

BREDENBURY GROUP PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council
Held on Thursday 26th March 2025 at 7.30pm

At

Bredenbury Village Hall (following the Annual Parish meeting)

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

In attendance: Clerk Vicky Hancock, 2 local residents

1. Apologies for absence: Cllr Libby

2. Declarations of interest and written requests for dispensation: Cllr Hulse Item 6.3.2

3. To consider the minutes of the previous meetings: Parish Council Meeting 27th February 2025. 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 on Wacton Lane observed potholes being filled by BBLP and was dismayed by the poor workmanship. There was absolutely no preparation before the holes were filled.

4.2 Ward Councillor Baker gave a brief report:

- Conference to be held on 6th May to discuss the issue of devolution
- Reminder of the Civility and Respect Pledge to be acknowledged by all councillors (Bredenbury PC have already adopted this as part of their Code of Conduct review)
- Attended a meeting at the Rotherwas BBLP depot to show the new gritting trucks that have been purchased by the council. These improved vehicles can also be converted to snow ploughs as necessary
- The council has invested in a new weather forecasting package that can give more accurate weather details to inform the gritting team
- Avian flu has been reported in the Kington and Fownhope area and there is a 3km exclusion zone in place
- Empty homes week where empty properties are identified for possible use for homeless families. Councils are encouraged to alert the council of any empty homes they are aware of
- CQC are going to be inspecting Adult Social Care in the county
- Discussion regarding the council purchasing their own fleet of cars for transporting young people to their settings
- NDP Parish Councils have to submit infrastructure development plans
- Parish Summit to be held on 8th April (chair commented on the Parish Charter and the importance of HALC participation as our representative Chair & Clerk to attend)
- New Chief Constable Richard Cooper in post
- A reminder Herefordshire is participating in the Great Spring Clean Equipment available to borrow for parishes
- A417 to begin re-surfacing on Monday 31st March

5. Budget Monitoring The Clerk shared the March budget monitoring. It was noted that the c/f for the new financial year met the criteria for the Reserves Policy (reviewed 26.11.24). Councillors **RESOLVED** to accept the monitoring and Cllr Hulse signed the document.

6. Finance

6.1 Clerk shared the bank statement to 28th February 2025. VAT reclaim of £216.79 has been credited to the account. Noted and signed by Cllr Piggott.

6.2 Clerk shared the Bank Control Account to 28th February 2025 which detailed payments and receipts to date. Outstanding cheque payments £591.75. Closing balance £6785.75. Noted and signed by Cllr Piggott.

6.3 It was **RESOLVED** to agree the following payments: Vice Chair took Item 6.3.2

6.3.1 Autela Payroll 4 month period & EOY HMRC £94.56

6.3.2 J Hulse HALC mileage/parking £17.25

6.3.3 Bredenbury Parish Room hire £132.00

6.3.4 Clerk's March Salary & note assessment report re: workplace pension

7. Co-option Councillor Vacancies for Bredenbury & Wacton Parish

Arthur Arnold (known as Geoff) put his name forward for co-option as a councillor for Bredenbury Parish. He gave a brief pen portrait to the council. He resides in Bredenbury Parish.

Richard Bell put his name forward for co-option as councillor for Wacton Parish. He gave a brief pen portrait to the council. He resides in Wacton Parish.

Both candidates left the meeting. The Councillors discussed the co-option of Arthur Arnold and Richard Bell and they agreed to co-opt them onto the Council. They signed the declaration of office and joined the meeting.

8. Lengthsman Cllr Hulse informed council that Matt Perks has signed a contract to undertake Lengthsman Services for Bredenbury Group Parish Council. Matt has the relevant insurance and a signed copy of the contract has been received by the Clerk.

9. HALC Cllr Training Cllr Hulse attended HALC training on Community Asset Transfer (CAT) for PCs thinking of taking on new assets now or in the future, as well as the Community **Right to Bid** which follows an application to list a property as an Asset of Community Value. (It was noted that this has now been changed to **Right to Buy**).

10. Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) The renewal of the NDP was discussed at the Annual Parish meeting prior to this meeting. Residents were made aware that there has been an initial NP steering group meeting. A letter is being prepared to send to Herefordshire Council outlining our intention to progress the NDP.

11. Road Safety The Speed Indicator device has been received and is now waiting to be installed. Cllr Arnold who has experience of working in the road industry volunteered to offer advice with the installation.

12. Planning Application P/242070 Site A to the north of Brockington House, Bredenbury, Herefordshire, HR7 4TF. This application has been resubmitted with amended plans and details to Herefordshire Council for re-consultation. This will be an agenda item at the next meeting.

13. Village Hall An application is being made for a grant to be submitted to complete structural work on the kitchen.

14. Correspondence None received

15 Matters for the next meeting

- Planning
- NDP update
- S106 wishlist
- FPO feedback
- Standing Orders review
- Code of Conduct
- Parish Summit update

16. Meeting dates agreed

Wednesday 30th April 2025 @ 7.00pm

Wednesday 21st May 2025 @ 7.00pm **ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL**

Wednesday 25th June 2025 @ 7.00pm Wednesday 30th July 2025 @ 7.00pm

The meeting closed at 8.31pm