

Minutes of the Meeting of Wyeseide Group Parish Council held in Moccas Village Hall on Wednesday 1st June at 8pm

In attendance

Councillor M.Prosser in the chair.

Councillors L.Whittall, T.Thomas, O.Pugh, A.Rawstorne, R.Dudman, S.Whittall, K.Dale, D.Price, Golden Valley North Ward Councillor P.Price

CSO Fiona Witcher

Policing – Fiona reported on two incidents, both in Moccas, leading to arrests for theft. Operation Wingspan sent officers out across the County to raid target addresses and saw 18 arrests and several thousand pounds worth of drugs seized.

1. Apologies

D.Roper.

2. Declarations of Interest - Nil

3. Previous Minutes

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

4. Report of North Ward County Councillor

John Jarvis is the County Council's new leader. Cllr Price is cabinet member leader for Corporate Services and Education.

Superfast Broadband – The first phase of the project covering southern areas of Herefordshire and the Forest of Dean is aimed through 2013. Phase two will include the remaining rural areas in the two counties through 2015. Bidding suppliers will be seeking to provide 100% access of 2Mbps. A briefing for Parish Councillors will be in Peterchurch Community Centre on Monday 6th June at 6pm.

5. Planning

Decisions :-

DMS/110875/F – Cross End Farm, Moccas - removal of fire damage twin span portal, extend existing stanchions by 2.7m and erect full span portal frame at new level. Extend full span by 9.1m on rear gable to line up with gable on existing building. – Permission granted

DMS/110702/F – Land at Bodcot Farm, Bredwardine - erection of general purpose agricultural building – Permission granted

6. Parish Council's assets

It was noted that there is no depreciation valuation for any of the assets. All assets are insured at a valuation for replacing/repair in the event of theft or damage. Insured items are :-

1. Bus shelter at Bredwardine.
2. Two brush cutters with the footpath's contractors.
3. War memorials situated at Bredwardine and Moccas
4. Five notice boards.
5. Laptop and printer.

A draft copy of a work's contract for the footpath's contractors will be prepared for next month's meeting.

7. Roads

The lengthsman has repositioned the road signs at Moccas and Preston and has requested fifteen chevron signs to replace broken ones.

It was reported that a number of stones are placed on the roadside grass verge outside School House, Tyberton (at the bottom of Stockley Hill) It was agreed to contact Amey to action for their removal.

The sign 'Not suitable for HGV's' on the Madley side of the Bridge Sollers road has caused confusion with some lorries using the Preston/Lulham route to access the main Hereford/Brecon road. This will be escalated and reviewed at next month's meeting.

8. Footpaths

No issues raised.

9. Correspondence

Double yellow lines at Bredwardine Bridge – a reply from the letter sent to Supt.Hill, West Mercia Constabulary – the Police work closely with Herefordshire Council and have a joint responsibility for dealing with matters that cause concern within the community. The letter has been forwarded to Mr Shane Hancock, Regulatory Services Manager with the assurance that he will give positive consideration as to how his team may assist.

Training Courses at Brockington 7pm -£25 per delegate

Leading Lights - 6th June 2011 –how to be an effective Parish Councillor

In the Hot Seat - 13th June 2011 – understanding the full legal role of a Chairman

Grassroots - 16th June 2011- understanding common land and village greens

Local Training at Dorstone – The clerk to Dorstone PC is aiming to arrange a training course for all new Councillors (and old) Date to be confirmed.

Internal Audit – has been completed by John Entwisle and the Annual return can now be sent to the external auditors Mazars. John has requested that £17 be given to the three village hall in lieu of his audit fee.

Bredwardine Village Hall – have been successful with a grant from Awards for All to replace the old kitchen and hopefully it will be completed by the autumn.

10. Accounts – approved

Opening balance **£ 11278.30**

Receipts - *22p (Bank Interest) £150 (Footpaths grant)*

Payments - *£51 (3 x £17 donation to the village halls) £75 (HALC – £50 training course, £25 Standing orders publication)£34 (Preston hall hire) £63.13 (cartridge/stationery)*

Closing Balance **£ 11205.39**

11. Matters raised by Members for next agenda

Participatory Budgeting / New Charter 2011

Bottle banks

12. Next meeting

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

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.40pm

SIGNED

DATED