

BREDENBURY GROUP PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council

Held on Wednesday 1st March 2023 at 7.00pm in a private room at The Barneby Inn

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

In attendance: two local residents

1. **Apologies for absence:** Cllr Farey, Ward Councillor Harrington
2. **Declarations of interest and written requests for dispensation:** Item 6.3.1 Cllr Hancock signed the book accordingly.
3. **To consider the minutes of the previous meeting:** Parish Council Meeting 25th January 2023. It was **RESOLVED** to adopt the minutes and these were signed by the Chairman.
4. **Open Session**
 - 4.1 Two local residents in attendance. They wished to bring concerns from some residents in Valley View regarding a number of issues which they had put in a letter and outlined to the Councillors as follows:
 - Some residents were concerned that the services they receive do not reflect the council tax banding.
 - There had recently been a significant increase in the shared sewerage charges for some residents
 - They believe that pavements and kerbs are in need of tidying and debris clearing away
 - They would like some form of street lighting, possibly solar powered, to be installed
 - Trees at the end of the gardens on the east side overshadow gardens
 - Brambles and nettles were encroaching from the field
 - They believe that some trees are in danger of interfering with power lines

Councillor Hulse thanked the residents and agreed to visit the site with Councillor Jones to investigate further. (Residents left the meeting)

- 4.2 In Councillor Harrington's absence he forwarded a brief update that was sent to all Councillors.
5. **Budget Monitoring** February budget monitoring sheet was reviewed and approved. (Appendix i) Noted and signed by the Chairman.
6. **Finance**
 - 6.1 Bank statement to 31st January 2023 reviewed. Closing balance £12,166.83 Noted and signed by Cllr Jones.
 - 6.2 Bank Control Account to 31st January 202 was reviewed. Noted and signed by Cllr Jones.
 - 6.3 It was **RESOLVED** to agree the following payments:
 - 6.3.1 Clerk's February 2023 Salary and note assessment report re: Work Place Pension
 - 6.3.2 AEDdonate replacement defibrillator pads £56.39
 - 6.3.3 HALC/NALC 2023/24 Subs and Affiliation fees (Clerk requested payment of this to take advantage of 2 free training places for 23/24 if paid before March 31st) £453.53
7. **Planning**
 - 7.1 P223770/F Old Cottage, Great Wacton, Bredenbury, HR7 4TG. Proposed 2 storey extension. Determination made – approved with conditions
 - 7.2 P223950/O Land at Grendon Manor – no decision

8. **Local Plan** – no further update post consultation but we had shared our letter raising concerns regarding the supplementary Agricultural Planning document with local BFU representatives and this had been taken up by their President, Minette Batters in her discussions with Herefordshire council. This consultation has now closed.
9. **Road Safety**
 - The hedge opposite Noakes Farm has been cut back by Herefordshire Wildlife Trust to improve the poor visibility which was causing a danger to drivers. Thanks received from the residents.
 - Pothole reporting - Cllr Hulse reported to HC repairs to marked potholes on Wacton Lane hadn't been completed and the team had left the site. A reminder that anyone can report potholes on the Herefordshire Council website.
 - TRO update – there is to be a review of outstanding TROs
 - Response from Asst. PCC regarding funding for traffic management. The TMG have been offered a grant of 4k towards funding village gates and a speed indicator device. The Chairman suggested that we write to Herefordshire Council and request additional funding so we could complete the whole scheme. It was **AGREED** Cllr Hulse will write officially to Herefordshire Council and make the request.
 - Cllr Jones asked about the BBLP Annual Plan and the drainage on Rowden Lane. Clerk to make enquiries.
10. **Parish Boundaries, Group Parishes & Number of Parish Councillors** Cllr Hulse attended a zoom HALC meeting with Lynda Wilcox to discuss and clarify these issues. Changing the Parish boundaries is a very complicated, expensive and involved process which, for parishes with less than 500 electors would require 50% of the electorate to vote in favour of changing from a parish and 50% of receiving parish to vote in agreement. Cllr Hulse commented that it would be difficult to change the parish boundaries given these conditions. The benefit of changing from a group parish was possible. As we are currently three separate parishes we are penalised in respect of costs particularly related to our individual parishes during election time. We would need 50% of the electorate to agree to this change to make it possible. This could be organised through subscribers and the Parish Magazine. It was **AGREED** to put this in motion. There could also be the possibility to change the number and/or distribution of councillors but members **AGREED** that there would be no benefit to this.
11. **WBL Greenway** – the “Keep Our Line” group has received specialist advice and as a result implemented improved signage to discourage unauthorised access.
12. **Village Hall update** work progressing well on the hall and the roofing should commence in the near future.
13. **Heartstart** A reminder that there is a training session on Wednesday 22nd March 2023 at 7pm at Bredenbury Primary School.
14. **Annual Parish Meeting 29th March 2023 at 6.30pm** A speaker has been booked for this meeting. Clare Cherry – Co-ordinator of The Great Collaboration will present an overview of projects that are happening in other parts of the county that our community could consider towards target zero emissions by 2030. This will be followed by refreshments and then the scheduled Parish Council meeting. Coffee and tea supplied by The Barneby and light refreshments by the Parish Council.
15. **Royal Coronation** – Some discussion followed regarding the celebration of the Coronation. The Bredenbury Action Group has raised money through the monthly quizzes to put on a celebration on Sunday 7th May which will be held at the Barneby Inn. Councillors **AGREED** the Parish Council would

purchase two commemorative flags for the occasion but other commemorative items would incur too much expense.

- 16. Correspondence** – The clerk has received paperwork detailing the procedures for the Council Elections in May. Nominations will need to be delivered to the Elections Office by 4pm on Tuesday 4th April. There are also posters and leaflets to distribute reminding voters they will need ID for the first time.

Cllr Hulse had received a further communication from Mr P Foster regarding the development of new houses in the centre of Bredenbury. Previously, Mr Foster had explained their plans relating to phosphate reduction or this development and his enquiry as to whether other residents would wish to be part of a shared scheme to install improved package treatment facilities.

17. Matters for the next meeting:

- Elections
- Lengthsman
- TRO/Road Safety
- Local Plan
- Village Hall

18. Dates of next meetings agreed:

Wednesday 29th March Annual Parish Meeting @ 6.30pm

Tuesday 18th April 2023 @ 7pm – note date

Wednesday 24th May 2023 Annual Meeting of the Parish Council

The meeting closed at 8.21pm