

Bredgar Parish Council
Minutes following the
Open Meeting
Held at Bredgar School
On Wednesday 18th March 2015 at 7.30pm

Present: Chairman Cllr. Mr. B. Willis, Vice Chairman Cllr. Mrs. P. Twaites, Cllr. Mr. B. Clarke, Cllr. Mrs. S. Hickman, Cllr. Mr. G. Kite, and Cllr. Mr. M. Pullen.

Clerk: Mrs. T. Hudson.

In Attendance: SBC Cllr. Monique Bonney.

Members of the Public: There was one member of the public present at the meeting.

1. **Apologies:** Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr. Mr. D. Priestley and PCSO Paul Wilson.

2. **Declaration of Members' personal and prejudicial interests**

Cllr. Mr. Pullen declared an interest regarding the recreation ground.

3. **Declaration of any intention to record or film the PC meeting by any member of the Council or member of the public**

No intention to record the meeting was declared.

- 3a **The duration of the meeting was two and a half hours.**

4. **Minutes of the previous meeting**

The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 14th January 2015 were read and formally approved by the Parish Council; proposed by Cllr. Mrs. P. Twaites; seconded by Cllr. Mrs. S. Hickman. They are now available on the Parish website. The Chairman signed them at the end of the meeting.

Matters Arising

New Resident Starter Pack

This is a work in progress.

Silver Street Stile

The stile has been completed.

Bredgar Pond

Local children have been asked to consider the safety of the ducks on the pond during the nesting season when operating remote control boats on the pond.

5. **Ten minutes representation by the public**

A member of the public asked if the PC had considered using electronic methods of communication to advertise council meetings, etc?

Cllr. Mr. Clarke agreed to investigate the matter further.

6. **Report from PCSO Paul Wilson**

PCSO Paul Wilson has commenced training to become a police officer; therefore Bredgar no longer has a dedicated PCSO. It is hoped a new PCSO will be appointed in the near future.

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7. Authorisation of Accounts

The PC approved the accounts as set out in the meeting's agenda. Proposed by Cllr. Mr. M. Pullen; seconded by Cllr. Mr. B. Clarke.

There were no queries to report.

8. Reports from Councillors

Cllr. Mr. M. Pullen

Cllr. Pullen has offered, at no cost to the PC, to replace the tree at Travers Gardens. It was agreed that a Robinia pseudoacacia would be suitable.

Maintenance work at the Cemetery has been completed.

Cllr. Mr. G. Kite

The footpath sign at the top of Deans Hill/ junction with Bicknor Lane is bent over. The clerk is to inform SBC Cllr. Mike Baldock.

Repair work has been carried out at the Silver Street bend but unfortunately heavy vehicles are eroding the bank.

Cllr. Mr. B. Clarke

Broadband has been delayed due to difficulties experienced by BT. Cllr. Mr. Clarke is to clarify information but it is thought that the date of installation of superfast broadband has been rearranged for May/June 2015.

Cllrs Clarke and Twaites drafted a response to the Local Plan and submitted it to SBC on 29th January 2015.

Following e-mail from SBC on a Draft Tree Policy, Cllr. Mr. Clarke offered to respond to the consultation on managing trees in Swale, stating the potential opportunity to emphasise the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

Cllr. Mrs. S. Hickman

The road between Deans Hill Farm and Little Pett Farm requires repair. The clerk is to inform Cllr. Mr. Baldock.

Cllr. Mrs. P. Twaites

The school building work to upgrade the toilets and add a care suite is to begin shortly and is timed to cause minimum disruption to the school terms.

9. Finance

- **Change of signatories for cheques following May Elections**

The clerk is to prepare the paperwork to facilitate the change of cheque signatories following the elections in May.

- **Confirm Reappointment of Internal Auditor**

Councillors agreed to the reappointment of Keith Scott as volunteer Internal Auditor for the PC. Proposed by Cllr. M. Pullen; seconded by Cllr. Mr. G. Kite.

10. Recreation Ground

- **LDC Application**

The PC application for an LDC for the recreation ground was successful.

- **Date for Public Information meeting**

A public meeting has been arranged for Wednesday 15th April 2015 at 7.30pm at the village hall where the PC will outline the plan for the future of Bredgar Recreation Ground. A notice of the meeting is to be delivered to each property in Bredgar inviting residents to attend.

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11. Hawks Hill Lane

Following a complaint from a parishioner concerning the volume of traffic, particularly heavy vehicles, and the deterioration to the edge of the carriageway and the triangle at the junction of Lime Kiln Lane and Hawks Hill Lane, the PC resolved to ask Cllr. Mike Baldock to arrange a meeting with Alan Blackburn of KHS to talk about an effective solution to the problem. The possibility of a width restriction was discussed.

12. Planning

- **Local Plan update**

A response to the Local Plan was submitted on 29th January.

- **Blind Marys Lane**

SBC Cllr. Monique Bonney informed the meeting that SBC would not appeal against the decision regarding Blind Marys Lane site.

- **Lime Kiln Lane**

SBC Cllr. M. Bonney submitted photographic evidence of fly tipping at Lime Kiln Lane; the rubbish was subsequently removed by SBC.

- **Dukes Shaw**

The final decision on this planning application has been delayed due to a Mid-Kent Planning Service's backlog in processing planning applications.

- **Fairmeadows Farm**

BPC responded to the planning application and a decision is due by 31st March 2015.

13. Donation to Bredgar School

Councillors agreed to donate £160 to Bredgar School for the use of the school for PC four meetings throughout the year.

SBC Cllr Mrs. Bonney and the member of the public left the meeting at 9.25pm.

14. Any Other Business

Recreation Ground

BPC resolved to accept Mrs. Dawn Osmer's asking price of £40 000 for the freehold interest in the land known as Bredgar Recreation Ground. Proposed by Cllr. B. Willis; seconded by Cllr. P. Twaites.

15. Date of the next meeting

The AGM will be held on 13th May 2015.