

***Minutes of the Meeting of Wyese Group Parish Council held in The Village Hall, Preston on Wye, on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2014 at 7.30pm.***

**In attendance**

Councillors, J Dale, O. Whittall, O Pugh, J. Newsome, A Rawstorne, J Hughes, D Price, R Dudman, A Clipson and J. Williams plus Parish Clerk Mrs A. M. Wright and Ward Cllr. P. Price

**1. Apologies**

Apologies received from 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 5<sup>th</sup> February 2014, 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: -

Cllr Price explained the Herefordshire Council Budget discussions in regards to school transport. The Managing Director of Hoople had resigned. Conversations were taking place with the local farmer and representative from the Duchy of Cornwall over a resolution to the problems of flooding and road deterioration at Bullpits Corner. The project to fix this with drainage piping etc. was on target for this year. The Highways Contractor was having difficulty, in terms of resource, in keeping up with the demands on road maintenance, given the persistent rain and flooding problems, which in turn had led to roads disintegrating and potholes everywhere. Funding for some of the works may be available from specific funding arrangements such as the Bellwin Fund and others set up by Government and some of the thresholds had been lowered to enable authorities to claim monies sooner. Works had been done on the Brecon Road, past Bridge Sollers which had greatly improved the surface there. Reduction in the overall Council budget would mean more responsibility for landowners and partners to work together and take joint responsibility for matters such as ditches etc. New Locality Stewards should be in post soon.

(Cllr O Whittall joined the meeting at this point 7.50pm)

Issues were being marked up with yellow paint. There were landslides, mud on road problems and extensive persistent flooding problems to be dealt with.

**5. Planning**

One application had been received:-

Site:	Conversion of Upper Farm House, Bredwardine, Herefordshire, HR3 6DD
Description:	Change of use and conversion of garage/shed to provide single storey 2 bed accommodation/parents retirement home
Application No:	P140237/F
Grid Ref:	OS 333092, 244264
Application Type:	Planning Permission

The Parish Council had no objections to the application

**Licence Review** There had also been a communication regarding a licensing review for the **Yew Tree Inn**, Preston on Wye. The Parish Council did not have any contributions to make about the review of the licence.

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

The Clerk would ask the Co-ordinator to speak to the Lengthsman about routine gully, grip and ditch clearance works to be carried out around the parishes now that the water levels had subsided and hopefully blockages etc. could be identified.

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

Bullpits corner has been reported and Cllr Price has advised that matters are progressing on this. Road signs identified as missing had been ordered. Bredwardine Bridge blocked by tree branches to be reported. The Tree Stump in Blakemere will not now be removed.

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

The Footpath Officer reported that he had now received a quantity of way-mark arrows and would be putting them up.

## **9. Correspondence**

These were acknowledged as per the information sheet and included Neighbourhood Planning Newsletter, Invoice for subscription from HALC plus a thank you letter for the donation from Dore Community Transport and also Tyberton PCC thank you letter for the churchyard maintenance donation.

## **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 O.W. Carried

<b>Opening balance</b>	Balance at 29 January 2014 £9651.52
	<i>Receipts</i> £0.00
	<i>Payments</i> Clerk £270.99(salary £206.00, travel £18.99, home office £40.00(Feb & March), stamps £6.00)
	Tax £51.50
	<i>Herefordshire Council (planning packs 5 @ £4.00) Total £20.00</i>

## **11. Neighbourhood Plan**

The meeting held on the 26<sup>th</sup> February 2014, at Moccas, had been well attended. There were five Parish Councillors, the Parish Clerk and three members of the public present making up the Steering Group plus Sam Banks from the Neighbourhood Planning Team at Herefordshire Council and she walked those present through the entire Neighbourhood Plan process from deciding the boundary of the parish/s to publishing the actual plan document.

It was agreed that a unified Neighbourhood Plan should be produced but with subsections within it to reflect each separate village's requirements. Matters discussed included defining the village's constitution and guidance notes on settlement boundaries could be found on the Herefordshire Council website. The Plan, when finished, would need to demonstrate general conformity with the Core Strategy for 2011 to 2031 which was nearing its final ratification. An email and contact list was circulated and the next meeting of the Steering Group scheduled for Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2014 at the Village Hall, Moccas, at 7.30 pm and all are welcome to attend. It was stated that representation from each parish is needed at the meetings to ensure that each parish is fully represented and included. The Clerk would circulate the minutes of the February meeting to all of the councillors on email.

## **12. Parish Council Boundary Changes**

This item refers to the reduction in Ward Councillor posts from 58 to 53 with new boundaries for the ward responsibilities being set to effect an overall member reduction of five member posts. The Parishes of the Wyese Group will not be affected by the boundary changes.

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

Neighbourhood Plan Meeting update

**14. Date of next meeting**

The next main meeting of the Parish Council would be held on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2014 at the Village Hall, Moccas, at 8.00 pm.

Meeting closed at 8.50pm

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