

BREDENBURY GROUP PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council

Held on Wednesday 25th October 2023 at 6.30pm in a private room at The Barneby Inn

Present: Councillors: John Hulse, Alex Gerrard, Massie Piggott, Jane Berwick, Becca Libby, Pete Jones,

In attendance: Vicky Hancock Clerk, Bruce Baker Ward Councillor

1. **Apologies for absence:** Cllr Farey, PCSO Sue Berrett
2. **Declarations of interest and written requests for dispensation:** None received
3. **To consider the minutes of the previous meeting:** Parish Council Meeting 20th September 2023. It was **RESOLVED** to adopt the minutes and these were signed by the Chairman.

4. Open Session

4.1 No local residents in attendance

4.2 Councillor Baker gave a brief council update

- Children's services have received another Ofsted visit – hoping for a more positive outcome
- Hereford Cycle Track opened
- Black History Month – exhibition in the Atrium at Plough Lane
- Herefordshire Council projected overspend of 3.5 million. 10 million spent on Children's Services
- Rethink on the Southern Link to direct heavy traffic along Enterprise Park at Rotherwas
- Resident from Bodenham injured by cows whilst walking with a dog through a field of cows and calves.
- Refugees moved from the Talbot Hotel Leominster because it was unfit for purpose
- Discussions ongoing about the relocation of the Hereford County Library to either Maylords Orchard/ Shire Hall Decision on 26th October
- No RAAC found in any of the schools in Herefordshire after inspections
- Opportunity for local councils to meet with the Police Commissioner at Pudleston. Bredenbury to be informed of date
- Police Commissioner to fund new police vehicles for Herefordshire

The Chairman thanked Ward Cllr Baker for his update.

5. **Budget Monitoring** October budget monitoring sheet was reviewed and **APPROVED**. (Appendix i) Noted and signed by the Chairman.

6. Finance

6.1 Bank statement to 29th September 2023 closing balance £19,267.78. Noted and signed by Cllr Libby.

6.2 Bank Control Account to September 2023 was reviewed. Balance including outstanding cheque payments £18,629.64. Noted and signed by Cllr Libby.

6.3 Noted payment already made :

6.3.1 Clerk's office expenses. Printer Inks, stamps £190.97

6.4 It was **RESOLVED** to agree the following payments:

6.4.1 Autela payroll Q2 £54.58

6.4.2 HALC Internal Audit 2022-23 £240.00 (re-issued cheque)

6.4.3 Clerk's October Salary and note assessment report re: Workplace Pension

7. Policy & Procedure

Risk Register 2023-24. Councillors considered the updates and changes to the risk register and **RESOLVED** to adopt the updated version. Chairman gave thanks to Cllr Jones for his input and support.

8. **Neighbourhood Development Plan** Clerk reported that at the Clerk's Conversation zoom meeting with HALC there was some discussion regarding updating plans and the future of Neighbourhood Development Plans. She reported that there is still a Locality Grant available for reviewing plans but this may be the final opportunity to access this funding. Councillors were reminded that our plan has not been adopted by Herefordshire because of the phosphate problem. We are one of only three parishes (Stretton Grandison & Ashperton being the other two) in this category. The Chairman suggested we should contact Ian Culley and ask advice regarding this and speak with the other two councils involved. He asked the council to delegate this to the Chair and Clerk in the first instance. Councillors **RESOLVED** to agree this. Cllr Piggott remarked this was a sad state of affairs after all the effort and work that went into producing our Neighbourhood Plan.

9. Planning

- 9.1 P232270 Field on the south side of Bredenbury Rowden Lane HR7 4TF. Proposed single storey agricultural workers dwelling and associated works. Council agreed to **SUPPORT** this application. It was noted the application meets the criteria of Policy BW&GB 17 Agriculture & Forestry Enterprises as written in the Bredenbury, Wacton & Grendon Bishop Neighbourhood Development Plan.
- 9.2 P232888 Land adjacent to the Old Rectory Bredenbury HR7 4TF. Proposed bungalow. Council agreed to **SUPPORT** this application. It was noted that the application met the criteria from Bredenbury, Wacton & Grendon Bishop Neighbourhood Development Plan Policy BW&GB 7 Design of new housing, Policy BW&GB 10 Protecting & enhancing local character and Policy BW&GB 11 Heritage assets.
- 9.3 P232923 Lower Butterley Farm House, Thornbury, HR7 4NG. Replacement dwelling and associated works including installing new access. (Part retrospective) Council agreed to **SUPPORT** this application.

10. Road Safety

- 10.1 TRO there has been no update from Herefordshire Council regarding the status of our TRO to reduce the speed limit on the A44 and extend the 40mph. Chairman asked Ward Councillor Baker to find out what the criteria is for ranking TROs.
- 10.2 Traffic Management – we have received an update from JACs to say the gates have been constructed and they are now waiting for an installation date.
- 10.3 TMG To call a meeting to discuss the planting of spring bulbs on the verge opposite the garage. There is a budget heading to support the cost of these. Council **AGREED** expenditure in principle.

11. Defibrillator update The Clerk has made contact with Bredenbury Primary School and Cllrs Hulse & Berwick to meet with the Chair of Governors, Graham Barker, on Monday 6th November at 10am to discuss the possible siting of a defibrillator on school premises.

12. Village Hall ACV The Parish Council has been granted an extension until January 2024 to gather more evidence of the use of the village hall for registering it as an Asset of Community Value. Cllr Hulse requested any testimonials or images people may have of events held there.

The hall renovation is ongoing with the 1st fix electrics underway. A request was made for volunteers to help with putting in the insulation. Cllrs Jones & Gerrard offered their services.

13. Correspondence: BBLP have jetted the drain on the road outside the village hall as it was thought the water was running down the side of the hall. However, BBLP advised that the drain runs under the road so the drain at the side of the hall is the responsibility of the hall.

14. Matters for the next meeting.

- Neighbourhood Plan
- Lengthsman
- Finance Working Group Budget recommendations
- Precept
- TMG

15. Dates of next meetings agreed:

Wednesday 29th November @ 7.00pm

Wednesday 20th December TBA

Wednesday 31st January 2024 @ 7pm

Wednesday 28th February @ 7pm

Meeting closed at 7.36pm