

BREDENBURY GROUP PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council

Held on Wednesday 18th April 2023 at 7.30pm in a private room at The Barneby Inn

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

In attendance: Vicky Hancock Clerk,

1. Apologies for absence: Cllr Farey

2. Declarations of interest and written requests for dispensation: Item 6.4.1 Cllr Hancock signed the book accordingly.

3. To consider the minutes of the previous meeting: Parish Council Meeting 29th March 2023. It was **RESOLVED** to adopt the minutes and these were signed by the Chairman.

4. Open Session

4.1 Views from local residents:

- Cllr Hulse read the response letter on behalf of residents in Valley View. Cllrs Jones and Hulse have offered to meet with a representative on site.
- There had been a communication for Rowden Mill Station regarding the ditch parallel to the properties on Great Wacton Lane which is causing drainage issues once more. The residents were advised to report this on the Herefordshire Council site and the Parish Council has done the same.

4.2 Councillor Harrington not in attendance

5. Budget Monitoring The final budget monitoring sheet for the Financial Year 2022-23 was reviewed. (Appendix i) It was noted there is to be a specific reserve of £1,500 as at 31st March 2023 which was earmarked for the Village Gates but due to a delay with additional funding there was no expenditure. This was **APPROVED** and the monitoring sheet was signed by the Chairman.

6. Finance

6.1 Bank statement to 31st March 2023 reviewed. Closing balance £11033.87. Noted and signed by Cllr Jones.

6.2 Bank Control Account to March 2023 was reviewed. It was noted that the council has met the Reserves Policy by carrying forward General Reserves close to 12 months net revenue. Noted and signed by Cllr Jones.

6.3 Noted payments already made:

- 6.3.1 Heartstart Donation £100.00 (Receipt signed by Cllrs Jones and Hulse)
- 6.3.2 Autela Payroll Q4 £69.31
- 6.3.3 HMRC Q2 £3.60

6.4 The following payment was AGREED:

- 6.4.1 Clerk's April Salary & note assessment report re: Workplace Pension

6.5 The Clerk has received her P60 End of Year Certificate

7. Annual Parish Meeting Council agreed that the turnout for this meeting had been very positive and it was noted that a speaker and refreshments had encouraged residents to attend. Cllr Jones who organised the speaker has thanked the presenter, Clare Cherry, Co-ordinator of The Great Collaboration. It was **AGREED** the Chairman would also write a formal letter on behalf of the council to thank Clare her for her presentation which was interesting and informative.

Cllr Jones has followed up this evening by considering how the Council and residents can become involved in supporting the Herefordshire Low Carbon Agenda. He shared a model document which

can be personalised for our Parish Council and therefore as a body make a declaration to support the climate emergency agenda. It was unanimously **AGREED** that the council would take this forward. Cllr Jones outlined the steps involved in this process. There is an opportunity to subscribe to Hereford Green Network (HGN) which would offer training, advice, leaflets etc in support of this work. It was **RESOLVED** to fund an annual subscription of £50 to HGN. Councillors also encouraged to sign up as individuals to The Great Collaboration. The next meeting to make declaration of interest and decide on forming a group to take this forward with the interest from other residents and Cllrs Libby, Jones and Gerrard. It was also agreed to promote this agenda through the Parish magazine to raise awareness. Chairman gave thanks to Cllr Jones for his input into this initiative.

- 8. Lengthsman:** James has been asked to clean the road signs and there has been a discussion regarding this. Cllr Jones to produce a Risk Assessment and meet with James and go through the detail. James to purchase hand held water pressure equipment and the Council to reimburse the expense. He already has a full set of hi-viz wear and the photographic record of all the signs produced by Cllr Jones.

9. Road Safety

9.1 Village Gates – still awaiting the grant from the Assistant Police Commissioner towards the purchase of these.

9.2 TRO Our request regarding a speed reduction and extension of the 40mph is currently in the mid-50s for the ranking for this financial year. The TRO for yellow lines outside the school was withdrawn three years ago but is still appearing in the list.

9.3 Councillors to encourage residents to self-report road/pavement/drainage issues on the Herefordshire Council website. Cllr Hulse to remind residents in his update in the May edition of The Roundabout.

Cllr Hancock brought attention to the near miss on the A44 exit from Bredenbury Court with a delivery vehicle. Cllr Farey to have an informal word with Mr Steele to remind taxis, guests and delivery drivers that they should not be using that dangerous exit.

- 10. Elections** The Parish Council elections are uncontested therefore the only election in our area will be for the Ward Councillor. A reminder 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. Village events** A celebration of the Coronation will begin with a Song of Praise at St Andrews from 11am preceded by coffee and cake. A BBQ, line dancing, games and live music at The Barneby for local residents from 12.30pm.

- 12. Village Hall** Saturday 20th May 10am – 12pm an Open Day to see the village hall improvements so far and what the plans for the future are.

- 13. Correspondence** The Chairman read the response from some of the residents in Valley View.

14. To raise matters for the next meeting

- Great Collaboration
- TRO
- Lengthsman
- Village Hall

- 15. Dates of next meetings agreed:**

Wednesday 24th May 2023 Annual Meeting of the Parish Council @ 7.00pm

Wednesday 28th June 2023 @ 7.00pm

Wednesday 28th July 2023 @ 7.00pm

Meeting closed at 8.10pm