

BREDENBURY GROUP PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council
Held on Wednesday 17th December 2025 at 7.00pm

At

Bredenbury Village Hall

Present: Councillors: Geoff Arnold, Jane Berwick, Hugh Farey, John Hulse

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

1. Apologies for absence: Cllr Libby, Cllr Piggott

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

3. To consider the minutes of the previous meeting: Parish Council Meeting 26th November 2025. It was **RESOLVED** to adopt these minutes and they were signed by the chairman.

4. Open Session

4.1 Views of local residents

- 30mph repeater on Valley View – Clerk to follow-up again
- 30mph gateway sign on Harp Lane missing. Clerk to report
- New white lining on the A44 from the school to the village hall are gradually disappearing. Clerk to report
- Thanks from the residents of Valley View to the community for the Christmas meal held in the village hall.

4.2 Ward Cllr Baker report

- Flooding reported south of Hereford after continual rain
- Kington Walks have received the King's Award for Voluntary Service
- Rural Services Grant has been reduced by 7 million
- Boundary Commission consulting on changes to wards. Consultation ends on 2nd February 2026
- Call for Sites as part of the Local Plan active
- 4.5million out of county costs for SEN to be funded by the Government
- Drainage Grant and other grants to be announced during December. The Chairman commented that he hopes that the in-house drainage team and associated financial support will continue.
- The contract for the Public Realm work is to be announced shortly. An improved contract will be drawn up that gives the Council the final say on costings. Much of the contract work will be done in-house

There being no questions the Chairman thanked Ward Cllr Baker for his comprehensive report

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

6. Finance

6.1 Clerk shared bank statement to 30th November 2025. Opening balance £7756.26 and closing balance £7648.26. Noted and signed by Cllr Berwick.

6.2 Clerk shared the Bank Reconciliations for 30th November 2025 Including 4 unpresented cheques total £860.98. Closing balance £6787.28. Noted and signed by Cllr Berwick.

6.3 To **note** payment already made: Eyelid Productions Ltd £100

6.4 It was **RESOLVED** to agree the following payment: Clerk's December salary & note assessment report re: workplace pension

7. Planning P/243059 Grendon Manor Planning **REFUSED** at committee on the siting of the proposed building.

P/242070 Site A. There are technical issues regarding the SRA which need to be resolved between the applicant and the planners. The Chairman asked Cllr Baker to see if he could encourage a direct dialogue between the parties.

Councillor Bell joined the meeting at 7.27pm

8. PROW Glebeland at Wacton Green and a gateway that is unusable for walkers. An email has been received from Stephen Challenger, Property Secretary, Diocese of Hereford who will ask their agent to resolve the matter.

9. NDP An update to the NPPF has been published and Ian Culley is going to review this to see if there will be any impact on NDPs. We have received yet another communication from Mr Hammond of Ashperton PC and the decision was made not to enter in to any further correspondence with him.

10. Correspondence

- The Chairman of the Village Hall has responded regarding the status of the Trustees. The Village Hall committee has received a draft resolution for the appointment of an additional Trustee who would be a local resident at the time of their appointment.
There has also been agreement to change the descriptors on the Charity Commission website to remove references to religious activities.
- Ward Councillor Baker noted that the new Transport Plan does now include the wording, 'subject to land ownership agreement and engagement' when describing the WBL Greenway.
- Cllr Hulse read a copy of the report a local resident has made to Herefordshire Council regarding the status of Wacton Lane. Siting 60 potholes, raised sections of the road that cause vehicles to ground and subsidence. He has requested that Hereford Council inspect the lane and plan maintenance and resurfacing. Email to be forwarded to Ward Cllr Baker who will also follow up. (The Clerk noted that she too has reported the state of the road yet again).

11. Matters for the next meeting

- Wacton Lane
- NDP & new NPPF
- Planning
- TRO
- PROW

12. Meeting dates agreed

Wednesday 28th January 2026 @ 7.00pm

Wednesday 25th February 2026 @ 7.00pm

Wednesday 1st April 2026 @ 7.00pm

Wednesday 29th April 2026 @ 7.00pm

Meeting closed at 7.51pm