

Minutes of the Meeting of Wyese Group Parish Council held in The Village Hall, Preston on Wye, on Wednesday 3rd July 2013 at 8.00pm.

In attendance

Councillors, J. Williams, R Dudman, J Newsome, J Dale, J. Hughes, D Price, O Whittall 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 D Roper, Cllr S Whittall and Cllr A Rawstone.

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 5th June 2013, were signed as a true and correct record of the meeting with the addition of apologies recorded for Cllr Roper.

4. Report of North Ward County Councillor

Cllr P Price gave details of the Golden Valley Ward Report. He highlighted some points as follows:-

Roads- The outcome of the search for a new contractor has delivered the preferred bidder for the Public Realm Contract as Balfour Beatty. Work is progressing with them ahead of the contract being awarded.

The Council have been looking at options around upfront investment by the successful contractor to improve the state of the County roads and show best Value for money. A substantial upfront investment is the front runner for v.f.m. (value for money) of all options considered. Balfour Beatty will be hoping to engage locally and will be working closely with the lengthsmen, enhanced by local teams.

Two jet-patchers have been brought in over the last month to try and catch up on pothole repairs. With the additional £1.6 million award for capital spend, many roads have had work done on them and many areas have seen improvements. There is realisation that there are still many roads that are in urgent need and it is hoped that by the end of summer there will have been strides made to have roads in a safer state going into next winter.

The Council have put forward three bids for funding through the new route for potential funding through the Local Transport Body, part of the Local Enterprise Partnership. These cover part costs of the Link Road, the southern A49 / A465 and Commercial Street / Newmarket / Blueschool Street upgrading and the transport hub. The Council are also looking to bid for infrastructure funding for the western bypass.

The Core Strategy, Local Development Framework, will be presented to Council on Friday 19th July after six years of work and seven rounds of consultation. This policy will dictate planning policy for the next twenty years alongside the parishes' Neighbourhood Plans.

5. Planning

There had been no new applications received, however notification of a one bedroom house available for let in Old Thatch Close, Preston had been notified by Kemble Housing, details passed to councillors.

6. Neighbourhood Plan – to organise an event to co-ordinate Steering Group

It was resolved that an event should be held to promote the creation of a Steering Group to take the Neighbourhood Plan forward. This would be held on Wednesday 25th September at 7.00pm in the Moccas Village Hall. Cllr Whittall kindly confirmed that the evening was available and the Clerk would complete a booking form to secure the evening. A flyer would be produced and an initial

information bulletin would be inserted into the “Link” and “Pump” publications. Refreshments would be served (cheese and wine) and it was hoped that as many people as possible would come along and join in with the shaping of the Steering Group. Maps would be available to highlight areas and opportunities to raise concerns, interests and preferences would be given. Contact would also be made with local groups to encourage them to participate too.

7. Lengthsman To advise works for the Lengthsman

Works ongoing, no further instruction this time

8. Roads To report on highway issues

The stump sticking out from the roadside near to Blakemere Church had been reported to Amey but no action on it as yet, this will be chased up. The crumbling wall at the same spot has been reported to the owner who will hopefully be taking remedial action to secure the stones. Ward Cllr Price reported that the collapsed road, between the ponds in Tyberton, would be mended by Balfour Beatty during the half term week in October. The road would be closed to facilitate the repairs but it was anticipated that this would be for less than one week. There is a large pothole on the B road outside Church House Farm, Tyberton. It was reported that works have been completed on Pentre Lane.

9. Footpaths To report on footpath issues

Weston Farm house, Bredwardine, there is a tree down on the gateway to the footpath by Longlease and right next to Cllr Dennis Price’s house. The gate is in the air. This will be reported to Jonathan Roger/Will Steel at Amey. The Preston /Madley path is now more passable and Cllr Newsome has walked it with Jonathan Roger and undertaken some way-marking.

10. Correspondence

These were acknowledged as per the information sheet and included details of a thank you letter for the donation from St Mary’s Church, Tyberton, details of changes to terms and conditions re the Lloyds TSB bank account and an appeal for funding from The Courtyard in their fifteenth year. There was also information on crime prevention re outside buildings and sheds and a renewal of interest in “Rural Watch” was highlighted to spot and report crime. **Dial 101 to report anything suspicious** (non-emergency police reporting number).

11. To approve accounts

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

Opening balance	<i>at 9/05/13</i>	<i>£ 8474.16</i>
	<i>Receipts</i>	<i>£0.00</i>
	<i>Payments</i>	<i>Clerk £293.28 (salary £244.80, travel £12.69</i>
		<i>Cartridge £14.00, home office £20.00)</i>
		<i>Tax £61.20</i>

12. E mail address, websites, domain and related topics

The previous Clerk now had a new e mail address. Cllr Price would assist the current Clerk with setting up a new e mail account for the Wyese Group. Cllr Price also said that he would kindly host a website for the Parish Council, if someone were to build it. It was agreed that the Clerk would look at the Dorstone Website and contact Tony Usher of Golden Valley Website Design at Great House Farm, Dorstone to enquire as to cost etc. This would go onto the next agenda.

13. Councillor Vacancies

There are still vacancies on the Council. There may be someone willing to stand for Moccas. They will be invited to attend the next meeting in September.

14. Matters raised by members for the next Agenda

Request to consider the acquisition of a defibrillator for the village. Website

15. Date of next meeting

The next main meeting of the Parish Council would be held on Wednesday 4th September 2013 at the Odd House, Blakemere, at 8.00pm.

Meeting closed at 9.20pm

SIGNED

DATED