

Bredon, Bredon's Norton and Westmancote Parish Council



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Large Scale Housing at Mitton Bank

Developers are preparing an application to develop large amounts of housing at Mitton Bank (between Bredon's Hardwick and Mitton) falling within Bredon parish.

Currently, new housing in our parish must comply both with the *South Worcestershire Development Plan* (the 'local plan') and the recently adopted *Bredon Parish Neighbourhood Plan*. Under both plans, development at Mitton Bank would normally be ruled out, at least until the next review of the local plan.

However, the situation is complicated by the government's 'duty to cooperate' which requires neighbouring local authorities to work together on planning issues. Bredon parish borders Tewkesbury Borough in Gloucestershire to the south and west. Housing in Tewkesbury falls under the Gloucester-Cheltenham-Tewkesbury Joint Core Strategy (JCS). This is currently undergoing an *Examination in Public* overseen by a government inspector. In her Interim Report, the Inspector has identified that Tewkesbury Borough has a significant housing shortfall, and she identified Mitton Bank as a location for between 500 and 1100 homes. She has recommended that Wychavon District Council and the JCS authorities enter into an agreement that will effectively allocate land for 500 homes at Mitton without the need for a review of the local plan.

The Parish Council disagrees strongly with the Inspector's proposal. We have made a series of representations arguing that housing of this scale should only come forward through a review of the local plan. This would allow local people to be properly consulted, as required by national policy, and would enable any housing to be better planned and integrated.

In the meantime, the developers Barratt Homes and Mactaggart & Mickel Homes appear to be preparing a planning application for 500 new homes in Bredon parish at Mitton Bank. They have notified the Parish Council that they will be holding a series of consultation events on their proposals over the coming weeks. We cannot advise people whether they should attend these events. However, it is important to note that **these are not part of an official consultation**, and that any comments submitted by residents at this stage will not have a significant bearing on the outcome. **Residents will have an opportunity later on, once an application has been submitted, to take part in the formal consultation process.** At that stage, we will be urging residents to make their views known, and we will publish information on how to do this on our website.

New Councillor Co-Opted

We voted in a New Councillor, Nicholas Bradley, on to the Council:-

Married to Sarah, we relocated to Bredon in 2007 from Hereford. We have two children who are attending the local schools. It was my work as a quantity surveyor that originally brought me to this area, so when later in life we decided to relocate due to my work, Bredon was the obvious choice. Having held senior commercial positions within large construction organisations, the yearn to work locally, lead me to set up a construction consultancy business on the Bredon Hill, where we have been located since 2010. I enjoy spending any free time with my family, walking, watching sport, as participation has become limited to more relaxed sports as time goes on. I look forward to contributing to the efforts of the Parish Council in helping the local community.



Ringway Bench Refurbishment

In August, Ringway carried out their Parish Makeover. They refurbished 5 benches & 1 picnic bench at the Dock & re-painted 2 additional ones around the parish.



Planning Applications

The Parish Council's role is only advisory. For more details, please refer to www.wychavon.gov.uk.

For consideration by Wychavon:

W/17/01690 - Bens Hollow, Dock Lane, Bredon. Change of use of the land and erection of a garage for ancillary use to main dwelling known as Bens Hollow, Dock Lane, Bredon. Parish Council objects to the proposal.

W/17/01374 - Tudor Cottage, Manor Lane, Bredon's Norton. Replacement of existing access with new proposed access from highway providing improved visibility splays, access and reinstatement of historic pedestrian access to Tudor Cottage. Parish Council objects to the proposal.

W/17/01754 - 18 Cherry Orchard, Bredon. Proposed extensions and alterations to existing domestic dwelling; part demolition of double garage; demolish garden wall and replace with hedge to enclose garden. Parish council has made general comments.

W/17/01252 - The Gatehouse, Oak Lane, Bredon. Proposed first floor extension to existing single storey property to form additional living accommodation. Parish council has made general comments.

Date of Next Meeting:

Monday 9th October
takes place in Bredon Village
Hall at 7:15pm