

BREDENBURY GROUP PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council
Held on Wednesday 1st April 2026 at 7.00pm

At
Bredenbury Village Hall

Present: Councillors: Geoff Arnold, Richard Bell, Jane Berwick, John Hulse,

In attendance: Clerk Vicky Hancock

1. Apologies for absence: Ward Cllr Baker, Cllr Farey, 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 25th February 2026. It was **RESOLVED** to adopt these minutes and they were signed by the chairman.

4. Open Session

4.1 Views of local residents –

- A comment was made about the Local Recycling Centre only being open 3 days a week and the need to book a slot. It was also noted that in rural areas residents frequently have vehicles that are required to apply for a licence to use the facility. Chairman to write to Ward Cllr Baker and pass on these comments.
- Cllr Hulse had received a communication from Bredenbury Court Barns to reiterate that they have never used fireworks as this is a condition of the licence. This came to light as they were wrongly accused of letting off fireworks one evening. Cllr Hulse pointed out that the correct course of action would be to make a complaint via the Police or Environmental Health.

4.2 Ward Cllr Baker not in attendance

5. Budget Monitoring Chairman shared the budget monitoring for March. It was noted that expenditure was on track at the end of the financial year. Councillors **RESOLVED** to accept the monitoring and Cllr Hulse signed the document.

6. Finance

6.1 Clerk shared bank statement to 28th February 2025. Opening balance £6446.60 and closing balance £5306.78. Noted and signed by Cllr Berwick.

6.2 Clerk shared the Bank Reconciliation for 28th February. There were no unpresented cheques. Closing balance £5306.78. Noted and signed by Cllr Berwick.

6.3 It was **RESOLVED** to agree the following payments: Clerk's March salary & note assessment report re: workplace pension. Autela Payroll Services (Dec, Jan, Feb, Mar) HMRC EOY report £102.00

7. Policy & Procedure

7.1 Annual Governance Assertion 10 Clerk read out the requirements for the Annual Governance Statement of Assertion 10.

7.1.1 Best practice for Councillors to use .gov email addresses. This has been encouraged.

7.1.2 Data Protection Policy to be reviewed 29.04.26 Data Protection Officer to be appointed at the next meeting.

8. Co-option of Councillor for Grendon Bishop Parish There has been no request for an election for the recent Casual Vacancy therefore the Council can go ahead and co-op a councillor. To be discussed at the next meeting.

9. Parish Summit Cllr Hulse had already sent out brief feedback of the Summit to all Councillors. He noted the PC Charter Group has made good progress with a good mix of membership on the forum. Not all Parish Councils have adopted the Charter.

10. Planning

10.1 P242795/F Little Wacton Farm Bredenbury HR7 4TQ. Replacement of septic tank with sewage treatment plant. Determination made.

10.2 P242822/F & P24283/F Bredenbury Court Barns Cllr Hulse met with Simon Steel and Planning Officers at the site. The officers appeared to appreciate the need to take the overall Planning Balance into consideration; particularly the need for the car park to maintain the economic contribution both to the local economy and the main Bredenbury Court building which is the primary heritage asset.

10.3 P260283/FH Wiggall Bredenbury HR7 4TF. Single storey timber cabin. Determination made.

10.4 P260437/F Well Cottage Bredenbury HR7 4TG. Erection of detached garage, together with the change of use of land for residential parking incidental to Well Cottage. The Council noted that this application is for building on land outside the current settlement boundary and on land designated as agricultural land. Therefore, it does not meet the requirements of the Bredenbury NDP Policy BW&GB2 – Development Strategy. Council agreed to **OBJECT** to this application.

11. NDP The 'Call for Sites' leaflet has been produced and is to be delivered to every household by April 10th. Cllr Hulse thanked those councillors who have volunteered to help with the distribution. Cllr Hulse has requested information from HALC regarding support for HRA/SEA with a single provider for all councils to bring down the costs. Awaiting a response.

12. Roads Council understands that all the paperwork has now been prepared for the TRO. Cllr Hulse to chase this up with Ward Cllr Baker. Wacton Lane has been inspected and is scheduled for resurfacing. In the meantime some potholes have been filled and cones and signs in place.

13. Bromyard Ring this item has been deferred as Cllr Farey was unable to attend the meeting.

14. Village Hall Plans to have the kitchen fittings stripped out and the insulation and panels in place by 12th April. Thanks to volunteers for support in this endeavour.

15. Lengthsman Matt has been on leave but is planning to clean the village gates and road signs before the end of the week.

16. Annual Parish Meeting Date agreed Wednesday 29th April at 6.30pm. To ask if Cllr Farey would speak on the Bromyard Ring followed refreshments. Scheduled meeting at approximately 7.30pm.

17. Correspondence: Air Ambulance 'First Farmer on Scene' course. This was flagged up as an opportunity for farm workers to access a learning programme to give learners the skills and confidence to manage a casualty at the point of injury before emergency services arrive. This three-hour course is delivered by Midland's Air Ambulance Charity and is held at Shifnal.

<https://www.midlandsairambulance.com/education/first-aid-courses/first-farmer-on-scene>

The verge cutting season is to begin sooner than usual, before the end of the BBLP contract on 31st May. The first cut is scheduled in early April.

18. Matters for the next meeting

- Digital & Data Compliance
- NDP
- Co-option
- Roads
- Lengthsman
- Village Hall
- Bromyard Ring

19. Meeting dates agreed

Wednesday 29th April 2026 @ 6.30pm **ANNUAL PARISH MEETING** followed by scheduled meeting at approx. 7.30pm

Wednesday 27th May 2026 @ 7.00pm **ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL**

Wednesday 24th June 2026 @ 7.00pm

The Meeting Closed at 8.06pm