

*Minutes of the Meeting of Wyeside Group Parish Council held in The Village Hall, Moccas, on
Wednesday 5th June 2013 at 8.00pm.*

In attendance

Councillors, J. Williams, A. Rawstone, J Newsome, J Dale, J. Hughes and O. Pugh, plus Parish Clerk Mrs A. M. Wright, Ward Cllr P Price, and 1 member of the public

1. Apologies

Apologies received from Cllr R Dudman, Cllr S Whittall, Cllr O Whittall and Cllr D Price.

2. Declarations of Interest

None declared at this point.

3. To approve previous Minutes and matters arising

The minutes of the previous meeting, held on 1st May 2013, were signed as a true and correct record of the meeting.

4. Report of North Ward County Councillor

Cllr P Price gave details of the Golden Valley Ward Report. He highlighted some points as follows:- There were continuing issues re finance and budgets. There had been a Cabinet reshuffle and Cllr Price now had responsibility for Highways and Transportation. The Council were in the final throes of the consultation to procure the highways/roads contract and, after extensive testing and point scoring calculations over twelve subject areas, a final decision as to the preferred contractor should be made imminently. The chosen provider would be providing a capital sum in order to invest heavily into the roads with the objective of “red flagged” roads being made fit for purpose both visually and technically. Testing had been in progress of the road sub bases to enable appropriate remedial action to be taken, where necessary. There was no provision for an in house option so the services would be provided by an external contractor. There would be cuts to services and the Council would be liaising with Parish Councils re provision of services as they could not continue to deliver services as they are at present. In regard to Libraries and Museums, the Council would be looking to set up a Trust, in conjunction with the voluntary sector, but with some funding from the Local Authority. They would not be closing the market town libraries but they may be open for shorter hours.

There was a team of contractors ready to work in conjunction with the Lengthsmen and local landowners to keep ditches clear in order than proper drainage could be achieved. The damage caused to road surfaces following the unprecedented rainfall and flooding issues needed to be addressed and the ditches becoming blocked was considered to be a factor in the erosion. There would need to be open engagement between the appointed contractor and landowners, going forward, to improve the situation and maintain the ditches.

5. Planning

There had been one application received:

SITE: October House, Blakemere, Herefordshire, HR2 9PY
DESCRIPTION: Single storey rear extension
APPLICATION NO: 131220/FH
GRID REF: OS 336413, 240772
APPLICATION TYPE: Full Householder

The Parish Council resolved to support the application.

6. End of year return and audit including approval of financial documents

The Parish Clerk presented the completed accounts and reported on the internal audit. It was resolved to adopt the accounts and The Financial Regulations and Risk Schedule as presented.

Proposed by Cllr Williams and seconded by Cllr Rawstorne. Unanimous. Thanks were recorded to John Entwisle for carrying out the Internal Audit and examination of accounts.

7. Neighbourhood Plan Update

A map on A0 paper had been obtained of the Neighbourhood Plan designated area. It was decided that it should be laminated to keep it clean and useable. There would be a cheese and wine evening arranged, for September, to encourage people to come along and with the view to forming a Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group to get the Plan going.

8. Lengthsman To advise works for the Lengthsman

Cllr Price would make contact with Russell Montague as he had not been to several meetings. He was, however, working in conjunction with the Lengthsman to get things done.

9. Roads To report on highway issues

The road between the ponds in Tyberton was still awaiting repair. The Bridleway adjacent to Bredwardine Hall was supposed to be cleared in the next couple of weeks. This would be checked up on and chased if not carried out. The ongoing pot hole problems would hopefully be addressed under plans outlined in the Ward Councillor's summary. The wall opposite the church in Blakemere had partially collapsed, due to two lorry collision incidents, and stones had fallen off the wall into the road. Cllr Pugh had placed the stones back over the wall and would advise the Parish Clerk as to the owner's name and address so that she could advise them that the wall was in a vulnerable condition. There was also a large tree stump on the outside of some railings, near the same corner by the Preston turning, which required grinding off. The Clerk would advise Amey of this.

10. Footpaths To report on footpath issues

There were no issues to report. Cllr Newsome advised that he would be meeting with Jonathan Roger, The Footpath Area Warden from Amey, to undertake a "Parish walk" and discuss the footpaths.

11. Correspondence

These were acknowledged as per the information sheet and included details from Herefordshire Council re Big Lottery Development funding, Neighbourhood Planning Newsletter No. 3 and HALC Information Corner.

12. To approve accounts

It was resolved to approve the accounts and payments as detailed here. Payments proposed by AR and seconded JW. Carried.

Opening balance	£ 9383.41
	<i>Receipts £812.25 Lengthsman and £3250.00 Precept</i>
	<i>Payments Clerk £257.45 (salary £204.00, travel £37.45</i>
	<i>Stamps £6.00, home office £20.00)</i>
	<i>Tax £51.00</i>
	<i>Hoople Ltd (Area Map for Neighbourhood Plan) £22.00</i>
	<i>A.C.Maddison (Bredwardine – Brobury Website) £25.00</i>

13. Request for donation of £25.00 for Bredwardine – Brobury Website

A request for a donation towards the upkeep of the Bredwardine – Brobury Website had been received. After discussion it was resolved that a donation of £25.00 would be made.

14. Matters raised by members for next Agenda

Websites, domains and e mail accounts. Donations to Village Halls (in lieu of internal audit fee).

15. To confirm date of next Meeting and discuss Annual Meetings for each Parish

The next main meeting of the Parish Council would be held on Wednesday 3rd July at the Village Hall, Preston on Wye, at 8.00pm.

Meeting closed at 9.00pm

SIGNED

DATED