

### **MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING | 19<sup>th</sup> March 2025**

Present: Cllrs J Hull (Chair), Cllr E Morfett, Cllr L Morawiecka, Cllr L Lewis, Cllr T Prosser and Cllr J Morris.

Officers Present: L Law, Clerk

Others in attendance: Ward Councillor, C Taylor, one member of the public.

**24.151 Apologies for absence.** To receive apologies for absence. John Wade, footpaths officer, holiday.

#### **24.152 Declarations of interest and written requests for dispensation.**

Members are invited to declare disclosable pecuniary interests (DPI) and any other registerable interests in items on the agenda. Requests for dispensation must be in writing to the Clerk as soon as possible before the meeting. **None declared.**

#### **24.153 To approve the minutes of the Council.**

To confirm as a correct record and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> February, 2025. The minutes of the meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> February 2025 were **approved** as a correct record and a copy was signed by the chair.

**24.154 Public Open session:** To receive comments from the public on parish matters. **No Comments Received.**

**24.155 Ward Councillor Report.** To receive a ward councillor report, if available. Planning P222769/F Cllr Taylor commented that the planning officer for this application is extending the determination date to allow the applicant to reply to comments made. Cllr Morfitt commented that they must allow time for the applicant to respond to queries raised otherwise if not it would be favourable to the applicant if the planning application went to appeal. Cllr Morawiecka wanted to highlight that planning are still waiting for responses from the applicant. Cllr Taylor reported that there has been an official report of an FRA review submitted on behalf of the local residents on the planning application. Cllr Morawiecka asked Cllr Taylor if the allocation of housing to the West of Hereford justifies the bypass if it loses the city 3,000 jobs as warned by two employers in Hereford, Arla and Heineken. How is flooding being assessed for the increased housing allocation in the county? If the flood alleviation works at Lower Hill Farm had been carried out by Fayre Oaks Home Park.

Cllr Morfitt stated that there are two issues; the contamination of the aquifer would relate to the loss of jobs and the other is the increase of rainfall and surface water and that the west of Hereford is the catchment for the city.

**Agenda item 24.158.1 & 2 Traffic Management was moved up the agenda so that the ward councillor could speak on them before leaving the meeting.**

**24.158.1 To receive a verbal report from ward Cllr Taylor on HGV activity on Breinton Lane.** Cllr Taylor reported that she had received complaints from residents of HGV's using residents' drives as pull-ins and that she would be investigating the complaints. **Noted.**

**24.158.2 To receive an update on the TRO meeting on Breinton Common.**

Cllr Taylor will be attending a meeting of the TRO on Breinton Common on Tuesday. Cllr Hull reported that there had been discussions regarding a 30 or 40mph limit through the village. Also they could consider quiet signage in the parish. Cllr Moraweicka stated that she would prefer any monies spent on relevant signage at each entrance to Breinton parish rather than a report for a TRO that may not be possible to enforce. Cllr Morfett stated that the HGV advisory is a length restriction and to gain access to Breinton Common is accessed via Sutton Sugwas and suggested that signage should be placed in that location before the parish. Signage locations discussed were for Magpie Lane and Long Meadow. Clerk to further enquire with Traffic Management to check progress. **Noted.**

**Cllr Taylor and the member of the public left the meeting at 19.53pm.**

**24.156 Planning applications determined by Herefordshire Council for members to note: [P243286/FH 227 Kings Acre Road, Breinton. HR47PH.](#)**

Proposed demolition of existing garages, stores and garden room. Construction of single-storey rear extension and detached carport. Approved with conditions. **Noted.**

**24.157 Localities.** To receive an update from the Locality Steward and consider any actions needed. Cllr Moraweicka asked the clerk to get an update on the culvert works at Warham Cottages. The white metal railings on the C1189 west of the Warham junction have been repaired. However, the three replacement white concrete posts only have one hole for posts at the top, unlike the originals, which have two. As such, the metal railings have only been replaced at the top and not at the bottom. **Noted.**

