

BREDENBURY GROUP PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council
Held on Wednesday 29th April 2026 at 7.30pm
(following the Annual Parish meeting)

At
Bredenbury Village Hall

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

In attendance: Ward Councillor Bruce Baker, Clerk Vicky Hancock, 3 local residents

1. Apologies for absence: 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 1st April 2026. It was **RESOLVED** to adopt these minutes and they were signed by the chairman.

4. Open Session

4.1 Views of local residents – None received

4.2 Ward Cllr Baker report:

- Herefordshire Council have rolled out a scheme of support with gas and oil heating for vulnerable families
- Herefordshire Council awarded Gold recognition for Armed Forces commitment
- City of Culture application unsuccessful.
- Town of Culture applications open
- Back to Bypass consultation been launched
- Garden waste collection has been well received
- Expression of Interest launched from Foundation for a Strategic Mayoral Authority
- Chief Executive retiring – replacement needs approval by full council – expected Friday 1st May
- Pop and Shop free 30 minute parking system launched
- Council car parks have Justpark system installed
- Herefordshire Council has offered a sum of money to Ward Councillors to distribute between the Parishes
- Boundary Commission draft report – no changes to Hampton Ward
- Council tax comparison of Band D properties Shropshire £2528, Worcestershire £2400, Herefordshire £2067
- Borrowing: Shropshire £192million, Worcestershire £94million, Herefordshire £0
- TRO update Bruce has written to Joe Grice for an update

The Chairman thanked Cllr Baker for his report

5. Budget Monitoring Chairman shared the budget monitoring for April. It was noted that we were now in a new financial year with a new budget so little expenditure to date. Councillors **RESOLVED** to accept the monitoring and Cllr Hulse signed the document.

6. Finance

6.1 Clerk shared bank statement to 31st March 2026. Opening balance £5306.78 and closing balance £4900. Noted and signed by Cllr Berwick.

6.2 Clerk shared the Bank Reconciliation for 31st March 2026. There 3 unrepresented cheques. Closing balance £4259.02. Noted and signed by Cllr Berwick.

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

6.3.1 J Hulse Mileage Parish Summit £17.10

6.3.2 Lengthsman Services £63.00

6.3.3 Clerk's April salary & note assessment report re: workplace pension.

7. Co-option of Councillor for Grendon Bishop Parish

There has been one expression of interest for this vacancy. The Council **AGREED** the candidate is to be invited to the May meeting to introduce themselves and a decision could be made for co-option at the meeting.

8. Policy & Procedure

8.1 Digital & Data Compliance Assertion 10

8.1.1 The Data Protection Policy had been sent out to all Councillors prior to the meeting. It was **AGREED** there was no requirement to appoint a Data Protection Officer as the whole council would hold responsibility. The Council **RESOLVED** to adopt the policy.

8.1.2 Assertion 10 Website, Hosting, Email and Accessibility Compliance. **Eyelid Productions** confirmed that the Parish Council website was originally built and tested to meet **WCAG** (Web Content Accessibility Guidelines) **1/2.2 AA** and the **Public Sector Bodies Accessibility Regulations 2018**, and that an accessibility statement is published in the website footer. Hosting, back-ups, email services, and the **.gov.uk** domain are provided separately by **Cloud Next**.

8.1.3 The IT Policy had been sent out to all Councillors prior to the meeting. There being no questions the Councillors **RESOLVED** to adopt the policy.

8.1.4 The Publication Scheme was shared with the Councillors and reviewed. It was **ADOPTED** and will be uploaded to the website to comply with Freedom of Information.

8.1.5 The Transparency Code documenting expenditure over £100 was shared with Councillors. Councillors acknowledged the document and it will be uploaded to the website.

8.2 The 2025-26 Asset register was reviewed. There had only been one change during the year.

Total assets £13, 913.92.

9. Neighbourhood Development Plan

Call for Sites forms have all been delivered. Ian Culley will collate responses which are due in by 30th April. The next event will be a round of public consultation regarding any changes in the settlement boundary. Withdrawal of the current plan has not been initiated as it still holds significant weight.

10. Bromyard Ring Cllr Farey referred to this new walking project during his presentation on footpaths for the Annual Parish meeting.

11. Planning updates

12. Safer Neighbourhood Team will be coming to Bredenbury Village Hall On 12th May 12.00-13.00. The hall will be open for tea and coffee.

13. Road Safety

13.1 TRO update. It is understood all the paperwork is now in place. Cllr Baker to speak with Joe Grice to get an update. There has been a noticeable increase in the triggering of the Speeding Indicator Device.

13.2 West Mercia Police Parish Priorities. Council **AGREED** that the previous priorities were relevant. Concerns regarding mobile phone use on A44 and minor roads in the Bredenbury area and the manner of driving on A44 and minor roads. Speeding through the village.

There is still huge concern regarding number of traffic incidents on the A44 from Bredenbury Court through Bredenbury village. Clerk to return contract to West Mercia.

14. Lengthsman Matt has been very responsive to all our requests.

15. Village Hall The kitchen has been panelled and the kitchen sink fitted and plumbed. New window to be installed.

16. Correspondence None received

17. Matters for the next meeting

- NDP update
- Call for Sites response
- Co-option
- Planning
- Road Safety
- Annual Governance & Accountability Returns (AGAR)

18. Meeting dates agreed

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

Wednesday 24th June 2026 @ 7.00pm

Wednesday 29th July 2026 @ 7.00pm

No Scheduled Meeting for August

Wednesday 30th September 2026 @7.00pm

The Meeting Closed at 8.17pm