

Minutes of the Meeting of Wyese Group Parish Council held in the Odd House, Blakemere on Wednesday 4th February 2011 at 7.30pm

In attendance

Councillor D.Price in the chair.

Councillors L.Whittall, J.Williams, T.Thomas, O.Pugh, A.Rawstone, P.Price, M.Prosser.

1. Apologies

S.Whittall, G.Whittall, R.Dudman, J.Brown.

2. Declarations of Interest - Nil

3. Previous Minutes

Following an addition to item 5, the minutes of the previous meeting were signed as a true record.

4. i. Parish Council Budgets

The budget to ascertain precepts was discussed. It was agreed by all that the council budget be placed on the agenda in October to discuss what projects are forthcoming and where money may be spent.

County Cllr.P.Price gave an update on Hereford Council's 2011/12 budgets. The Council has received a reduction in funding of over 13% from the Government resulting in having to find over ten million pounds worth of savings in the financial year starting April 2011. Two hundred and fifty full time jobs will go across the council over the next two years. The council will also save money by sharing several corporate functions with the primary care trust and the County hospital.

The free travel for bus pass holders will be retained although free travel will no longer be available during the weekday commuter period before 9.30am. The government's cutting of bus operators' subsidy by 20% means the council will need to work hard to protect services to rural areas and aims to consult with communities over the forthcoming Spring/Summer.

Herefordshire will retain its main libraries but the mobile library service is under review.

As a PC the grants we receive, ie.Lengthsman's Scheme, and Parish Paths, will both continue.

ii. Gift for George Roper

It was agreed that the PC will make a retirement gift to George in recognition of his thirty-eight plus years as Parish Councillor representing Tyberton.

iii. Siting of notice board for Bredwardine Church

Bredwardine PCC has asked permission for their notice board to be sited at the end of the church road. It was agreed for one to be placed at the spot already used to advertise for Church activities.

iv. Funding towards Bredwardine Village Hall

A request has been made by Bredwardine and Brobury Hall Committee for funding towards the cost of a replacement kitchen. It was resolved to support the project. However, it was noted that the committee is in the process of applying to Awards for All for possible funding. It was agreed by all to wait until this had been resourced, and also confirmation as to how much funding the committee is putting into their project.

5. Roads

Pot holes will be reported on the Preston to Turnpike road, between the two ponds at Tyberton, Woodbury Lane, Bredwardine Hill and generally on all our roads.

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. The grass verge is being driven over with little hedge to prevent vehicles leaving the road with a sheer drop down into a pond.

A roadside hedge is overhanging at Bodcott – DP will enquire with the tenant to cut back to a reasonable height.

The Preston/Blakemere and Preston/Moccas roads will be closed for two days in February to carry out pot holes/patching repairs.

6. Footpaths

BL1 – OP reported that the gate is locked due to machinery in the field. The owner has made a cross step to the left of the gate.

7. Correspondence

Election in May – Due to elections on 5th May the **Annual Meeting of the PC** will **not** be on the first Wednesday in May but **will be held on Wednesday 11th May** (Meetings have to be held within fourteen days of the election date ie. by and including 19 May) Each member of the Council must sign his/her declaration of acceptance of office prior to taking part in the meeting.

Annual Parish Meetings are meetings of the electorate and must be held between the 1st March and 1st June after 6.00pm. The following dates are :-

Preston-On-Wye – April 6th - Village Hall – 7pm

Bredwardine – April 11th – Village Hall – 8pm

Moccas – May 10th – Village Hall – 7.30pm

Blakemere – May 11th -The Odd House - 7.30pm.

Tyberton – to be arranged.

Thank you's from Preston, Blakemere and Bredwardine PCC for the donations received for Churchyard maintenance.

8. Accounts – approved

Opening balance **£ 12389.28**

Receipts - *49p (Bank Interest for Dec/Jan))*

Payments - *£30 (HALC training course) £9 (Moccas Village Hall) £192.90*
(Website licence)

Closing Balance **£ 12157.87**

9. Matters raised by Members

- i. It was agreed to provide a replacement laptop/computer for the Clerk. MP will assist.
- ii. PP has been approached by the Head of Planning to pilot Herefordshire Vanguard Scheme for the Golden Valley area incorporating the Localism Bill.

10. Planning

Applications :-

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 – no issues with the application.

Land opposite Bridge Cottage, Bredwardine - to site a memorial stone with slate plaque – this application is supported.

Decisions :-

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 – permission granted.

Woodlands farm, Blakemere – erection of free standing solar photovoltaic panels – permission granted.

Land adjacent to Holly Bush, Bredwardine – site for erection of affordable home – permission granted subject to the106 agreement.

11. Next meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Wednesday 2nd March 2011 at Moccas Village Hall at 7.30pm

There being no other business the meeting closed at 10.00pm.

SIGNED

DATED