

# BREDENBURY GROUP PARISH COUNCIL

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## Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council

Held on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2023 at 7.00pm in a private room at The Barneby Inn

**Present:** Councillors: John Hulse, Pete Jones, Alex Gerrard

**In attendance:** Ward Councillor Harrington, two local residents

1. **Apologies for absence:** Cllrs Farey, Hancock, Libby, Piggott & Parish Clerk, Vicky Hancock
2. **Declarations of interest and written requests for dispensation:** None
3. **To consider the minutes of the previous meeting:** Parish Council Meeting 20<sup>th</sup> December 2022. It was **RESOLVED** to adopt the minutes and these were signed by the Chairman.
4. **Open Session**
  - 4.1 Cllr Hulse had had contact with the Developers of sites within the Settlement Area in the NDP. Their consultants have proposed an alternative solution to phosphate discharges based on upgrading existing septic tank rather than purchasing credits. They asked if we knew any residents who would upgrade their systems to reduce the overall phosphate output within the Settlement.
  - 4.2 Cllr Harrington gave a brief report
    - A 5% budget uplift has been proposed
    - Photo ID will be required at future elections. Cllr Hulse will add a reminder in Parish Magazine and will ask Clerk to add a reminder on PC website
    - Very high incidence of potholes on Herefordshire Roads. Cllr Harrington reminded us that compensation is paid only when a pothole has been reported. Cllr Hulse will include a reminder in next issue of Parish Magazine on how to report potholes on HC website.
    - Avian Flu outbreak in a domestic flock near Leominster. A 3km control zone established.
    - 1st application for phosphate credits has been made and is being assessed. New sites in Titley & Tarrington have been purchased. Natural England is still resisting developments in river catchment areas and a challenge is planned.
    - Cllr Hulse asked why our comments on a recent planning application, based on our NDP policies were overruled. Cllr Harrington agreed follow up.
    - Cllr Harrington confirmed that government “levelling up” funds would not be used to support schemes outside Hereford City.
    - Cllr Hulse commented that the work to cut back the hedge on the section of A44 leading to the entrance to Noakes Farm has still not been carried out. Cllr Harrington will contact Herefordshire Wildlife again to complete this work before the end of January as agreed.
    - Cllr Hulse commented that the recent HC Leaders newsletter was confusing and that a very long article on planning rules was too complex for this type of communication.
5. **Budget Monitoring** January budget monitoring sheet was reviewed and approved. (Appendix i) Noted and signed by the Chairman.
6. **Finance**
  - 6.1 Bank statement to 30<sup>th</sup> December 2022 reviewed. Closing balance £13,393.87 Noted and signed by Cllr Jones.
  - 6.2 Bank Control Account to 30<sup>th</sup> December 2022 was reviewed. Noted and signed by Cllr Jones.
  - 6.3 Payment already made was noted: V Hancock £110.78 for Hi-Viz jackets for Bredenbury School
  - 6.4 It was **RESOLVED** to agree the following payments: Clerk's January 2023 Salary and note assessment report re: Work Place Pension

7. **Precept 2023/24** Based on the recommendations of the Finance Working Group it was **RESOLVED** to submit an unchanged Parish Council precept for the period.
8. **Planning**
  - 8.1 P223950/O Grendon Manor, Bredenbury, HR7 4TH. Outline application for an agricultural worker's dwelling. It was **RESOLVED** to **SUPPORT** referencing compliance with points 1 & 2 NDP BW&GB 5
  - 8.2 P223770/F Old Cottage, Great Wacton, Bredenbury, HR7 4TG. Proposed 2 storey extension. It was **RESOLVED** to **SUPPORT** this application referencing BW&GB 6.
9. **Local Plan** Cllr Hulse reported that there had been no additional feedback on ongoing consultations. However, it was noted that the consultation period on the Supplementary Agricultural Planning document had been extended by a month. A copy of our letter to affected local residents had also been shared with NFU who are in direct discussion with Herefordshire Council on this issue.
10. **Road Safety**
  - 10.1 We have received a competitive quote for both Village Gates and Vehicle Activated Speed Limit Reminder signs from JACS Ltd. This has been used to provide West Mercia Asst PCC with requested details for grant funding.
  - 10.2 Pothole reporting (see earlier)
11. **Pavements/Road Deterioration** We have reported a variety of defects to HC. Pavement through the "tunnel" on the A44 has been cleared but the work from the School to the Old Post Office is outstanding. A further request has been submitted for the section between Stone House and Grendon Firs. Main issue is the need to remove the material which is potentially contaminated rather than push it under the hedgerow. Finally, the appalling state of the U & C roads in our parishes was raised.
12. **Heartstart Training.** Training will take place at Bredenbury School on 22<sup>nd</sup> March with 16 places available. Depending on attendance, it is hoped to run additional sessions in future.
13. **WBL Greenway** NFU arranged a meeting between representatives of local landowners and NFU legal advisors as well as a national specialist on PRoW law. PRoWs can be established either based on historical evidence (DMMO) or modern usage. No evidence of historical routes along the alignment of the old railway through our parishes so the focus will be on discouraging modern use. Advice was given on the correct signage and mechanisms for challenging unauthorised users as well as providing permission where required without establishing rights of public access.
14. **Village Hall** Footings complete. Next step will be construction of superstructure.
15. **Correspondence** See comments under Open Session
16. **Items for the next meeting**
  - Lengthsman
  - PRoW & TRO Report
  - Local Plan
  - Road Safety
  - Traffic Management Group (TMG) feedback from asst PCC
  - Village Hall
17. Dates of next meetings agreed:  
**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2023 @ 7pm**  
**Wednesday 29th March 2023 @7pm preceded by Annual Parish Meeting at 6:30pm**  
Claire Cherry from the Great Collaboration will be invited to speak about Herefordshire's Carbon Neutral ambitions and green initiatives. Cllr Jones to draught an invitation to interested parties via Roundabout the Parishes Magazine. **The meeting closed at 8.12pm**

