

BREDENBURY GROUP PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council

Held on Wednesday 28th February 2024 at 7.00pm in a private room at The Barneby Inn

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

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

1. **Apologies for absence:** PC Lowri Jones
2. **Declarations of interest and written requests for dispensation:** None given
3. **To consider the minutes of the previous meeting:** Parish Council Meeting 31st January 2024. It was **RESOLVED** to adopt the minutes and these were signed by the Chairman.

4. Open Session

4.1 Views of local residents – None received

4.2 Councillor Baker gave a brief update

- Cllr Baker met with the Locality Steward to discuss issues within our parish. Wacton Lane has been reported and the cones are to be left in place for safety until such time that the surface is addressed. The issue on Rowden Lane with the state of the road surface between North Lodge and Stonecroft has been reported and the areas for full re-surfacing have been flagged up several times. There could be two schemes under consideration. Cllr Baker to follow-up.
- The TRO request for 30mph on the A44 through Bredenbury is now 63 on the list.
- Funding is to be increased to 250k for Lengthsman and PROW schemes.
- Money has been allocated to a drainage scheme of 450k
- Ofsted has visited Children's Services again and there have been signs of improvement.
- The lease for Edgar Street Football Ground has been extended.
- 22.5 million Town Fund has been allocated but much of this is Hereford centric.
- The council is to apply the Infrastructure Levy which would apply to all developments not just those of a certain number of houses with up to 25% going directly to the councils.

The Chairman thanked Ward Cllr Baker for his update.

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 31st January 2024 closing balance £14,918.41 Noted and signed by Cllr Jones.

6.2 Bank Control Account 31st January 2024 was reviewed. Balance including outstanding cheque payments £13,694.66. Noted and signed by Cllr Jones.

6.3 Noted payments already made:

6.3.1 Autela VAT payment Q3 £11.97

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

6.4.1 Clerk's February Salary note assessment report re: Workplace Pension

6.5 Councillors informed a VAT reclaim had been submitted.

7. **Asset of Community Value** – The village Hall has been re-registered as an asset of community value until February 2029 and is now on Herefordshire Council register of Assets of Community Value.

8. **Planning** none received

- 9. Lengthsman** Clerk reported that the lengthsman has received a letter informing him of the termination of his contract with the relevant terms and conditions. No communication has been received.
- 10. Parish Footpath Officers** Following this item regarding guidelines from Herefordshire Council the Clerk told councillors that HALC are going to be discussing a way forward with the council representative and will report back.
- 11. Road Safety**
- 11.1 It was reported there had been another accident on the A44 in the village. Fortunately no-one was injured but there was significant damage to property and the two vehicles belonging to a resident. Police were informed.
 - 11.2 A resident has complained that there were frequent HGVs using Rowden Lane, however as there was no knowledge which company they were from, this cannot be followed up.
 - 11.3 JACs –still awaiting confirmation of a date for the installation of the village gates.
 - 11.4 A44 Traffic Safety Group. Cllrs Farey and Jones had received a copy of the letter sent from this group requesting a significant grant from the Police Commissioner for road safety improvements. Cllrs agreed that they would not agree to any contributions from our precept towards any safety measures if the group asked for any match funding.
 - 11.5 After requesting information regarding the ownership of the by-pass routes on the Butterley road, Balfour Beatty have concluded that these gates would be the landowner responsibility as they are on private land, and not actually on the highway extent. Cllr Hulse questioned this as they have to be used by pedestrians as on a highway. Ward Councillor Baker to find out more.
- 12. HALC** Councillors reminded that there are training courses available from HALC and to let the Clerk know if they would like to book on one.
- 13. Annual Parish Meeting** 27th March 2024 at 6.30pm. Councillor Roger Phillips (Chairman of RSN) has been invited to talk on the role of the Rural Services Network. Clerk requested donations of cake for the evening and The Barneby will provide teas and coffees. (The scheduled Parish Council meeting will follow)
- 14. Village Hall** Cllr Hulse reported that work has continued apace on the village hall with painting, insulating and concreting. He gave thanks to volunteers Pete Jones, Alex Gerrard, John Berwick and David Nowell for all their hard work.
- 15. Correspondence** none received
- 16. Matters for the next meeting:** Road Safety, Lengthsman, JACs, Annual Parish Meeting feedback, Chair's Chat feedback
- 17. Dates of next meetings agreed:**
- Wednesday 27th March **ANNUAL PARISH MEETING** 6.30pm followed by scheduled Parish Council Meeting approx. 7.30pm
 - Wednesday 24th April @ 7pm
 - Wednesday 29th May Annual Meeting of the Parish Council
- Meeting closed at 7.57pm