

*Minutes of the Meeting of Wyese Group Parish Council held in The Village Hall, Preston on Wye, on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2013 at 7.30pm.*

**In attendance**

Councillors, R Dudman, J Dale, J. Hughes, O. Whittall, O Pugh, A. Clipson, D. Price, J. Newsome, S Whittall, J Williams and A. Rawstorne, plus Parish Clerk Mrs A. M. Wright and Ward Cllr. P. Price, Mr Colin Thomas from Dorstone Parish Council and one member of the public

**Neighbourhood Plan Presentation by Colin Thomas from Dorstone Parish Council**

Cllr Williams (Chair) introduced Colin Thomas who had kindly given up his time to present some information about the experiences of Dorstone Parish Council whilst undertaking the Neighbourhood Plan. Mr Thomas gave a very interesting overview of some of the key points of working towards the production of a Neighbourhood Plan including the activities and events and questionnaire details. After his presentation he stayed to answer questions and give tips and advice before leaving the meeting. He also kindly agreed to share the notes of his talk with the councillors as a reference paper. Cllr O. Whittall also left at this point, after signing the minutes of the last meeting.

**1. Apologies**

Apologies received from Cllr D. Price and Cllr O Whittall would need to leave early (prior meeting)

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2013, were signed as a true and correct record of the meeting (by Cllr O Whittall – Chair of that meeting). Further to the situation reported re noise levels, and the public house in Preston, there was a discussion over a vehicle that had been leaving the public house in the early hours of the morning with a noisy exhaust. This has caused concern but no formal action was resolved at this stage.

**4. Report of North Ward County Councillor**

Cllr P Price gave his report, which is summarised here: -

**Roads and drainage**

As promised back in the summer, the road repair, at the Tyberton pools, was completed last week during the half-term holiday. The road was in a poor state and needed more work than anticipated. There may need to be some extra repair work to the supporting wall on the north side next summer. To do this it is likely that the lower pool will need some draining.

Many local jobs are now on the radar for The Balfour Beattie contractor to deal with. I meet with the Manager every fortnight and have regular calls with him on many subjects.

I went out with the local Steward Paul Hill last Tuesday to see one of the hotbox crews laying Tarmac to fix potholes in C roads.

The material used for sealing the road is water based and the heat of the tarmac evaporates the water to leave a composite seal that will allow for instant vehicular use and is classed as a "permanent" repair in the context of longevity. Major Tarmac laying is done during the spring / summertime and plans are being put together to prioritise a major investment in C and U roads over the next two summers, as per the contract with the new contractors Balfour Beattie Living Places.

Following a change in Cabinet portfolios from the 1st November, I have stood down as Deputy Leader to concentrate on a number of new responsibilities as the Cabinet has reduced from eight to six members.

Many of you are aware of a planning application in Peterchurch behind Hawthorne Rise for 89 houses. Over 100 people attended a planning meeting last week where many views were expressed. This will eventually go to the Planning Committee for decision.

Those of you that use the railways will be pleased that Network Rail are shortly starting a £1.6 m project at Hereford Station to install two lifts and provide step free access between platforms 1 and 2 - as well as refurbishment of the footbridge.

This will include tactile paving on platforms, improved CCTV, signage and lighting at the station. There is still a considerable number of reports of criminal activity in the area, please report anything suspicious on 101 or if urgent 999 with vehicle numbers and vehicle type if possible.

Currently we do have more police officers in the area at present, and they want all reports of suspicious goings on.

#### **5. Planning**

No further applications had been received.

#### **6. Lengthsman To advise works for the Lengthsman**

The next quarters invoice has been paid by Herefordshire Council. No further instructions in addition to those in hand. Invoice received for Lengthsman Co-ordinator.

#### **7. Roads To report on highway issues**

Reports of flooding in Hacton Lane, Preston on Wye and potholes and blocked drain in the same road had been notified. Bullpits Corner in Blakemere required a more permanent solution to prevent flooding. Clearing off the trap needs to be undertaken. The SLOW sign on the road needs repainting following resurfacing as you enter Blakemere from Moccas (on corner past the tree stump that requires removal). Kinley Lane drain is blocked opposite drive (Blakemere into Moccas Road, Kinley to the right - blockage on left opposite the turning to Kinley Lane.)

#### **8. Footpaths To report on footpath issues**

There was concern over materials being obtained for P3 and it was taking some time for the Balfour Beatty infrastructure to be up to speed for contracting personnel at Balfour Beatty via land line phones.

#### **9. Correspondence**

These were acknowledged as per the information sheet. Included Neighbourhood Plan Questionnaire which was completed at the meeting for return to the Planning Dept by the Clerk

#### **10. To approve accounts**

It was resolved to approve the accounts and payments as detailed here. Payments were proposed by J.W. and seconded by A.R. Carried

#### **Opening balance**

*at 25/09/13 £ 10401.93*

*Receipts £3250.00 Precept*

*Payments Clerk £256.78 (salary £206.10, travel £19.89*

*home office £20.00 stamps £6.00envelopes £4.79) Tax £51.40,*

*Lengthsman Co-ordinator £79.35*

*Dore Community Transport postponed and Churchyard donations moved to February 2014*

#### **11. Website Considerations and Defibrillator**

Cllr Williams would speak with Mr Usher re website considerations, such as upkeep and ongoing costs.

**12. Precept**

Clerk to produce a forecast budget to assist with setting the amount required for the precept at the December meeting, remembering to consider potential for Neighbourhood Plan and grants available.

**13. Matters raised by members for the next Agenda**

Neighbourhood Plan, Precept, budget and Village Mowers honoraria

**16. Date of next meeting**

The next main meeting of the Parish Council would be held on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2013 at the Village Hall, Preston on Wye, at 7.30 pm.

Meeting closed at 9.25pm

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