

Minutes of the Meeting of Wyese Group Parish Council held in The Village Hall, Preston on Wye, on Wednesday 4th December 2013 at 7.30pm.

In attendance

Councillors, J Dale, O. Whittall, O Pugh, A. Clipson, J. Newsome, D Roper, and J. Williams plus Parish Clerk Mrs A. M. Wright, Ward Cllr. P. Price and one member of the public

1. Apologies

Apologies received from Cllr D. Price, Cllr S Whittall, Cllr R Dudman. Cllr J Hughes and Cllr A Rawstone not present

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 November 2013, were signed as a true and correct record of the meeting.

4. Report of North Ward County Councillor

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

There had been two public meetings, with Balfour Beatty, where they had explained about the Local Steward initiative which would see the county divided into areas, each under the stewardship of the Locality Stewards and they would be the eyes and ears of Balfour Beatty, on the ground, able to react to local need and liaise with Parish Councils, public and other interested parties to achieve objectives on highways etc. There would be training for the lengths men and new initiatives were being worked on to make the scheme more responsive, with enhanced schemes being available in some parishes (details of what this would involve to follow). There is an overall annual county budget for the lengths man scheme of £180,000.00 and this would be shared amongst all those acting in the capacity. Andy Williams was the new head at Balfour Beatty and was setting about changing the culture and maximising efficiency. Balfour Beatty has been awarded a ten year contract with the option of a further ten year extension, if approved. Mr Williams had been visiting depots and listening to concerns. There were regular strategy meetings to which the Ward Councillor was invited. The adverse weather plan was in place with new and more efficient gritters, able to better calibrate the amount of grit/salt needed, and full grit stocks of 6500 tonnes were being held. A project to upgrade grit bins was under way and existing bins had been refilled ready for the icy weather.

There had been issues at the Edgar Street roundabout in the previous week and the traffic light monitoring system had not been operating correctly. This had since been remedied with improved flow around the city as a result

The Local Development Framework was noted and The Core Strategy was still not in place. The five year land supply directive may impact on Neighbourhood Plans as developers can put in plans for non designated areas.

There is approximately a £3.3 million pounds deficit, at present, in the County's budget and the Council were holding a budget meeting to explain the position.

Peterchurch Day Care Centre had been subject of a transfer of public building initiative for use by the school.

5. Planning

One application had been received.

Site: Newcote, Moccas, Herefordshire, HR2 9LQ
 Description: Proposed two storey rear extension
 Application No: P132981/FH
 Grid Ref: OS 336140, 242779

Application Type: Full householder

The Parish Council had no objections to the application

6. Lengthsman To advise works for the Lengthsman

The Clerk would invite the co-ordinator to the February Meeting to discuss. Stockley Hill required an inspection on a wet day to look at the flooding issues and to see where grips, drains and gullies required clearing etc.

7. Roads To report on highway issues

Cllr P Price would speak to Balfour Beatty about the location of “Bullpits Corner”. Balfours were now photographing the before and after of completed jobs. It was noted that the repair to the culvert at Tyberton was a temporary measure using crates and a retaining kerb and this would be looked at again in 2014 with the view to effecting a more permanent repair.

8. Footpaths To report on footpath issues

The Footpath Officer noted the use of the Term “P3” in the previous minutes and for the benefit of those who are not sure what this is - P3 stands for the Parish Paths Partnership (P3). This is the recognised term for the Parish Footpath Initiative. The Clerk apologises for any confusion caused, by not clearly saying what this stood for, in the last minutes.

9. Correspondence

These were acknowledged as per the information sheet. These included a letter from the Jarvis Charities seeking confirmation of a trustee’s, Mrs J. Maddison, term of office. The Parish Council are entirely agreeable for her to continue in the role and thank her for her continued wish to do so. This decision was resolved unanimously. There was also a letter requesting additional grit bins and the Clerk would write to explain about the replacement programme etc.

The Neighbourhood Plan was discussed and a date in January would be selected for a meeting to discuss the way forward and Steering Group creation. Cllr Williams had e mailed persons who had expressed an interest previously and would follow this up. It was agreed that the Yew Tree side room may be a possible venue to meet, subject to permission from the Landlord.

10. To approve accounts

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

Opening balance	<i>at 25/09/13 £ 10039.93</i>
	<i>Receipts £0.00</i>
	<i>Payments Clerk £292.38 (salary £247.00, travel £25.38</i>
	<i>home office £20.00) Tax £62.00,</i>
	<i>Village Mowers honoraria total £440.00</i>

11. Website Considerations update

There was no further update but this would be revisited in the New Year.

12. Budget and Precept

The Councillors reviewed the budget and, following a discussion re the commitments, it was resolved that the precept for 2014 – 2015 would remain at £6500.00. The Herefordshire Council would be advised of this decision by the Clerk.

13. Matters raised by members for the next Agenda

Neighbourhood Plan and update re meeting

16. Date of next meeting

The next main meeting of the Parish Council would be held on Wednesday 5th February 2014 at the Village Hall, Moccas, at 7.30 pm.

Meeting closed at 9.30pm

SIGNED

DATED