

BREDENBURY GROUP PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council

Held on Wednesday 27th March 2024 at 7.30pm in a private room at The Barneby Inn

Present: Councillors: Jane Berwick, Hugh Farey, Alex Gerrard, John Hulse (Chair), Pete Jones, Massie Piggott

In attendance: Vicky Hancock Clerk, Bruce Baker Ward Councillor, 1 resident

1. **Apologies for absence:** Cllr Becca Libby
2. **Declarations of interest and written requests for dispensation:** None given
3. **To consider the minutes of the previous meeting:** Parish Council Meeting 28th February 2024. It was **RESOLVED** to adopt the minutes and these were signed by the Chairman.

4. Open Session

4.1 Views of local residents –

- A resident reported that a new three way security light has been installed at Bredenbury Primary School and it is activated by passing traffic throughout the day and night this was also concurred by another resident. It was also reported that it shines directly into a property. Clerk to make initial contact the school..
- There has been representation from a local resident regarding the draft Local Plan 2012-2041. As this is an agenda item it was taken at this point. In the consultation document where the plan is outlined there is reference to the Green and Blue Infrastructure Strategy and once again there is mention of an active travel link along the disused railway line. Cllr Hulse recommended that the PC should make representation on behalf of the landowners along this line in response to the consultation document. This was **APPROVED**.

4.2 Councillor Baker gave a brief update

- Herefordshire Children's Services has received the latest report from the Ofsted visit in February. He reported that the Director of Children's Services had left his post with immediate effect. There is still an issue around care leavers and support for older children in the system. The report is available on the HC website.
- Section 106 money is to be replaced by the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL). This means monetary benefit from new development of any size within the community will be given directly to the Parish Councils. Those with NDP will receive 25% however those parishes without a NDP will only receive 15%.
- The state of many roads within Cllr Baker's ward is of great concern.
- Councils have received a message from the Council Leader regarding the County Plan.

The Chairman thanked Ward Cllr Baker for his update.

5. **Budget Monitoring** March budget monitoring sheet was reviewed and **APPROVED**. The total expenditure to March 1st was £9,629.35(Appendix i). Noted and signed by the Chairman.

6. Finance

6.1 Bank statement to 1st March 2024 closing balance £13,819.86. Noted and signed by Cllr Jones.

6.2 Bank Control Account 1st March 2024 was reviewed. Balance including outstanding cheque payments £13,819.86. Noted and signed by Cllr Jones.

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

6.3.1 HMRC Q3 £54.00

- 6.3.2 V Hancock Office Expenses £11.49
- 6.3.3 Clerk's March Salary note assessment report re: Workplace Pension
- 6.3.4 Barneby Inn Room Hire Oct 23-Mar 24 + Refreshments for APM £121.00

7. PROW to go on to the April agenda.

8. Lengthsman It was **AGREED** to advertise locally for a replacement Lengthsman.

9. Parish Council Rural Settlement Hierarchy Consultation Cllr Hulse gave an overview of the seminar regarding the Rural Settlement Hierarchy. The county has been divided into 3 main areas. Of the proposed housing needed 1/3 to city development, 1/3 to market towns and the remaining number to be apportioned to rural areas. Whereas in the previous plan this requirement was spread evenly across the entire county the new plan proposes that rural development will be focused on two categories of settlement - Rural Hubs & Service Settlements. The former have both existing facilities and transport links while the latter have some but not all facilities but do have accessible transport links to places of employment. The remainder of the rural areas of the county would be treated as open countryside.

Bredenbury has been identified as a possible service settlement which suggests we can continue with the identified housing proposals in our Development Plan and maintain our settlement boundary. For more clarification and discussion there is an opportunity to have face to face meeting with the NDP team. It was **AGREED** to book a session to be attended by the Chairman and the Clerk. Additionally Councillor Hulse asked for support to engage the services of Ian Culley if and when we would need to update our plan. There is a sum of money identified in the budget for this. It was **AGREED** to make initial contact with Ian as it was very likely our plan would need to be updated in the near future.

10. Road Safety

10.1 Still waiting for progress on the installing of the village gates. Clerk to chase up.

10.2 Cattle Grids on Butterley Lane. Ward Cllr Baker to follow this up. Cllr Piggott asked if the cattle grids were still necessary on the piece of road.

10.3 Wacton Lane road closure. There is still an issue regarding the end of Wacton Lane. It was reported that the spoil taken from the middle of the road had been dumped on to the main stop cock for Little Wacton Farm – this had been reported to BBLP. Also the entrance to the bridleway has been blocked. Cllr Farey to write to Hereford Council regarding this.

10.4 A44 Traffic Safety Group nothing to report.

11. Village Hall Cllr Hulse gave thanks once again to volunteers Pete Jones, Alex Gerrard, John Berwick and David Nowell for all their hard work. The bill for the electrical work was greater than expected as there were some historical issues that needed to be addressed to make the building compliant. The Village Hall committee are still looking for donations and fund-raising ideas to help complete the first phase of improvements.

12. Correspondence none received.

13. Matters for the next meeting: Road Safety, Lengthsman, PROW, JACs, Annual Parish Meeting feedback, Feedback NDP team.

14. Dates of next meetings agreed:

Wednesday 24th April @ 7pm

Wednesday 29th May Annual Meeting of the Parish Council

Wednesday 26th June @7pm

Meeting closed at 8.52pm