**24.158 Traffic Management.** 1. To receive a verbal report from ward Cllr Taylor on HGV activity on Breinton Lane. 2. To receive an update on the TRO meeting on Breinton Common. **See above.**

**24.159 Parish Footpath Officer.** To receive a report from the Footpaths Officer and consider any actions. Cllr Hull confirmed he had been in contact with the owner of land at Upper Wood where trees had fallen in the bluebell wood on a public right of way to make them aware. Also, a gatepost by the Church Walk footpath crossing on the C1189 had rotted and fallen over. The post had been made safe and the land owner has been notified by Cllr Hull. **Noted.**

**24.160 Lengthsman.** To consider two quotes received from the Lengthsman

1. Quote 1244 Ditch clearance roadside around National Trust orchard C1189 plus U73024. To supply mini digger and operator plus transport to haul ditch contents away. Includes traffic management. £740.00 + VAT.
2. Quote 1246 Public Rights of Way repairs and renewals. To supply all materials, labour, tools and equipment to install as required. £865.00 + VAT.

Items 1 and 2 were considered by members and it was **approved** to accept both quotes.

3. Bench at the bottom of Breinton Common. To consider any repairs needed to the bench and a commemorative plaque. Members discussed this item and it was **resolved** that Cllr Hull would look for volunteers to paint the bench and that he would suggest wording for the plaque.

**24.161 Village Hall Committee.** To receive a report from the Village Hall Committee and consider any actions. No meeting held. The Village Hall has been newly redecorated. The monthly coffee morning will be held on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> April from 10.30am to 12.30pm in aid of HVSC. **Noted.**

**24.162 Breinton Parish Hydrology Report.** For members to discuss the hydrology report and consider any actions needed. Members discussed the proposed hydrology report for the Breinton parish. A full hydrology report for the whole parish would be beyond the means of the parish council. It was **approved** the parish would approach the neighbouring parishes of Credenhill and Sutton Sugwas to consider a combined hydrology report, via the ward councillor Cllr Taylor.

**24.163 Finance: 1. To consider the below payments:**

Clerk's Salary, March. £636.72

Clerk's Expenses March £134.28

Breinton Village Hall, invoice 438, hall hire £18.00

Nepeta 2409, £240.00. Website support.

Gill Rivers 2278 £125.00 Minute taking and transcribing February.

All the invoices were available for scrutiny for members at the meeting and it was **resolved** to pay all the above invoices.

**24.163.2** For members to note payments made between meetings:

FMS Hereford 3111 £45.42 14/02/25. **Noted.**

**24.163.3** To approve the cash book and bank reconciliation for 11/03/25. See clerk's report. The cash book and bank reconciliation for 11/03/25 were scrutinised and **approved** by members.

**24.164 HALC/NALC subscription 2025-26.** To consider the renewal of HALC/NALC membership for 2025-26 for £793.70 + VAT. Members discussed the item and it was **resolved** that the Parish Council would renewal of the HALC/NALC subscription for 2025-26 at £793.70 + VAT, although members did question the rise in the subscription from last year and above inflation.

**24.165 Annual Policy Reviews:** For Members to review the following council policies:

- 1. Payment of expenses. Approved** no change.
- 2. Delegated powers. Approved** no change.
- 3. Risk Management. Approved** no change.
- 4. Review of Internal Control. Approved** no change.
- 5. Asset Register. Approved** after minor adjustment.

**24.166 Meeting Dates.** For members to consider the draft meeting schedule for 2025-26. Members considered the draft meeting dates for 2025-26 and after one minor adjustment they were **approved**.

**24.167 Police Community Charter.** For members to consider priorities for April, May and June. Previously 1. Thefts 2. Anti-social behaviour 3 Speeding. Members **resolved** that the priorities for April, May and June remain the same.

**24.168 To consider items for the next agenda.**

**Planning Enforcement, noticeboards.**