

Minutes of the Annual Statutory Parish Council Meeting

AGM of Bredwardine Parish Council held on Tuesday 7 May 2019 at 7-00pm in The Village Hall, Bredwardine

In attendance

Cllrs: John Darbyshire and Hamish Light, and five members of the public attended.

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr John Hughes and Parish Clerk, Alison Wright.

2. Matters Arising

2.1 Issues raised by the public

A concern was raised regarding safe vehicular access from Weston Barns due to the speed of passing traffic. It is understood that there have been a number of near misses. Cllr John Darbyshire agreed to raise the concern at the Wyeside PC Meeting 8 May 2019 and report back.

Post Note: The Wyeside PC Meeting held on 8 May agreed to contact Herefordshire Council requesting the siting of signs on the B4352 prior to the approach bends either side of the access to Weston Barns stating; "Slow Down – Vehicles are Emerging". Progress on the request will be reported in Wyeside PC Meetings.

Double yellow lines on the access road to and across Bredwardine Bridge

The proposal to extend the double yellow lines towards Bredwardine from the bridge and terminate them at the junction to the Church access road approved by the Wyeside Group Parish Council last year, was implemented last month.

2.2 Wyeside Neighbourhood Development Plan

The Wyeside Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) was approved in a referendum last Autumn and is now in force. Planning submissions for one development of five houses and another development of ten houses at Preston-on-Wye have been submitted to Herefordshire Council Planning Department. Concerns of residents and the WGPC have been raised, and if addressed, will ensure compliance with the NDP.

It was noted that a 50 houses development at Weobley has been approved even though the target number of houses to be developed to 2031 has already been achieved. The NDP was a few weeks away from regulation 16 and independent examination and was therefore not considered in the decision to go ahead with the development. Objections from the Parish Council and over 120 letters from Weobley residents were not sufficient to overturn the decision to approve the plan with the Herefordshire adjudication panel voting 8 for and 6 against.

2.3 Public footpaths

Local volunteers have been checking on a number of Bredwardine public footpaths and carrying out housekeeping activities so that they remain usable by the public. Any PROW (Public Rights of Way) problems, can be reported via the following link on the Herefordshire Council's website:

<https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/transport-and-highways/footpaths-byways-and-bridleways/report-a-public-right-of-way-problem>

Please note that only safety related problems are likely to be actioned due to budget

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constraints. It is therefore important to consider carefully what the safety implications are before using this service. You can also raise the safety issue with Councillor John Darbyshire at: jc.darbyshire@gmail.com if the reported problem has not been resolved within a reasonable time frame; i.e. a couple of weeks.

2.4 Computer courses

The free computer courses are at Moccas Village Hall, which has WiFi access, were well received and further courses are under consideration.

2.5 Road Repairs

In the 2016 PC AGM the following concerns were raised:

1. About halfway along Fine Street's length as it crossed a creek there are potholes and loose gravel across its entire width for some distance and it needs re-surfacing.
2. Orchard Place cul-de-sac road was also reported by a parishioner, as being in poor condition with numerous potholes and possible danger to older walkers as there is no footpath.
3. The access road leading to the Church also has a number of potholes that need re-surfacing.

All three concerns have been added to the list of outstanding repairs by the WGPC and registered with Herefordshire Council. Unfortunately, budgets have been cut for road repairs and it maybe some time before these repairs take place. However, it was noted that we seem to be doing a lot better than some other areas in Herefordshire for road repairs.

The Meeting closed at 7-45pm