

BREDENBURY GROUP PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council

Held on Tuesday 29th October 2024 at 7.00pm at Bredenbury Village Hall

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

In attendance: Clerk Vicky Hancock, Ward Councillor Bruce Baker, 2 residents, 4 representatives of planning applications Items 5.1 & 5.2

1. Apologies for absence: Cllr Libby, Cllr Piggott

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 Meeting 25th September It was **RESOLVED** to adopt these minutes and they were signed by the chairman.

4. Open Session

4.1 Views of local residents.

- Thanks from the residents of Valley View to the lengthsman for clearing the pavements and gutters.

4.2 Ward Councillor Baker gave a brief report

- New Veteran Support Centre opened in Widemarsh Street Hereford
 - Latest Parish Council summit a success and well attended
 - The Waste Management Team has been voted the best in the country
 - The Children's Help and Advice Team (CHAT) have been the recipient of an award for their work
 - Ofsted visited Children's Services 22nd/23rd October
 - The Registrar's Office has been relocated to St Owen's Street
 - The Post Office in Marden has closed due to retirement
 - Schools Climate Action Plan has been launched with a target to reach carbon zero by 2030
 - Hereford library has been temporarily relocated to the Town Hall
 - HC have announced an 8million Household Support Fund with 1.3million available until March
 - Government housing target has been increased for Herefordshire from 16,000 to 27,000 by 2041. This will impact on the Local Plan
 - Scrutiny Committee have been meeting to discuss devolution
- There being no questions the Chairman thanked Cllr Baker for his report.

5. Planning Consultations

5.1 P242070/F Site A to the north of Brockington House Bredenbury HR7 4TF 9 houses and parking for the nearby village hall.

Chairman invited the applicant of this development, Peter Foster and his agent, Tim Ralphs, to provide details of their application following which questions were invited from the councillors. They gave a comprehensive background of their family history and ownership of the land and the pre-application advice received from Herefordshire Council. They explained preparations for this development had gone on over a period of 10 years with intervening difficulties with the pandemic and the challenges of phosphate impacts and the moratorium on planning.

The general discussion covered the following topics:

- Solar panels – response – the intention is that these will be in-built on the roofs
- Trees - the presence of mature trees on the site contributes towards the targets set for the new bio-diversity net gain (BNG) rules. However, there will also be a need for some additional planting which will, in turn replace the few trees which have to be removed
- A mixture of housing to enable a vibrant development and the design to be sympathetic to the local vernacular in line with the NDP policies
- A car park will be provided for village hall users. It was confirmed that there will be 12 parking spaces rather than 14 as stated in the Design and Access statement. This is due to the need to retain sufficient trees to meet the BNG. The Chairman asked for clarification as to who would have responsibility for maintaining the car park? Mr Foster confirmed they would provide further details in due course.
- The applicants confirmed that they would be the site developers
- The Chairman asked if provision for pedestrian safety on leaving the site by the proposed footpath opposite the village hall was envisaged similar to that which is proposed at the main entrance to the site

The proposed site meets the criteria of the following Neighbourhood Plan Policies as agreed at the Bredenbury, Wacton & Grendon Bishop Neighbourhood Development Plan referendum:

- BW & GB1 – Promoting a sustainable community
- BW & GB4 – Housing Allocations. Site 1 North of Brockington House
- BW & GB7 – Design of new housing
- BW & GB8 – Ensuring an appropriate range of tenures, types & sizes of houses
- BW & GB10 – Protecting and enhancing local character
- BW & GB14 – Transport & Connectivity
- BW & GB18 – Enhanced services and facilities for the Community. Parking facilities to serve the Village Hall

After discussion Council **RESOLVED** to **SUPPORT** this application.

5.2 P242071/O Site B land to the south of Brockington House Bredenbury HR7 4TF Outline planning for 5 houses self- build.

The Chairman invited the applicant, Mrs C Jukes, to provide details of the application. Mrs Jukes explained that she is also part of the family of the applicant for Site A and her own personal history in Bredenbury. She went on to explain that it is her intention to build one of the houses on this site for her and her family.

