

Minutes of the Meeting of Wyese Group Parish Council held in The Village Hall, Preston on Wye, on Wednesday 4th September 2013 at 8.00pm.

In attendance

Councillors, J. Williams, R Dudman, J Dale, J. Hughes, O. Whittall, and A. Rawstone, plus Parish Clerk Mrs A. M. Wright, CSO Witcher, Lengthsman Co-ordinator R. Montague and 10 members of the public

Open Session

Members of the public were in attendance to hear about defibrillators and discuss the case for purchasing one/some for the community. The Clerk described what a defibrillator was and how it could be used to help reset a normal heart rhythm in someone who is suffering a heart attack. In brief the idea was to have a defibrillator stored in an especially temperature controlled and locked case and affixed to the outside of an accessible place where people could easily find it should an emergency requirement occur. The unit would require a continual supply of electricity and would need to be checked for function each week by inspection of the exterior warning light display and audible tone. The unit should not require a trained person to use it as, once opened, the unit would talk the user through the procedure. The use of the unit required connection, via phone line, to an operator who would assist and the unit would check whether, or not, a charge should be administered to the patient - once the pads had been positioned on the person's chest. The unit would not emit a charge if it were not necessary to reset the heart rhythm. The unit does require to be kept at a constant temperature of between 5 to 8 degrees centigrade to preserve the gel on the pads. The battery life could be between 4 to 7 years and the replacement battery would cost between £150 and £250. The pads, used once only, would also need to be replaced after each use. There were different models available with some being suitable for adult patients and some for both adults and children. The actual unit could cost around £840.00 plus VAT with the cabinet being around £550.00 plus VAT and with the addition of the fitting charge. There were some units fitted locally, Peterchurch being one location. Vandalism had not proved to be a problem locally - so far. There would need to be permission to fit the unit to a suitable venue. The Preston on Wye Village Hall was a suggestion. There would be the opportunity to raise awareness and educate people about the facility and a "go live" demo day would be arranged if one were to be installed at a venue in the locality. It may be possible to obtain some funding from a grant and donations and fund raising may contribute the balance. Overall more information would be sought before a decision was taken, but in principle the Parish Council agreed that it would support any such initiative and would make a contribution, amount to be decided, towards the cost. The item would be on the next agenda.

CSO Witcher stated that the noise issues in Preston on Wye had been sorted out. She explained that crime trends still included thefts of items such as trailers and quad bikes and urged the public to take steps to keep them secure. She went on to outline some of the forthcoming changes to local policing areas and explained that a new base in Peterchurch was being sought. A reminder was given regarding any sightings, or problems of a suspicious nature, regarding calling 101 to report them or to e mail the Golden Valley E mail box with the details.

1. Apologies

Apologies received from Cllr D Roper, Cllr S Whittall, Cllr J Newsome, Cllr D Price, Cllr O Pugh and Ward Councillor P 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 3rd July 2013, were signed as a true and correct record

of the meeting.

4. Report of North Ward County Councillor

Cllr P Price had sent his apologies. He had passed the message that the Balfour Beatty Contract had commenced on Sunday 1st September and reiterated the invitation to attend the Launch Evening at The Three Counties Hotel on Tuesday 10th September between 6.00 and 8.00pm.

5. Planning

Two applications had been received.

Site: The Old House Farm, Bredwardine, Herefordshire, HR3 6BY
 Description: To renew and alter conservatory and window joinery
 Application No: 132042/L
 Grid Ref: OS 332961, 243527
 Application Type: Listed Building consent

Site: The Old House Farm, Bredwardine, Herefordshire, HR3 6BY
 Description: New oak framed detached carport and workshop
 Application No: 132180/L
 Grid Ref: OS 332948, 243550
 Application Type: Listed Building consent

The Parish Council had no objections to either of the applications.

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

It was decided that the Launch Event to set up a Steering Group should be postponed. The item would be back on the next agenda. Cllr O Whittall kindly agreed to cancel the Moccas Hall booking made previously.

7. Lengthsman To advise works for the Lengthsman

Invoice submitted for works carried out. Certificate of Public Liability presented (expiry 12/01/14)
 Works ongoing, no further instruction this time

8. Roads To report on highway issues

It was reported that some potholes in Tyberton have been filled. The road surface in Blakemere, about 50 yards down from Wiggly Wiggles and going towards Hereford, is breaking up. Nothing has happened, to date, to remove the tree stump or to repair the collapsing stone wall in Blakemere. These will be reviewed at the October meeting.

9. Footpaths To report on footpath issues

No further reports this month. The new maps with the footpaths on were viewed and welcomed as a useful aid for pinpointing locations for defect reporting.

10. Correspondence

These were acknowledged as per the information sheet.

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 at 26/07/13 £ 8518.68
Receipts £812.25 (*Lengthsman Grant*)
Payments Clerk £315.65 (*salary £253.60, travel £22.05*
home office £40.00) Tax £63.40, *Preston Village Hall £36.00,*
Grant Thornton UK LLP (Audit) £120.00, Hoople Ltd (Maps)

£103.60, C Hancorn (Lengthsman) £793.50

12. Defibrillator Information

Please see details at Open Session Minute

13. Website Considerations

The details of findings re this were as per the Info Sheet. This would be moved to the next agenda for discussion. The Blakemere Parish Website would be reviewed. Cllr Rawstorne mentioned the Herefordshire Family History Society. They are responsible for making accurate recordings of historical data such as names and dates from churchyards etc. Their data may be an item of interest for the website.

14. Councillor Vacancies

A new Councillor has come forward for co-option for the Parish of Moccas. She is Annie Clipson. Her appointment was proposed by Cllr O Whittall and seconded by Cllr J Williams. A warm welcome is extended to Cllr Clipson.

15. Matters raised by members for the next Agenda

Neighbourhood Plan, Web site, Defibrillator, Balfour Beatty, Forms for new councillor

16. Date of next meeting

The next main meeting of the Parish Council would be held on Wednesday 2nd October 2013 at the Village Hall, Moccas, at 8.00pm.

Meeting closed at 9.15pm

SIGNED

DATED