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**Bredgar Parish Council
Minutes of the
Parish Meeting
Held by Zoom on
Wednesday 10th March 2021 at 7pm.**

Present: Chair Cllr. Brian Clarke;
Joint Vice Chair Cllr. Penny Twaites;
Cllr. Mike Day; Cllr. Beverley McCourt and Cllr. Stephen Parfitt.

Clerk: Teresa Hudson

Members of the Public: Six members of the public attended the meeting by Zoom.

Declaration of any intention to record or film the PC meeting by any member of the Council or member of the public?

There were no intentions to record or film the meeting by anyone present.

1. Local Planning Update

Chair, Cllr. Brian Clarke, delivered a presentation on the Swale Local Plan to the meeting; the details are available on the parish website: www.bredgarpc.org.uk.

2. Issues or questions from Parishioners

Q. 1. Are there any plans to improve the infrastructure between Bredgar and Maidstone, our County town?

A. The Chair stated that he was not aware of any improvement but perhaps if Bredgar gained more houses then the PC could lobby for better transport connections.

The PC are starting to prepare a Highways Improvement Plan document as this is the process KCC Highways provide for road improvements within the village. If parishioners have any improvement suggestions they can pass them to Cllr McCourt for consideration by the PC.

Q. 2. If junction 5 was created at Highsted, there could be increased traffic through Bexon Lane; would that put pressure on developers to build in Bredgar?

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A. This scenario could have a big impact on Bredgar. The problem of Bexon Lane becoming a rat run will be raised in the PC response to the LP.

Developers may be encouraged to build in Bredgar if there was easier access by road.

Q. 3. Do SBC and KCC have planning enforcement teams?

A. The Chair confirmed SBC have an enforcement team but it is under resourced.

The meeting ended at
7.45pm.