

*Minutes of the Meeting of Wyese Group Parish Council held in Preston Village Hall on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2011 at 8pm*

**In attendance**

Councillor D.Price in the chair.

Councillors L.Whittall, T.Thomas, O.Pugh, A.Rawstorne, P.Price, M.Prosser., R.Dudman, S.Whittall

1 Visitor

**1. Apologies**

J.Brown.

**2. Declarations of Interest - Nil**

**3. Previous Minutes**

The minutes of the previous meeting were signed as a true record.

**4. i. Broadband**

The Golden Valley has been awarded pilot for the area, and once delivered will rollout to all parts of Herefordshire.

**ii. Planning Application Process**

At present the Council notifies the PC by sending out paper copies of documents. Later in 2011 this will be changed from the paper based to an electronic operation. All planning applications will be scanned and consultations with Parish Councils will be through electron consultation. The Council's planning section (on its website) will be renewed and applications can be viewed from the day the e-consultation is sent out or alternatively downloaded. Information for all planning applications will be updated daily. The Council is asking for an email address to add to their database and it would be preferable if this address could be a generic address for the PC rather than for the Clerk specifically. The Council is prepared to offer advice in respect of purchasing, upgrading of the necessary equipment, and will arrange a workshop to cover these issues

**iii. Clerk's Contract of Employment**

The Chairman and Clerk signed a revised contract of employment

**5. Roads**

The government have given £100 million extra funding to road repair work as a result of this years severe winter weather. Herefordshire is due for approximately £1 million from this fund to be spent by September.

Stockley Hill – potholes require filling

Moccas - road breaking up between the Moccas Cross and the Vicarage.

Bredwardine - Overhanging trees at Bodcott – Amey has requested an inspector from Hereford Council to come out and advise on what action can be taken.

**6. Footpaths**

No issues raised.

**7. Correspondence**

**Resignation of Parish Councillor** – A letter of resignation has been received from Gillian Whittall who has represented Moccas.

**8. Accounts – approved****Opening balance**                    **£ 9503,59**

*Receipts -*                                *22p (Bank Interest) £127.94 (VAT reimbursement)*  
*Payments -*                              *£7.52 (insurance cover for laptop) £196.83 (HALC – subscriptions)*  
    *£60 (external hard drive)*

**Closing Balance**                    **£ 9367.40****9. Matters raised by Members**

Charter for Herefordshire Councils will be added to next month's agenda.

Cllr Philip Price is standing down as Councillor for Preston, a position he has held since 1972.

**10. Planning**

**Applications** :- Land at Bodcott Farm, Bredwardine – erection of general purpose agricultural building – Hereford Council is aware of the issue with the overhanging boundary hedge and it was noted that a secondary hedge would be necessary to screen the building.

**Decisions** :-

Land opposite Bridge Cottage, Bredwardine – to site a memorial stone with slate plaque – permission granted.

Colebrook Cottage, Bredwardine – conversion of three bay garage and attached store with store above into annexe whilst retaining two bays of garage and basement as existing – permission granted.

**11. Next meeting**

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> May in The Odd House, Blakemere at 8pm.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.35pm

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