

Minutes of the Meeting of Wyese Group Parish Council held in The Village Hall, Preston on Wye, on Wednesday 5th February 2014 at 7.30pm.

In attendance

Councillors, J Dale, O. Whittall, O Pugh, J. Newsome, A Rawstorne, J Hughes, D Price, R Dudman 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 A Clipson and Cllr D Roper. Cllr S Whittall was 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 4th December 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: -

The Neighbourhood Plan evening had been well attended. There had been ongoing discussion over the future of the Community Centre in Peterchurch and an asset transfer to the community was in progress. Ongoing issues with the roads and the like were to be discussed with the Member of Parliament. There was to be a rethink on car park charges in Hereford with the possibility of extended charging periods until 10.00pm. There was also discussion over on street parking charges and a proposed increase to £3.00 per day for Merton Meadow Car Park. The Core Strategy was being readied for presentation to the Inspectors. The Draft Budget, which had reduced the deficit considerably, was to be presented to the Council on the Friday following the parish council meeting. Work was on target for the shopping centre in Hereford, with only six units still to be let.

5. Planning

One application had been received:-

Site:	Westonhill Wood, The Vineyard, Bredwardine, HR3 6DD
Description:	Alterations and extensions to existing quarry (delve) for production of building stone
Application No:	P140001/M
Grid Ref:	OS 331467, 245044
Application Type:	Minerals

The Parish Council had no objections to the application

6. Lengthsman to advise works for the Lengthsman

The Clerk had received invoices from the Lengthsman, and the Co-ordinator, who had been out and about checking the locality and clearing grips, and gullies, where possible. Once again there had been huge rainfall issues and the drainage systems were struggling to cope and there were large amounts of water lying on the roads and this was causing erosion to the road services and exacerbating the on-going problem of pot holes. It is anticipated that there will be an "Enhanced Lengthsman" provision going forward and details will follow on from a pilot scheme which is currently under review.

7. Roads To report on highway issues

There were still issues at Bullpits corner with potholes hidden below the surface of the extensive pool of flood water. People were driving on the opposite side of the road to get round safely. It was agreed that due to all of the ongoing flooding problems, and defects in the area, the councillors would take maps of the area and mark the key points, and they would then give contact phone numbers, so that the Locality Inspector could meet with them to discuss the issues and see firsthand what was going on. Cllr O Whittall kindly photocopied the locality maps and the councillors then marked them up for the Clerk to forward them to Balfour Beatty, the Highways Contractor. It was noted that the Contractor is under considerable pressure to try to improve the ongoing highway problems and there are new Locality Stewards to be appointed to try to liaise with all interested parties, councils, residents, and land owners etc. to try to help to resolve the situation. The Contractor has taken delivery of three new jetting machines and these will be deployed to try to clear out some of the blocked drainage systems.

A quotation had been received for the removal of the tree stump in Blakemere, for £250.00, and it was proposed by Cllr J Williams and seconded by Cllr O Whittall, and then resolved unanimously, that the quote be accepted and the works instructed. Cllr Pugh to arrange.

8. Footpaths To report on footpath issues

The Footpath Officer reported that he had not been able to obtain any way mark arrows. The Clerk would check with Jonathan Roger, at Balfour Beatty, to find out when they would be available plus also posts and signposts as may be required. There are currently some new sign replacement issues that need to be addressed regarding a junction with sign missing (Cllr Newsome to advise) and a tree fallen in Tyberton (sign destroyed – Cllr Williams to advise) .

9. Correspondence

These were acknowledged as per the information sheet and included Parishes Newsletter with update information from Balfour Beatty.

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	Balance at 30 December 2013 £9914.92
	<i>Receipts</i> £0.00
	<i>Payments</i> Clerk £305.35 (salary £247.20, travel £21.15, home office £20.00, ink £17.00)
	Tax £61.80
	<i>Donation for Dore Community Transport</i> £150.00
	<i>Donations for Parish Churches</i> (£150.00 to each of the 5 churches)
	<i>Upper Bridge Enterprises (web domain)</i> £193.50

11. Neighbourhood Plan

The meeting held on the 29th January 2014, at Moccas, had been well attended. Representation from each parish had now been found and there were five non councillors on the Steering Group, however there does also need to be parish councillor representation for each parish. Another meeting was to be arranged for February (26th) - to be confirmed and details circulated by Cllr Williams. A questionnaire would be required and analysis of collected data. Cllr Newsome would look into printing costs. The Clerk had information about grant applications, having attended a grant workshop, and had some interesting facts about the parish to report, including: the population of the parishes is currently 698, there are 12 ancient woodlands, 15 special wildlife sites, 2 National Nature Reserves, 1 Registered park and garden, 5 unregistered parks and gardens, 4 scheduled ancient monuments, 4 sites of Special Scientific Interest and lots more besides. It was resolved that the Clerk would begin the Grant application process and Cllr Williams kindly offered to assist with the task.

12. Matters raised by members for the next Agenda

Neighbourhood Plan

13. Date of next meeting

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

Meeting closed at 9.30pm

SIGNED

DATED