

Minutes of the Meeting of Wyese Group Parish Council held in Preston Village Hall on Wednesday 6th July 2011 at 8pm

In attendance

Councillor M. Prosser in the chair.

Councillors L. Whittall, T. Thomas, O. Pugh, J. Williams, S. Whittall, K. Dale, D. Price,
Golden Valley North Ward Councillor P. Price

1. Apologies

D. Roper, A. Rawstone, R. Dudman

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

Herefordshire Council have created nine locality working areas to better deliver Council services to residents and partnership working arrangements with partners and the third sector etc. This will ensure services are delivered more efficiently in the area by locality teams that can work from these centres. There will not be any increase in management or tiers of management and will reduce travel significantly and congestion in Hereford.

A wider debate on Neighbourhood plans will be taking place soon, and particularly in the Golden Valley area as we have been awarded a pilot scheme within the County alongside the urban area of Leominster to look at what we want as an area within our neighbourhood plan to create a picture of the future.

Music service- this report has been 18 months in the making; however it has been called in by Overview and Scrutiny and will be subject to another meeting to discuss the report and possibly more recommendations on Monday 11th July. This service currently loses around 60K per year and cannot be funded any longer in its current form.

Bus Services - You will all be part of a consultation on bus services and another on Community bus services. Your comments will be fed into a report that will be in front of the Council cabinet on 28th July. Many bus services are up for tender this autumn.

5. Planning

Application :-

DMS/111240/F – Neal's Yard Creamery, Arthurs Stone Lane, Dorstone – to install 30 ground mounted array of solar panels (1mx2m each panel) – no issues with this application.

Note:- as from 1st July a charge will be made for any pre-application site visit/advice.

6. Parish Council's assets

The review carried forward from last month's meeting

1. Bus shelter at Bredwardine – it was agreed that this item be included at Bredwardine's parish meeting next year when residents can decide whether it is used regularly or needs to be removed.
2. Brush Cutters – a contract has been drawn up with the footpaths contactor agreeing to replace and maintain all equipment (previously owned by the Council) to statutory health and safety regulations and take sole responsibility of such equipment.
2. The war memorials at Moccas and Bredwardine will be insured at a value of £12,000 each

7. Madley/ Bridge Sollers Road

Following Madley PC's meeting with a representative from Amey, it was reported that there are no significant alterations to the road. One of the lay –by's will be extended and the road closed for resurfacing to take place within the next few weeks. Wyeside is still awaiting a reply from concerns raised over the signs erected in Madley.

8. People Tested Budgets (PTB) –the idea is to involve local residents and to consider, from their feedback, how they would like money spent from the precept. This would be established by contacting each household asking for their input. The PC then considers the comments, produces a draft budget and meets with Unitary Authorities to discuss feedback from communities before setting the precept for the next financial year.

The precept for 2012/13 will be set at October's meeting and it was proposed that due to lack of time, the PTB be put on hold until next year but all agreed that £1000 be ring fenced for any project in the forthcoming year. HALC will be updated with these comments.

9. Bottle Banks in Preston

Following an issue raised at the parish meeting, and the introduction of household wheelie bins, the PC has received two requests for them to remain and twentyfour for them to be taken away. As a result arrangements will be made with Hereford Council for their removal

10. Roads

The lengthsman has replaced the chevron signs that were broken.

Pot Holes will be reported at the following locations:-

Top of Stockley Hill,

Between Old Court Farm and the Church, Bredwardine

Bredwardine Hill

Preston/Lulham road

Church to Old Post Office, Blakemere.

11. Footpaths

Two trees fallen on BL2

12. Correspondence

Parish Council Vacancies – no nominations have been received so the Parish Council may now co-opt to fill the two vacancies for Moccas.

Local Affordable Housing needs Survey – as part of a rolling programme Herefordshire Council is seeking to undertake a number of affordable housing needs across the county. Our five parishes have been scheduled for a survey to be completed in financial year 2011/12. It will be in the form of a postal survey consisting of a questionnaire and a reply paid envelope which will be sent to every household in the parish.

Standing Orders –a model copy was distributed to each councillor with the recommendation to make any amendments and these will be reviewed at September's meeting.

Mobile Library – the proposal is to restructure library services in rural areas. which will be to withdraw the current mobile library service to be replaced by an increased Home Delivery service which will provide a service to those in rural areas based upon their needs which will be assessed on the basis of health and mobility.

Bus Services - Herefordshire. Herefordshire Council is facing significant budget pressures due to Central Government funding cuts and it is has to consider priorities for supporting bus services in the county and reducing its costs. Consultation forms have been distributed to the regular bus users and the PC will also support our current services.

Bredwardine Website – a request for £25 to support the parish website was agreed.

Bredwardine & Brobury Village hall – the kitchen project is making progress. The options are under review and projected expenditure may exceed the initial estimate by £700. It was agreed that the PC would support the shortfall of up to £700 maximum.

13. Accounts – approved

Opening balance **£ 11205.39**

Receipts - *24p (Bank Interest)*

Payments - *£727.50 (Lengthsman) £25 (Bredwardine website)*

Closing Balance **£ 10453.13**

14. Matters raised by members for next meeting

Issues with the double yellow lines at Bredwardine bridge following a road traffic accident.

15. Next meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Wednesday 7th September 2011 at The Odd House, Blakemere at 8pm.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 10.25pm

SIGNED

DATED