

BREDON & BREDON'S NORTON PARISH COUNCIL

The minutes of Bredon Parish Council Meeting held at Bredon Village Hall on **Monday 13th January 2025 at 7:00pm.**

Present: Councillors: Mr Nick Bradley (Chairman), Mr Matt Darby, Mr Colin Davidson, Mr Kevin Falvey, Ms Katie Hall, Mr Andrew Rhodes, Mr Declan Shiels, Mr Rob Sly and Mr Brod Whiting.

In Attendance: Mr Tim Drew (Clerk), Cllr Mr Adrian Hardman and Mr Ian Sargent.

1. Apologies for Absence.

Cllr Ms Karen Brooks.

2. Declaration of Interests.

Cllr Sly declared an ODI for 5 d) and has an existing dispensation for the South Worcestershire Development Plan Review specific to the strategic allocation at Mitton.

3. To consider the Adoption of the Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 16th December 2024.

These minutes were **agreed**.

4. Finances:

a) Invoices to be paid:

Village Hall

Jo Lomasney	Balance of Wages – December 2024	£445.76
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Parish Council:

Timothy Drew	Balance of Wages – December 2024	£218.40
TV Licensing	Annual Renewal >31 st December 2025	£169.50
Mr L J Jordan	Fish & Chips for January 2025 Warm Welcome	£168.75
David Gray	Lengthsman – December 2024 Highways	£462.00
Greenworks	Mowing – Nov 2024 (x1), Churches in 2024 (x2)	£3227.30
Viking Direct	Printer - Brother MFC-J6540DW All-in-One Printer	£284.34
Matt Hale Tree Surgery	Raise Crowns & remove Car Park overhang	£480.00

All payments above were **agreed**.

b) To approve the Financial Report.

The December 2024 bank statements and Scribe Cashbook were **approved**.

5. Planning:

a) Approved:

i. W/24/02138/HP Lower Clattsmore Farm, Eckington Road, Bredon's Norton, WR10 3DE

b) Refused:

i. APP/H1840/D/24/3351587 10 Vallenders Road, Bredon, GL20 7HL
(Note: Cllr Bradley offered to leave the room for this item, but no discussion ensued).

c) Appeal:

i. W/23/02310/FUL at The Firs, Cheltenham Road, Kinsham, GL20 8GF
Erection of detached dwelling with associated works.

A drafted response, circulated with the agenda, was discussed and agreed.

d) SWDP Review:

The Examination Arrangements have now been circulated and confirm Mitton Bank (SWDPR54) is included as part of the Examination in Public on Tuesday 11th March 2025.

The Inspectors Issues and Questions include:

- Is Selection on a robust basis?
- Is allocation justified?
- Are 500 dwellings justified for the specific service and infrastructure requirements to meet the needs of Tewkesbury Borough Council?
- The Duty to Cooperate with Tewkesbury Borough Council.
- Evidence of significant impacts on the transport network.
- A Strategic flood risk assessment.
- Linked land/water in respect of the Severn Estuary SPA.
- Traffic impacts on the Cotswolds Natural Landscape (AONB).
- Does a bridge crossing of the Carrant Brook require a Flood Risk Activity Permit from the Environment Agency?
- Is there accord with the Tewkesbury Garden Town Principles.

The deadline for submission of Hearing Statements is 11th February 2025 and participation in the Hearing Sessions, must be notified by 31st January 2025.

Richard Buxton Solicitors have been contacted for guidance and a virtual meeting is planned. All aspects of the information/consultation were discussed. There is no public examination/scrutiny and Wychavon Councillors have not been consulted for input. Whether some of the questions, for the other SWDPR locations, also apply to Mitton needs clarification.

1. Tewkesbury Garden Town (TGT) Update:

No update on Oversight Board meetings and a Parish Liaison meeting is postponed. The former have only met on three occasions since December 2023. The Governance structure is not working, there are no terms of reference, oversight or transparency. A Program Status Report, referring to Ashchurch Bridge over Rail (ABoR) design work and funding is to be circulated and a planning application is expected in March 2025.

f) Other Planning Matters:

No report.

6. BCPR Update.

The Clerk is in process of requesting payment of BCPR's agreed donation by BACS Transfer prior to placing orders for the Climbing Frame Bark with PD Hughes Ltd and CPA Horticulture.

There will be a communication, to users of the Play Area advising a temporary closure, once a timetable for works has been agreed.

7. 2025-26 Budget (Precept):

Wychavon's tax base letter for 2025-26 was discussed. For a Band D property in the parish, the 7.5% uplift to £42.53 per annum (as agreed at the December 2024 meeting) will apply.

8. Church Street Parking.

The Council has received correspondence from concerned residents relating to the speeding, parking and resultant congestion in Church Street at the School opening and closing times. This

will be discussed in more detail by the Transport & Organisations Working Group and further representations will be made to County Highways.

9. Assets of Community Value (ACV).

The Fox & Hounds Inn registration expired in 2024. The Clerk has submitted an updated ACV Nomination Form to reinstate the registration. The outcome is expected in March 2025.

10. Progress Reports and Updates.

a) County and District Councillor:

- The County Council Budget is expected to be under pressure in 2026-27.
- The Government's English Devolution White Paper, which aims to give more powers to local authority by creating more unitary councils, could mean the abolition of District Councils.
- Problems associated with flooding, ice and snow affecting the parish, have been referred to Worcestershire County Highways. Locations include the M5 Bridge (B4080), Chains Corner and Bredon's Hardwick.

b) Police and Defibrillator Report:

- A defibrillator cabinet was opened but not used.
- The Police are attending the next Warm Welcome session. An evening event, to widen the public audience, is being considered.
- There was an attempted vehicle theft in Vallenders Road.
- The 600 sheep removed from local field, resulted from a re-possession.
- The Council have submitted Local Parish Priorities to the Police.

c) Assets Working Group

- Warm Welcome accounts have been updated by Cllr Shiels.
- Topsoil is being removed from the Glebe Field.

d) Transport & Organisations Working Group:

- Meeting to formulate response to SWDPR documents (see 5 d) above.

e) Technology & Media Working Group

- The Councils Office 8-Year-old Printer has now been replaced with an updated model.
- Clerk to issue programme of proposed Working Group meeting dates for 2025.

11. Correspondence, Progress Reports and Updates for Information.

There was no further correspondence for the Clerk to circulate to Councillors.

12. Councillors Reports and Items for Future Agenda:

- Cllr Falvey advised the delayed Tuesday evening boxing sessions are proving popular and well attended.
- Cllr Davidson advised still awaiting Severn Trent to respond on the Eckington Road Car Park drainage position.
- Cllr Davidson gave his apologies for the February meeting.

13. Date of Next Meeting:

10th February 2025

Notes of Public Question Time:

Ian Sargent addressed the Council to enquire on progress and updates on several issues relating to planning applications and the parish environment in general.