

**Minutes of the Meeting of Wyese Group Parish Council held in Preston Village Hall on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2011 at 7.30pm**

**In attendance**

Councillor M.Prosser in the chair.

Councillors R.Dudman, K.Dale, D.Price, D.Roper, A.Rawstorne, J.Williams,

1 Visitor

**Policing-** CSO Kevin Powell advised a new number to call your local police – **when it is less urgent than 999**. This will be **101** or alternatively you may email [www.police.uk/101](http://www.police.uk/101) . Local police will endeavour to attend Parish Council meetings and give briefings although they cannot discuss individual crimes. There is an increase in the theft of scrap metal, batteries and heating oil. The placement of the memorial stone at Bredwardine is in the progress.

**1. Apologies**

G.Whittall, O.Whittall, L.Whittall, North Ward Councillor P.Price.

**2. Declarations of Interest** - Cllr. A. Rawstorne on planning application at The Forge, Preston-on-Wye.

**3. Previous Minutes**

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

**4. Report of North Ward County Councillor**

Cllr Price was unavailable due to a prior engagement. A report was issued including a briefing on the LDF consultation.

Under the UDP (Unitary Development Plan) in our parish group between 1996-2011 Bredwardine has seen 13 homes built (average of 0.9 p/a) with Preston's figure of 8 (average of 0.5p/a)

Under the LDF (2011- 2031) the revised strategy for **rural areas throughout Herefordshire** over the next twenty years will mean an increase, to meet the housing needs, of approx. 5,300 new dwellings, an average of 265 p/a. The development of affordable housing (35%) is a priority. *Do not confuse this with social housing.* To meet these figures will mean changes to current rural area policies – open countryside, economy, infrastructure.

This is where Neighbourhood Planning comes in. (A Parish Plan is for a specific parish, whereas a neighbourhood plan can cover a number of parishes, even all parishes within a ward or coupling up with a neighbouring parish) This plan will allow the Council to understand the planning growth for rural areas and the housing needs of the local community.

**5. Planning**

Applications – DMS/111866/F - Bye Cross Farm, Moccas, Hereford HR2 9LJ – amendment description - New steel framed building to incorporate toilet and shower block in an end bay. Use the other bays for storage and campsite use.

DMS/112578/FH – The Forge, Preston-on-Wye (retrospective) – single storey double carport/garage- an issue was highlighted as to the height of the garage and boundary restrictions.

**6. To set precept for 2012/13**

A proposed budget for 2012/13 was distributed. After discussion it was agreed to set the precept at £4200. This figure remains the same as the last four years.

**7. Roads**

Pentre Lane, Bredwardine – deep pot holes and also continuing down into Dorstone.

Blakemere Green – pot holes up to The Old Post Office resulting in damage to the green and grass verges as a result of avoidance.

Tyberton – Hereford Council will be asked to re-instate the parish sign TYBERTON ( on the entry into the village from Blakemere) back to the original boundary of the village. It was moved some years. Cllr J. Williams volunteered to be the contact.

The clerk will contact the Duchy Estate agent requesting that overgrowth be removed from the wall leading towards the Church from the road entrance to Tyberton Court.

**8. Footpaths**

Two trees fallen on BL2. This will be escalated to the footpath’s contractors.

**9. Correspondence**

Amendment to election costs – a charge was missed off from the first breakdown for the deputy retuning officers fee that has now been included.

Local Government Boundary Commission – electoral review of Herefordshire – Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November – Brockington – 7pm

Thank you – from retiring Councillors Tess Thomas and George Roper for their gifts.

**10. Accounts – approved**

<b>Opening balance</b>	<b>£ 11476.60</b>
<i>Receipts -</i>	<i>24p (Bank Interest October)</i>
<i>Payments -</i>	<i>£6 (Moccas Hall hire) £222.60 (Election costs) £30 (Tess gift)</i>
<b>Closing Balance</b>	<b>£ 11218.24</b>

**11. Matters raised by members for next meeting**

Increase in the donations to the five parish Churches for Churchyard maintenance.

**12. Next meeting**

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2011 in Preston Village Hall at 7.30pm

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.55pm.

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