

Tuesday 08th March 2016 One resident attended the Open Public Forum.

Mr R Bateman informed the PC that he had recently been made aware that there are no statutory consultees relating to planning matters concerning Bredon Hill. It had therefore been decided that a meeting should be arranged between all the hill parishes, Wychavon District Council and the Cotswold Conservation Board, in order that a consortium of the local parishes have an opportunity to discuss whether a means of protection of the natural landscape should be set up. The PC was informed that the meeting had been arranged for 04/04/16 at Great Comberton Village Hall.

Minutes of the Meeting of Eckington Parish Council held on Tuesday 08th March 2016

35/16 Present – Cllrs. Wilkes, Cameron, Bainbridge, Wood, Brown, Palmer and Ransted.

36/16 Apologies – Apologies received from Cllrs Glaze and Bogaard. These were unanimously accepted.

37/16 Declarations of Interest – Cllr Bainbridge declared an interest in Item 12 of the Agenda (NHB funding – Cricket Club application).

38/16 Adoption of the Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 09th February 2016 and the Public Planning Framework Meeting held on 08th February 2016 – The Meeting agreed that the Minutes of both Meetings were a true and accurate record and a proposal to accept the Minutes' was made by Cllr Wilkes, this was seconded by Cllr Ransted. All present were unanimous in their agreement, and the Minutes were duly signed.

39/16 District & County Councillor Reports –
Cllr Davis reported the following:

- The SWDP has now been formally adopted.
- Twenty five traveller sites need to be considered by 2021. There are no potential sites in Eckington. Cllr Davis agreed to send an update relating to planning application 15/01013 (dwelling for one gypsy family).

40/16 Progress Reports

Clerk: - The following was reported:

- Request received from resident regarding:
 - (i) Assistance with Speedwatch coordination - Cllr Ransted agreed to assist.
 - (ii) Assistance and monitoring of speed sign - The Clerk agreed to place a notice in the Parish Magazine requesting assistance.
 - (iii) Funding for speed sign repairs – The Meeting agreed that this would be considered, once the sum required had been received.

Village Hall – It was reported that:

- A ball park figure of £177,000 has now been received (stage 2 of the proposed building works).
- Fundraising is ongoing, although lottery funding will not be pursued as it is not felt that the proposal meets the success criteria.
- Drains have been rodded.

It was requested that sub-committees of both the PC and Village Hall be formed, in order to hold monthly meetings to discuss trusteeship, ownership and proposed building improvements. The Meeting agreed that a one-off meeting may prove useful, however, it was felt that (at present)

there would not be a need for monthly meetings. It was therefore agreed that the Clerk would write to the Committee requesting a suitable meeting date.

Footpaths – Hammock Lane – Stone has now been laid in boggy areas and the gates will be installed shortly. It is anticipated this will be completed within the next couple of months.

Piecing – There continue to be issues to overcome (SSI, pond areas); unfortunately this will delay opening of the path.

BHCG – Cllr Ransted informed the Meeting that he would attend the Bredon Hill parishes meeting on 04/04 (representing both BHCG and the Parish Council). It was agreed that the Clerk would also notify the two absent Councillors of the meeting date (as it was agreed an additional attendee may be useful)

Church & Bridge Trust – It was reported that a meeting had recently taken place, where it had been agreed that:

- The Warren Smith Trust will now cease, the remaining funds will be used to purchase a picnic bench (to be situated near the Locke).
- Church Trust – Registration of the land is proving difficult (due to the fact that deeds and minute books cannot be located). A local solicitor has now agreed to assist, in an attempt to resolve the matter.

CALC – Cllr Ransted reported that the recent meeting had been attended by the Police where speeding issues in local parishes had been discussed.

41/16 – Planning - The following planning matters have been brought before the Clerk and/or Wychavon District Council since the last Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 09th February 2016:

W/16/00207/LB 1 Jarvis Street – Repairs to timber framing and infill panels – No objection.

W/16/00338/PP & 00339/LB Love Lace, Manor Road – Single storey rear extension (retrospective) – No objection.

W/16/00320/LB Banqueting Hall, Woollas Hall – Internal alterations to provide 2 en suite shower rooms – No objection.

Approvals:

W/15/03231/PP 3 Upper End – Flat roof replacement.

W/15/03172 Eckington Fields Farm – 2 semi detached dwellings and garage block.

W/15/00199 Anchor Cottage, Boon Street – Renovation and extension to sun room to provide utility. Includes removal of wall.

Refusals:

15/01520 Anchor Inn, Cotheridge Lane – Non material amendment to planning permission 12/01673 for single storey extensions to rear and rear dormer windows to each property.

To Discuss:

W/16/00414/PP 6 Russell Drive – Erection of garden shed, fence and new drop kerb – No objection.

