Minutes of the Meeting of Wyeside Group Parish Council held in Preston-on-Wye Village Hall on Wednesday 3rd November 2010 at 7.30pm.

In attendance

Councillor D.Price in the chair. Councillors G.Whittall, T.Thomas, G.Roper, O Pugh, M.Prosser, J.Brown.

1. Apologies

S.Whittall, J.Williams, R.Dudman, P.Price, L.Whittall.

2. Declarations of Interest - Nil

3. Previous Minutes

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

4. <u>Resignation of Parish Councillor</u>

A letter of resignation has been received from George Roper. He has represented Tyberton in the role as Councillor for very many years. He was thanked by all present. The vacancy will be advertised in the local magazines and on notice boards.

5. Precept

It was agreed by all present that the precept remain at £4,200 for year commencing April 2011.

6. <u>Roads</u>

Pot holes will be reported, located at Stockley, and Woodbury Lane.

The following pointers received from Hereford Council/Amey works agreement have been recorded following questions raised by Cllr. Mike Prosser and escalated through County Councillor Philip Price.

- We can confirm that officially responsibility for ditches lies with the adjacent land owner and this is the legal standpoint. However, as the Local Authority and as Amey (and indeed Jarvis), we have, where possible undertaken ditching countywide to alleviate any problem areas. This has not allowed for a full ditch clearance programme as budgets simply do not allow for this amount of work and we confirm that there is no intention on our part to differentiate between ditches that we will or will not clean out. There is also no basis to the inference that Herefordshire Council will not allow us to do a 'proper job'. We will continue with this practice, balancing and prioritising the works but it must also be recognised that during the next few years, with the cuts that are being faced by local government, this may no longer be an option.
- We confirm that regardless of whether they have a headwall on them or not in the majority of cases pipes within the highway, carrying solely storm water, will be the responsibility of the Highway Authority.
- The type of repair carried out on C and U roads is not to the same specification as those repairs undertaken on the A and B roads. Repair standards for classes of road are laid out in the Herefordshire Council Operations Standards Manual, the standards laid out are relative to available budget allocations.

• Pre surface dressing preparation will be undertaken in the Preston on Wye area within this financial year which will allow the surface dressing to take place in the new financial year. This is in line with our strategy whereby works are grouped to achieve cost efficiencies. For clarity, this year Preston on Wye falls in a sector of three which has been identified for pre surface dressing repairs and drainage works with surface dressing following on in the next financial year. This falls in line with good maintenance practice in that roads should be repaired well in advance of the surface dressing programme.

7. Footpaths

No issues raised

8. Correspondence

BT Kiosks – following safety issues that have been raised, BT have replaced the missing glass panels in the kiosks sited in Bredwardine and Preston.

Amey – Leaflets received – Winter gritting in Herefordshire

Farming and the public highway

HALC - Training course – Money Money Money – Brockington on Tuesday 16th November from 7pm. £20 per delegate.

Dog Control Orders - as per publicity in the Hereford Times.

Social Enterprise Event – Tuesday 16th November at Bridge Street Leominster – 9am -3.30pm for anyone wishing to start a social enterprise – more information available from Emma Taylor on 01432 260652

Policing - Police officer Christopher LEA has joined the West Mercia team based at Peterchurch. **Consultation on Herefordshire's Local Transport Plan 3 Strategy** – as distributed.

Road Safety Initiative – Pixley and District Parish Council have written to all Parish Councils seeking support for an initiative to introduce a maximum speed limit of 50mph on roads throughout Herefordshire. Members of Wyeside PC, although aware of the number of accidents and fatalities on our roads and those on the A4172/ A438 through Pixley, chose not to support this initiative.

9. <u>Accounts – approved</u>

Opening balance	£ 12861.82
Receipts -	25p (Bank Interest) £812.25 (Lengthsman's Allowance)
Payments –	Nil
Closing Balance	£ 13674.32

10. <u>Matters raised by Members</u> Nil

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11. <u>Planning</u>

Application :- Entrance to Watery Lane, Stockley Hill - Extension/widening of entrance to private road/bridleway to allow safe passage of articulated lorries from the public road – there are concerns as to whether there will be increase in the number of lorries using the public road but in principle the PC supports the application.

Woodlands Farm, Blakemere - Erection of free standing solar photovoltaic panels – no issues with the application. The planning officer has notified immediate properties individually.

12. <u>Next meeting</u>

The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Wednesday 1st December 2010 at Preston Village Hall at 7.30pm

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.05pm.

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DATED