

Minutes of the Meeting of Wyese Group Parish Council held in Moccas Village Hall on Wednesday 2nd March 2011 at 7.30pm

In attendance

Councillor D.Price in the chair.

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

1. Apologies

G.Whittall, J.Brown.

2. Declarations of Interest - Nil

3. Previous Minutes

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

4. i. Localism Bill (item raised from the Southern Area Meeting)

The Localism Bill was published by the Coalition Government on 13th December 2010 and represents the most radical shift in power since town and country planning was first introduced. The Bill is long and complex but in short, a parish council will now have the opportunity to play a core role in the planning system.

NALC and members attending the meeting are opposed to this proposal. Parish councillors are voluntary representatives and have not got the experience or time to take on this responsibility. It was noted that parish councils could liaise with planning officers but there would be a charge for their services. A further meeting is to be held at Brockington on Thursday 10th March at 7.30pm.

ii. Poll cards for the election

It was agreed to purchase official poll cards for the Parish Council Election on 5/5/2011. These will only be printed if an election is contested and the PC will be required to meet the full cost of printing and postage.

iii. Christmas Tree

The council was asked last December for a donation towards the cost of providing a Christmas tree for Preston village green. This was declined. We need to be prepared should the council be asked for a donation again this year. A proposal was made of contributing between £50-£100 per parish. A decision was made not to support this proposal following a vote resulting in three for, three abstentions and four against.

5. Roads

Highways will take on resurfacing / repairs to 'C' roads in the last month of the financial year.

Pot holes repairs still outstanding on Bredwardine Hill.

Pot holes between Blakemere Church and just beyond the White House leading to the Godway.

Bredwardine (from the bridge towards the Red Lion) - road broken up on the bend on the left hand side between the entrance to Old Court Farm and the Church road. – this will be highlighted again.

The flooding and drainage issues outside the bungalow on the Blakemere / Preston road has been handed to Amey to resolve.

Overhanging trees at Bodcott – due to the uncertainty as to who the tenant is, it was agreed to ask advice from the legal team at Amey to ascertain responsibility.

6. Footpaths

No issues raised.

It was decided to purchase an external hard drive to ensure that all Parish Council records were backed up regularly and stored in a separate building to the Parish Council laptop. Councillor Mike Prosser to arrange the purchase.

11. Next meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Wednesday 6th April 2011 at Preston Village Hall at 8pm.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.40pm

SIGNED

DATED