W/16/00244/LB Whitehouse, Church Street – Internal alterations, removal of wall and redundant staircase. Creation of shared en-suite and new doors to bedrooms. Replacement of wall with open balustrade – No objection.

Request received from Strensham Parish Council to consider objecting to planning application W/16/00383 Rectory House, Church Road, Strensham – landscaping and earth remodeling of garden land. The Meeting discussed the issue and agreed that they should object primarily on the grounds of the environmental effect to the locality eg. an increase in traffic, causing a visual

intrusion, noise and dust issues. Concerns were also raised as to whether any of the materials used would be hazardous. It was therefore agreed that Cllr Palmer would draft a letter to be circulated to all councillors for approval.

42/16 – Finance – Cllr Cameron proposed and was seconded by Cllr Palmer that the following payments should be approved:

Payments to be made:

Clerk's salary	£397.30
L. Gerber Admin expenses & mileage	£26.77
L. Gerber – (reimbursement BT bill)	£69.28
Lengthsman salary	£149.55
Ana Brady (reimbursement – NHB funding)	£472.87
B. Jones – (reimbursement – food for NP event)	£20.54
N. Wilkes (reimbursement – NP printing costs)	£33.00
New Farm Grounds Maintenance – Rec. cut	£66.00
Foxley Tagg Planning Ltd (NP consultancy fees)	£485.59
Screenfix UK (NP costs)	£249.99
Groundwork UK (Groundwork grant underspend – NP)	£76.00
Cosy (NHB funding)	£169.90
Ana Brady (reimbursement – NHB funding)	£472.87

It was reported that the Chair had recently carried out a quarterly accounts check, and that the recent reconciliation undertaken was in order.

43/16 – Neighbourhood Plan – The following was reported:

- The recent second consultation event had been generally positive. 273 residents had attended.
- Responses and comments are now been analysed; there are still outstanding issues to be considered.
- The landscaping section has now been agreed – a policy for this will need to be put together.
- It is hoped that the NP will be finished by the end of the year.

44/16 – Highways – The following was reported:

- Request for maintenance regarding drainage issue in Pass Street.
- Request to liaise with WCC regarding the installation of white gates at both entrances to the village. Clerk to stipulate that the PC request consultation on specific location of gates.
- Installation of a road mirror at the junction of Boon Street/Drakesbridge Road was discussed. However, it was felt that as WCC are not keen to install the mirrors and they are often a target for vandals, the matter would not be pursued.

45/16 – Pershore Volunteer Car Share Scheme

It was reported that uptake of the scheme had been slow. Cllr Ransted agreed to monitor the scheme over the next few months.

46/16 – Section 106 Funding – Car park matting to be purchased within the next few weeks.

47/16 – New Homes Bonus – The following was reported:

- The Scouts & Guides application has been turned down by WDC, primarily due to the fact that they have had funding previously but also because WDC have become much more stringent in their criteria.
- Cricket Club application – It was anticipated that an application would be made shortly.

48/16 – 382 Bus Service – Cllr Wilkes reported that he had spoken with First regarding the 382 service. The following had been confirmed:

- WCC have registered Nafford Road as the official flood route.
- In April, the current route will change to use Nafford Road as it's route, as this will shorten the journey time into Pershore.

The Meeting agreed that Nafford Road was not suitable to be used as a daily bus route. It was therefore agreed that Cllr Wilkes would request that when the current bus contract is due for renewal, the route be reconsidered.

49/16 – Raising the on-line profile of the Parish Council – The Meeting discussed the Parish Council Website and Facebook page. It was agreed that Cllr Bainbridge should develop both further, with a view to going live after the next Meeting.

50/16 – Flooding Issues – Cllr Brown reported the following (regarding the impact on local businesses during bridge closure):

- Businesses affected in some way include: both hairdressers, The Bell and shop.
- The Bell and the shop both reported financial loss.
- Businesses agreed that 'Road Closed' signs are left out for too long after the bridge has re-opened. It was also felt that the flood sign should inform motorists on the Bredon side that the village is still open and that road closure is after motorists have exited the village. Clerk to request this addition to the sign.

The Meeting discussed the recent pledge made by a local MP to improve access to the village during flooding. It was therefore agreed that Cllr Wilkes would draft a letter to the MP asking to be informed of any improvements which may have been planned.

51/16 – Correspondence for Information – Correspondence circulated.

52/16 – Councillors Reports and Items for future Agenda –

- Nafford Road – smell of foul sewerage reported. Clerk to report to WDC.
- Increasing amount of large lorries using Boon Street – It was agreed that although this is an issue, as there is no other way into the local business situated in this area of the village, the PC would be unable to request use of an alternative route.
- Recent damage to the path through the Churchyard – Clerk to report to Highways.

The next meeting will be the Annual Parish Meeting followed by the Parish Council Meeting. This will take place on Tuesday 12th April 2016 at 7.30 in the Village Hall.

The meeting was closed at 10.00pm.