect number for the drain clearance at the front and the length of drain running at the side of the hall.
15. **Community Events** A successful Christmas Lunch was held at The Barneby Inn on Monday 19th December. 37 people were served by volunteers. Money raised through the quizzes subsidised this event.
16. **Correspondence** The Clerk has received notification of our authority's Audit Appointment for 2022-23 to 2026-27. PKF Littlejohn LLP.
17. **Items for the next meeting**
 - Precept 2023-24
 - Local Plan Consultation
 - Road Safety
18. **Dates of next meetings agreed:**
 - Wednesday 25th January 2023 @ 7pm
 - Wednesday 1st March 2023 @7pm
 - Wednesday 29th March 2023 Annual Parish Meeting @ 6.30pm

The meeting closed at 8.11pm