

BREDENBURY GROUP PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council
Held on Wednesday 25th September 2024 at 7.00pm at Bredenbury Village Hall

Present: Councillors: Jane Berwick, Hugh Farey, Alex Gerrard, John Hulse, Massie Piggott,

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

1. Apologies for absence: Cllr Libby

2. Declarations of interest and written requests for dispensation: Item 6.4.3 Cllr Hulse, Cllr Gerrard 6.4.5 signed the book accordingly

3. To consider the minutes of the previous meetings: Parish Council Meetings 31st July & 21st August. It was **RESOLVED** to adopt these minutes and they were signed by the chairman.

4. Open Session

4.1 Views of local residents.

- There is concern regarding the pavements in Valley View. It was **AGREED** the lengthsman would clear the weed growth on the pavements.
- Concern regarding the incomplete double white lines after the road improvements from the Pencombe turn. Chair to contact Simon Hobbs.

4.2 Ward Councillor Baker gave a brief report

- Concern over recent flooding incidents. There is a drainage asset map available (Clerk to chase this up)
 - HC talk of devolution and working with working alongside neighbouring authorities – there is to be consultation on this
 - Housing targets risen to 27k
 - West Mercia Police plans in place for disorder training after recent events in Sunderland
 - A reminder that there is a Code of Conduct in place which all Councillors have agreed to and signed. (BPC renew this annually)
 - Council Planning Department is fully staffed with a new head of Planning Kelly Collins- Thomas
- 5.** Clerk shared the September budget monitoring. Councillors **RESOLVED** to accept the monitoring and Cllr Hulse signed the document.

6. Finance

6.1 The Clerk shared the bank statements 31st July 2024. Balance brought forward £8394.45. Closing balance at 31st July £7933.12 Bank statement to 30th August. Balance brought forward £7933.12. Closing balance £6696.23. Noted and signed by Cllr Gerrard.

6.2 Clerk shared the Bank Control Account to 31st August 2024 which detailed payments and receipts to date. Outstanding cheque total £386.28. Closing balance £6309.95. Noted and signed by Cllr Gerrard.

6.3 Payment already made noted

6.3.1 Clerk's August salary

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

6.4.1 HALC Website Hosting & Domain name £270.00

6.4.2 Direct Debit ICO £36.00

6.4.3 J Hulse Expenses £12.00

6.4.4 Hall Hire May –Sept 2024 £108.00

6.4.5 Lengthsman services £198.00

6.4.6 Clerk's September Salary and note assessment report re: Workplace Pension

- 7 Remittance** Precept 2nd payment £4500
- 8 Date for Finance Working Group** – To be advised
- 9 Herefordshire Council** review of polling Districts and polling stations– no change for Bredenbury
- 10 West Mercia Police Community Charter Priorities** Concern over speeding on A44 and high incidence of traffic accidents. Use of mobile phones while driving. Charter updated and Clerk to return.
- 11 Planning** P241865 approved
- 12 Feedback** Two informal discussions were held with representatives from Edwyn Ralph Parish Council and Bromyard and Winslow Council around the changes in the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF), revised housing targets and the Herefordshire Local Plan. It was agreed there could be an impact on newly developed Neighbourhood Development Plans (NDP), revising plans or consultation around work towards a developing a NDP. It was felt that there would need to be some rethinking of the Local Plan and this could have an impact on NDPs. It seemed sensible to wait for more information. It was felt that it is likely that the current draft Local Plan will be revised to reflect the new housing targets set by central government which could also have an impact on NDPs.
- 13 Parish Councillor Vacancy** Currently there has been no expression of interest.
- 14 Defibrillator Pads** – It was **AGREED** to purchase a spare set of pads for the defibrillator at the primary school.
- 15 Planting around village gates** – local resident, Geoff Arnold, has kindly offered to donate bulbs to plant under the village gates. These will be dwarf iris/mixed crocus/daffodils and narcissus. The council thanked the resident for this very generous offer.
- 16 Road Safety**
 - 16.1 The Speed Indicator Device that has been delivered is not the correct model as ordered. The device is to be returned to the suppliers and a new device delivered. Chairman to correspond with suppliers.
 - 16.2 The BBLP signs on Wacton Lane, where there were two incidents involving lorries, are still in place and nothing has been done to rectify the dangerous camber in the road. The road signs are invariably not visible and we have had to pay to have the foliage cleared. Cllr Baker to speak to the Locality Steward and Clerk to email parish liaison inbox and report again.
- 17 Village Hall** there is a call out for volunteers to help with the next phase of hall improvements. The next priority is the kitchen update.
- 18 Correspondence** Thank you letters were received from Rowden Station for all volunteers for the support at the recent event. The hall was pleased to receive a donation of £930 from the opening.
- 19 Matters for the next meeting**
 - Lengthsman
 - PROW
 - Footpaths and replacement stile
 - Feedback from Parish Council Summit
 - Finance Working Group Recommendations
 - Smartwater
- 20 Dates of next scheduled meetings**
 - Wednesday 25th September @ 7.00pm
 - Wednesday 30th October @ 7.00pm
 - Wednesday 27th November @ 7.00pm

The meeting closed at 8.29pm