Questions were then invited from the councillors covering the following topics:

- To enable self-build opportunities in Herefordshire for which the applicant believes there is a demand
- It is the applicant's intention to provide the site infrastructure enabling the erection of 5 units on fully serviced plots
- The reserved matters confirm the intention to adhere to the Bredenbury vernacular
- Preserving and protecting the belt of trees on the site
- To utilise solar energy and to provide EV charging points

Council **RESOLVED** to **SUPPORT** this application and noted that the site falls within the settlement boundary and is one of those identified in the Bredenbury, Wacton & Grendon Bishop Neighbourhood Development Plan. At this stage, the application does not give specific details regarding design other than those listed as Reserved Matters which appear to be consistent with the relevant NDP policies. It was noted that the proposal does meet the requirements of the following NDP Policies:

- BW & GB4 – Housing Allocations. Site 2 South of Brockington House
- BW & GB14 – Transport & Connectivity

Concern was raised regarding pedestrian safety on the A44 through the village. The Chairman reminded the council that there is currently an application for a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) with Herefordshire Council to reduce the speed through the settlement of Bredenbury to 30mph. It is hoped that these developments would further justify the need for the TRO.

5.3 P242338/FH Little Wacton Lodge Bredenbury HR7 4TQ Proposed outbuilding with storage for two loose boxes. Council **RESOLVED** to **SUPPORT** this application.

5.4 P190645/F Land adjacent to The Barneby Inn (update) Herefordshire Council planning team had met with the applicants. They have been advised to resubmit plans with some minor adjustments. Phosphate credits have been secured for the site.

Ward councillor Baker left the meeting at 7.45pm

6. Budget Monitoring Clerk shared the October budget monitoring. Councillors **RESOLVED** to accept the monitoring and Cllr Hulse signed the document.

7. Finance

7.1 The Clerk shared the bank statement to 1st October 2024. Balance brought forward £6696.23. Closing balance at 1st October 2024 £10178.87 Noted and signed by Cllr Gerrard.

7.2 Clerk shared the Bank Control Account to 1st October 2024 which detailed payments and receipts to date. Outstanding cheque total £378.00. Closing balance £9,800.87 Noted and signed by Cllr Gerrard.

7.3 Payment already made noted Clerk Office supplies £199.17

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

7.4.1 Lengthsman Services £54.00

7.4.2 J Hulse Mileage £16.65

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

Clerk noted that National Salary Award has been agreed and will be implemented and backdated to April 2024

8. Draft Budget 2025-2026 The Clerk presented 3 year draft budget recommendations from the Finance Working Group (FWG) and went through each of the budget headings. Council **RESOLVED** to **ACCEPT** the recommendations and adopt the budget for 2025-26. Cllr Hulse offered thanks to Cllr Libby for her support.

9. Footpath Officer Cllr Farey has written to Herefordshire Council to request a stile kit and asked for it to be delivered to our lengthsman for installation. He is still awaiting a response although he has been told the stile is on their schedule. The Chairman has written to Cllrs Nick Mason and Ed Bradford of Herefordshire Council to record our concern over the proposal to formalise a direct relationship between Herefordshire Council and Footpath Officers. Bredenbury Parish Council supports the current

arrangements whereby all official reporting is via the parish clerk. It was noted that this was consistent with the views of many other parish councils attending the recent Parish Council summit.

10. Parish Council Summit Feedback Cllr Hulse gave a brief report from the summit. The main item was Children's Services and Children's Social Care. There is a new Head of Service, Tina Russell, who gave an excellent account of the work she is doing with her team to drive forward the Children's Services Improvement Programme. Adult Social Care was also a focus and there was a presentation about the guiding principles of the service. The Parish Council Charter was revisited and there is still work to be done to agree principles and collaboration between Herefordshire Council and Parish Councils.

11. Smartwater Clerk to contact the Safer Neighbourhood Team regarding the life of the Smartwater Kits and the validity of the markings.

12. Road Safety

12.1 Still waiting for the Speed Limiter Indicator to be collected and the correct model to be returned and the cost of the batteries to be reimbursed.

12.2 Cllr Hulse has heard back from Simon Hobbs regarding the incomplete white lining after the road resurfacing on the A44. He is taking the matter up with BBLP. He advised that there would not be a case to put double white lines past the entrance to Bredenbury Court – but suggested the owners could approach a local landowner and ask permission to install a sign warning of the approaching entrance to the venue.

12.3 The adverse camber and the ditch on Wacton Lane is due to be on the programme of works by BBLP – no date as yet.

13. Correspondence None received

14. Matters for the next meeting

Precept 2025-26

Reserve Policy

Risk Register update

Lengthsman

Grit bins

Smartwater

Dates of next scheduled meetings

Tuesday 26th November @ 7.00pm

Wednesday 18th December @ 7.00pm

Wednesday 29th January 2025 @ 7.00pm

Wednesday 26th February 2025 @7.00pm

The meeting closed at 8.28pm