

BREDENBURY GROUP PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council
Held on Wednesday 24th June 2026 at 7.00pm

At

Bredenbury Village Hall

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

In attendance: Clerk Vicky Hancock, 3 local residents

1. Apologies for absence: Cllr Berwick, Cllr T Bell, 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 27th May 2026. It was **RESOLVED** to adopt these minutes and they were signed by the chairman.

4. Open Session

4.1 Views of local residents

- There was concern regarding the length of time the traffic lights have been in situ the A44 and there has been no work being done. It seems the edge of the pavement has deteriorated and is now dangerous for pedestrians. Clerk to investigate.
- Concern over the HGVs driving nearer the middle of the A44 entering the village from Bromyard. The vegetation is over-hanging and the vehicles are avoiding this by taking a wider path. Clerk to report this as a danger.
- Thanks from Bredenbury Court in supporting the resolution of the planning issue regarding the Car Park.

4.2 Ward Councillor Baker no report:

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

6. Finance

6.1 Clerk shared the bank statement to 31st May 2026. Opening balance £8179.85. Closing balance £8102.00 Noted and signed by Cllr Hulse

6.2 Clerk shared the Bank Reconciliation for 31st May 2026 Including 3 unpresented cheques total £480.18. Closing balance £7621.82. Noted and signed by Cllr Hulse.

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

7. Planning Consultations

7.1 **P/261490/F** Grendon Manor Bredenbury HR7 4TH The erection of one self-build agricultural workers dwelling and associated works. The council **AGREED** to **SUPPORT** this application. It meets the criteria of Bredenbury Neighbourhood Plan Policy BW&GB 5 Housing in the countryside and BW&GB 7 Design of new housing.

7.2 **Planning Update** P242070/F P242071/O P242036/F There was concern regarding the latest comments from the Ecology department that are in conflict with the report from the Applicant's advisor who is a qualified Natural England licensee for Great Crested Newts. His report stated the A44 was a hard barrier between the pond and the development site. An additional report 9 months later appears to contest this expert view and therefore further delaying any planning decision.

It was noted the application is already subject to a referral to the planning committee in the event of a recommendation for refusal.

8. Herefordshire Councillor Wards Fund. There is a sum of money available to each parish in the ward for funding a project. After discussion it was agreed to look into getting broadband installed in the village hall which would enhance community use of the facility.

9. Road Safety

9.1 TRO Update – following statutory consultation for the TRO for a 30mph through the village, the next step will be public consultation, formally known as the Notice of Proposal.

9.2 Wacton Lane re-surfacing planned for 3rd – 7th July. Residents have been advised of road closure during this time. Clerk to contact Tarmac regarding purchasing load of planings from the roadworks to improve the frontage at the village hall.

9.3 Overhanging foliage obstructing visibility for tractors turning out of Rowden Lane on to the A44. In discussion with the resident there are plans for the over-hanging branches are to be cut back and new fencing installed.

10. NDP Plan refresh Cllr Hulse shared the initial 'Call for Sites' analysis provided by Ian Culley. Five sites were submitted and their suitability was tested with reference to the settlement boundary. The assessment to be sent out to all councillors. Herefordshire Council has provided very useful document of Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) on recent changes to national planning policy. This document is intended as guidance which is relevant to particular circumstances. It seems that it is not an issue if the current plan is over 5 years old as it still carries some weight. As Herefordshire Council is engaged in developing their Local Plan it was agreed that we still continue with an informal renewal and progression of our own Neighbourhood Plan. It was also noted that the new Local Plan will include both Habitats and Strategic Environmental analyses which may be useful in the construction of our renewed Plan.

11. Removing residential addresses from Parish Council & Co-opted Registrable Interest Forms

Clerk informed the meeting that there is now no requirement for councillors to have details of their home addresses published in public register of interests. She requested that all councillors completed an up-dated of Register of Interest form and return it. Signatures and addresses will be redacted before publication on the council website.

12. Parish Summit 14th July J Hulse and Vicky Hancock to attend.

13. Lengthsman regular cutting the verge opposite Three Pines to continue for safety aspect

14. Village Hall Update Waiting for the plastering window reveals around the new kitchen window. There has been a series of successful events in the hall recently.

15. Correspondence None received

16. Matters for the next meeting

- NDP
- TRO
- Planings at the village hall
- Parish Summit feedback

17. Meeting dates agreed

Wednesday 29th July 2026 @ 7.00pm

No scheduled meeting for August

Wednesday 30th September 2026 @ 7.00pm

Wednesday 28th October 2025 @ 7.00pm

Wednesday 25th November 2025 @ 7.00pm

Wednesday 23rd December TBC

The meeting closed at 8.06pm