

BREDENBURY GROUP PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council

Held on Wednesday 29th March 2023 at 7.30pm in a private room at The Barneby Inn

following the Annual Parish Meeting

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

In attendance: Vicky Hancock Clerk, John Harrington Ward Councillor (8.00pm)

1. **Apologies for absence:** None received
2. **Declarations of interest and written requests for dispensation:** Item 6.4.2, 6.4.3 Cllr Hancock signed the book accordingly.
3. **To consider the minutes of the previous meeting:** Parish Council Meeting 1st March 2023. It was **RESOLVED** to adopt the minutes and these were signed by the Chairman.
4. **Open Session**
 - 4.1 No views from local residents
 - 4.2 Councillor Harrington gave a brief update of Herefordshire Council business.
5. **Budget Monitoring** March budget monitoring sheet was reviewed and approved. (Appendix i) Noted and signed by the Chairman.
6. **Finance**
 - 6.1 Bank statement to 1st March 2023 reviewed. Closing balance £12379.83. Noted receipt of £213.02 HMRC VTR. Noted and signed by Cllr Jones.
 - 6.2 Bank Control Account to February 2023 was reviewed. Noted and signed by Cllr Jones.
 - 6.3 Noted payments already made:
 - 6.3.1 HMRC £58.20
 - 6.3.2 Bredenbury Primary School £44.69
 - 6.4 The following payments were **AGREED**:
 - 6.4.1 HMRC Q4 £21.60
 - 6.4.2 Clerk's March Salary & note assessment report re: Workplace Pension
 - 6.4.3 Coronation Flags £19.98
 - 6.4.4 Room Hire & Refreshments Barneby Inn £57.00
 - 6.4.5 No expenses claimed by Cllr Farey
7. **Heartstart Donation** The Clerk reported the Heartstart session she organised at Bredenbury Primary School was attended by 10 residents and was a very useful and informative session. It was agreed we could host another session in the future. It was sad that the Heartstart charity was struggling for funding and may not be able to sustain the training beyond another year. It was agreed it was a vital service that was being provided to communities. Council **AGREED** to give a donation of £100 to Heartstart. It was **AGREED** to vire money from the Clerk's training and expenses budget to the donation budget to cover the donation.
8. **Lengthsman** It was agreed James had done a good job keeping the verge tidy opposite Three Pines to enable visibility to be improved. It was agreed that there were two items that would need addressing. i. Cleaning the road signs that were not clear in many places. Cllr Jones to make a photographic record of the road signs and produce a risk assessment. It was **AGREED** to purchase waterproof hi-viz clothing for James. Cllr Hulse to action. ii. Cllr Hulse & Cllr Jones had looked at the

issues highlighted in Valley View regarding the pavement on the corner outside The Willows. It was **AGREED** the pavement would be cleared as a goodwill gesture.

9. Road Safety

9.1 TRO There was still no evidence that the request for a TRO to reduce the speed limit on the A44 and the extension of the 40mph to Grendon Firs was part of the 2023/24 programme for the Annual Plan. Cllr Harrington to ask Callum Bush for an update.

9.2 TMG Feedback The Assistant Police Commissioner confirmed that we would be receiving a cheque for £4000 in April towards the Traffic Management Plan to install Village Gates and a speed indicator device. Cllr Farey to compile a report for our request from Herefordshire Council to support our work by providing the additional funding required to complete the work.

10. Elections The Clerk indicated that all the nomination papers for the local elections on 4th May had been submitted on time and checked. The Notice of Poll would be taken down on 4th April and the statement of persons nominated will be published on 5th April. The current councillors will stand down on 9th May and the new Parish Council will meet on 24th May 2023 for the Annual Parish Council Meeting.

11. Standing Orders. Councillors **AGREED** the review of Standing Orders should be noted with no changes.

12. Correspondence The Chairman reported that a letter had been sent to the representative from Valley View regarding the issues they had outlined during the open session at the previous meeting. Offering advice and support.

13. To raise matters for the next meeting

- Great Collaboration
- TRO
- Lengthsman
- Village Hall
- Coronation

14. Dates of next meetings agreed:

Tuesday 18th April 2023 @ 7pm – *note day and date*

Wednesday 24th May 2023 Annual Meeting of the Parish Council @ 7pm

Wednesday 28th June 2023 @ 7pm

The meeting closed at 8.39pm