

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

**In attendance**

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

**2. Declarations of Interest**

None declared at this point.

**3. To approve previous Minutes**

The minutes of the previous meeting, held on 6<sup>th</sup> March 2013, were signed as a true and correct record of the meeting with attendee amendment that Cllr O. Pugh was in fact absent and Cllr D. Roper present at 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:-

The council tax collection rate at the end of March was 98.6%, the same percentage as the business rate collection. There had been some discussion over the article on the front of the Hereford Times re routes for the relief road, but all evidence was pointing towards the western route option. There were still a lot of ongoing problems with road surfaces and potholes and many repairs were being undertaken to keep roads usable. A stance of no claim for damages caused by potholes, if they were logged into the repair system, was being taken as claims were legion and it was proving difficult to ascertain liability. If the pothole was not on the system there may be justification for a claim. There was still uncertainty over the outcome of the procurement of the Amey Contract.

The condition of the roads county wide was an ongoing concern.

**5. Planning**

A Licensing Application for vending alcohol and food items had been received from Byecross Farm. The application had been considered by councillors and observations would be conveyed to the Licensing Department.

**6. Council Vacancies**

There were still two vacancies for Moccas. These will again be advertised in the Pump.

**7. Neighbourhood Plan Update**

Cllr Rawstone took the list of e mail contact addresses from the Neighbourhood Plan evening, held in October 2012, and kindly agreed to contact those who had given their details and expressed an interest in being kept informed.

**8. Lengthsman To advise works for the Lengthsman**

Kinley Lane between Moccas and Blakemere drain/gully blocked and flood water lying.

The double bends before Lower Blakemere Farm (Bullpit Corner) coming out of Tyberton into Blakemere where blocked gullies were causing flooding

From Blakemere into Preston – outside Pope's Place drains blocked

**9. Roads To report on highway issues**

There was concern expressed over the road collapse at Tyberton, between the ponds, where a headwall on the culvert has fallen down into the pond. Clerk to chase up what is happening about the repair with Amey.

Gypsy Lane, Bredwardine the previously reported pothole has increased in size.

Clerk to request a schedule of works for planned repairs etc. from Amey.

**10. Footpaths To report on footpath issues**

It had been suggested by Jonathan Roger at Amey that another Footpath Officer to cover some of the parish's footpaths would be a good idea. Cllr Newsome kindly agreed to take on the role and

would be receiving support from Amey via Jonathan and would also be talking to Paul Wright, Footpath Officer for Kingstone & Thrupton.

#### **11. Correspondence**

These were acknowledged as per the information sheet and included details from HALC about the annual meetings to be held between 31<sup>st</sup> March and 30<sup>th</sup> June each year, Core Strategy Consultation timelines, meetings and ways to respond plus details of a Cathedral Service to be held on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June to commemorate the coronation of Her Majesty the Queen.

#### **12. To approve accounts**

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

<b>Opening balance</b>	£ 7308.71
	<i>Receipts £0.00</i>
	<i>Payments Clerk £186.98 (salary £148.29, travel £12.69</i>
	<i>Stamps £6.00, home office £20.00</i>
	<i>Tax £37.00</i>
	<i>Upper Bridge Enterprises (from March meeting) £196.80,</i>
<b>Closing Balance</b>	£6887.93

#### **13. Response to Core Strategy Consultation**

No corporate response was to be made from the Parish Council but residents and councillors were reminded that responses can be made via questionnaires on the Herefordshire Council Website or people can write in with comments and suggestions, on the documents, to the Herefordshire Council.

#### **14. Matters raised by members for next Agenda**

Annual Audit and accounts, Neighbourhood Plan and Clerk to contact Dilys Bowen, previous Clerk, for information on the internal independent auditor used by the group

#### **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 1<sup>st</sup> May at the Odd House, Blakemere at 8.00pm. The Annual Parish Meetings would be arranged within each sub Parish group and would be notified separately. The Clerk would contact Cllr Dennis Price to ask him to co-ordinate the meeting for Bredwardine Parish.

Meeting closed at 9.30pm

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