

BREDENBURY GROUP PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council

Held on Wednesday 15th January 2025 at 7.00pm at Bredenbury Village Hall

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

In attendance: Clerk Vicky Hancock

1. Apologies for absence: Ward Councillor Baker, Cllr Libby, Cllr Piggott

2. Declarations of interest and written requests for dispensation: none given

3. To consider the minutes of the previous meetings: Parish Council Meeting 26th November 2024. It was **RESOLVED** to adopt these minutes and they were signed by the chairman.

4. Open Session

4.1 Views of local residents.

- A resident has reported the poor state of Wacton Lane and they have been encouraged to report this on the HC website. Clerk also to report.
- A resident has reported the stile at the bottom of Wacton Green Lane is unsafe. This has already been reported and the FPO has emailed requesting a stile kit but has received no response. Clerk to follow this up.
- FPO to also check the gate which is reportedly off its hinges
- Cllr Berwick reported the pavement on the A44 at the end of a property in Valley View is becoming unstable. (Clerk to report)

4.2 Ward Councillor Baker was unable to attend the meeting but gave a short verbal report to Cll Hulse.

- Focus on the budget 2025-26
- Devolution White Paper being discussed
- Attending several meetings regarding flood damaged properties

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

6. Finance

6.1 The Clerk shared the bank statements 29th November/31st December. Balance brought forward £7835.88 Noted and signed by Cllr Gerrard.

6.2 Clerk shared the Bank Control Account to 31st December 2024 which detailed payments and receipts to date. There were no outstanding cheque payments to note. Closing balance £7835.88. Noted and signed by Cllr Gerrard.

6.3 Noted payments already made

- Eyelid Productions £100.00
- V Hancock Mileage £18.90
- Clerk's December Salary

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

6.4.1 Clerk's January Salary & note assessment report re: workplace pension

7. Planning

7.1 P242822/F Bredenbury Court, Bredenbury HR7 4TD. (Retrospective) Reinstatement and extension of historic track and pathway. Councillors agreed to **SUPPORT** this application.

7.2 P242823/F Bredenbury Court Bredenbury HR7 4TD. Amendment proposed to drawings to show alternative access to ceremony terrace. Councillors agreed to **SUPPORT** this application.

7.3 P242795/F Little Wacton Farm Bredenbury HR7 4TQ Proposed replacement of a 1970s septic tank with a Haba Bio easy flow package treatment plant. Councillors agreed to **SUPPORT** this application.

7.4 P243059/O Land at Grendon Manor Bredenbury HR7 4TH. The erection of one self-build agricultural worker's dwelling and associated works. The application meets the criteria of Policy BW&GB5 of the Bredenbury, Wacton and Grendon Bishop Neighbourhood Plan which deals with planning outside the settlement boundary and in the open countryside which meets exceptional circumstances, 'where it has been demonstrated that there is a functional and financial requirement for an agricultural or forestry worker's dwelling on an existing or proposed holding. Councillors were in full agreement with and fully **SUPPORT** this application for a single dwelling. After the decision the Chairman reported that Ward Cllr Baker had advised that he is in support of this application for outline planning.

8. English Devolution White Paper Cllr Hulse gave an overview of the main points to come out of an initial reading of the paper.

8.1 Replacement of 2-tier local government with Unitary Authorities. The minimum size for these authorities will be 500,000 except in exceptional cases which can be justified

8.2 Discussion still underway regarding remote access for council meetings. This will be highly dependent on improved connectivity and accessibility

8.3 Community right to bid/right to buy. There may be a change to enable communities to buy community assets with grant funding rather than the current right to bid to buy them.

The revised NPPF and significant changes to planning law could have a profound effect on existing Neighbourhood Development Plans (NDPs) and the Herefordshire Local Plan which cannot proceed in its current draft form as it does not take into account the housing increase as proposed by the government. NDPs which are greater than 5 years old will no longer carry material weight on planning issues. The Chairman reminded council that it was proposed to renew our Neighbourhood Plan in 2026 in line with the Local Plan. However, because of national changes Cllr Hulse was concerned that we should ensure our plan is always less than five years old. Council **AGREED** we should renew the plan. Cllr Hulse proposed we begin by contacting Ian Culley our NP consultant and take advice. Council **AGREED** to this. It was also **AGREED** to ask for volunteers from the community to join a Steering Group to progress this work.

9. Nature Recovery Mapping in Herefordshire Webinar on 22nd January 2025. Cllrs unable to attend this webinar but have noted the draft map and commented.

10. BBLP Annual Plan Briefing Session Thanks to Cllr Farey who is to attend this meeting on behalf of the council.

11. Lengthsman request for lengthsman to do a late bulb planting on the verge opposite The Barneby.

12. Road Safety After a considerable amount of time the PC is getting £320.40 credited to the bank account from Stocksigns. Still awaiting the return of the Speed Indicator Device, Jacs are chasing this up. Concern was raised at yet another accident at The Barneby which involved the emergency services. This is the latest incident in a series of accidents reported on the A44. Cllr Hulse to speak with Ward Cllr Baker and raise the issue again of the progress of a TRO to reduce the speed to 30mph through the settlement of Bredenbury.

13. Correspondence Notification from Herefordshire/Talk Community that they have been successful in hosting the Baton of Hope in October 2025 promoting good mental health, places/sources of support and preventing suicide. Parish Councils were asked if they wished to engage in any of the activities which will all take part in Hereford City. After discussion it was decided that as a Parish Council we would not wish to be involved.

14. To raise matters for the next meeting

- NDP Renewal
- Feedback BBLP Annual Plan Cllr Farey

- Road Safety
- 106 Wishlist

15. Dates of the next scheduled meetings agreed

Wednesday 26th February 2025 @7.00pm

Annual Parish Meeting Wednesday 26th March @2025 @ 6.30pm followed by the scheduled meeting

Wednesday 30th April 2025 @ 7pm

Wednesday 21st May @ 7.00pm **Annual Meeting of the Parish Council**

The meeting closed at 7.59pm