

*Minutes of the Meeting of Wyeside Group Parish Council held in The Village Hall, Preston on Wye, on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2014 at 8.00pm.*

**In attendance**

Councillors J Dale, O Pugh, J. Newsome, A Clipson, R Dudman, A Rawstorne and O. Whittall plus Parish Clerk Mrs A. M. Wright and Ward Cllr. P. Price, 4 members of the public and PCSO Fiona Witcher

**Open Session**

Cllr Whittall welcomed everyone to the meeting and invited discussion from the floor for the open session. There was a discussion around the application for caravans and yurts at Byecross Farm. The owner of the site expressed the intention to maintain order there, limiting anti-social behaviour and ensuring respect for neighbours. Rules about music and keeping noise levels down would be observed or persons would not be permitted to stay on the site. Positive feedback about the site could be read at [www.lovecamping.co.uk](http://www.lovecamping.co.uk)

Cllr Whittall announced the resignation of Julie Williams from the Parish Council and also from the Steering Committee. A very big thank you was recorded for all of her work while on the Parish Council. The Clerk would send a letter of thanks on behalf of all. Julie's resignation had left a vacancy for Vice Chair and nominations were sought for her successor. John Dale was nominated by Cllr Whittall and seconded by Cllr Clipson. Cllr Dale accepted the role of Vice Chair. The Steering Group needed a new Chair following the resignation also, and Alison Wright was proposed by Cllr Whittall and seconded by Cllr Clipson. Alison accepted the role of Chair of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group. Both appointments were carried unanimously.

**1. Apologies**

Apologies received from Cllrs S Whittall, D Price, D. Roper and J. Hughes

**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 4<sup>th</sup> June 2014 were signed as a true and correct record of the meeting with a note to say that under item 8 – Footpaths - the footpath mentioned ran from the tennis courts and not the church as previously described.

**4. Report of PCSO Fiona Witcher, West Mercia Police**

PCSO Witcher circulated copies of the latest bulletin, which had also been e mailed. There was an update on suspicious vehicles with the reminder to report anything considered suspicious and to advise of the registration number of the vehicle.

The contact number to use for non-emergency reports is 101.

There was further information regarding the non-manning of front desks in local stations, except for the Hereford City central station, from September 2014 onwards. This would mean no walk-in service, however a buzzer in the reception would alert those on duty who would then attend to callers.

**Report of North Ward County Councillor**

Cllr P Price gave his report, which can be read in his separate report entry. Summarised here he spoke of funding having been obtained for new roads for the County, with the exact route to be finalised for the South Wye Transport Link Road. There was additional funding available for pothole filling and road repairs. The previous decision to not cut some of the rural grass areas etc had been reversed and catch up operations were in motion. The Core Strategy, Local Development

Framework, consultation was now closed and the comments made were being considered for the release of the version to go forward to the Inspector, hopefully in September. There was also an update on the transfer of the Golden Valley Community Centre in Peterchurch. The School would be taking over the asset and the community activities would be moving to the old court buildings next to the Peterchurch Police Station.

## **5. Planning**

There had been two applications received both for “Bye Cross Farm”. The first for caravans and for yurts at the campsite where the Parish Council had returned the comment that there was no objection but just a concern that noise limitation be observed to protect neighbours.

The second was as follows:

Site: Bye Cross Farm, Moccas, Hereford, HR2 9LJ  
 Description: Proposed single and two storey extension. Demolition of existing single storey annex  
 Application No: P141223/FH  
 Grid Ref: OS 337405, 242514  
 Application Type: Full Householder

There were no objections to this application from the Parish Council, although there was a concern regarding the potential for the loss of view for the immediate neighbour.

There was, however, some confusion over the naming of the application site as the owner of the Camp Site was still waiting for his secondary application to be published and the application for P141223 (above) was by a different individual who had also used the same farm name. Clarification would be sought from the Planning Office.

## **6. Lengthsman To report on lengthsman issues**

Works were ongoing and there were no further specific instructions given at the meeting.

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

- Trees on Stockley Hill forming a “dark tunnel” - trimming required
- Potholes in Blakemere still not filled
- Hacton Lane, Preston on Wye, potholes and the drain half way down the Lane is blocked and requires jetting
- Badgers Sett at Pope’s Place. There was a discussion over this and the issue had been going on for a number of years with councillors recalling actions going back over the past decade. There were still major problems for the householder and the requests for help were not being answered. The Clerk was asked to write to the Member of Parliament to request their assistance with trying to obtain a resolution.

Vince Playdon, who had been acting Locality Steward for the area was moving to his new role from Monday and a replacement appointment would be filling the role from that date.

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

Cllr Newsome reported that there were no further issues.

## **9. Correspondence**

The items were noted as per the information sheet and included the resignation of Cllr Williams, a request for funding support form Dial-a-Ride (to be placed on the next agenda) and a letter from Balfour Beatty regarding speed restrictions in Moccas Village and as sent to a local resident.

**10. To approve accounts**

It was resolved to approve the accounts and payments as detailed here. Proposed by Cllr Whittall and seconded by Cllr Clipson. Carried

Statement balance at 30 May 2014 £9097.00

<i>Receipts</i>	£0.00
<i>Payments</i>	Clerk £416.32 (salary £312.31, travel £33.75, home office £40.00, postage £2.27, ink £27.99)
	Tax £78.00
	Hoople Ltd (Neighbourhood Planning maps) £178.80
	Neighbourhood Plan Expenses £53.94
	Donation to Clerk's Computer £150.00 (Discussed and approved)

**11. Neighbourhood Plan Meeting update and minutes of meetings**

The Minutes of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group Meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> June and 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2014 were presented, and approved, as true records of the meetings. Fact finding was ongoing and further attendance at activities planned. Front runner funding obligation regarding accounts had been met and the first repayment of funds successfully obtained. The next meeting of the Steering Group would be on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> July at Moccas Hall, 7.30pm.

**12. To review the Trustees of the Preston and Blakemere Charity Fund**

The Trustees were reviewed the trusteeship of the Charity Fund and Cllr Dale advised of a resignation of one of the Trustees. Tony Fenn kindly agreed to take on the role of a new Trustee and the Clerk would advise Heather Gorringer of this.

**13. Bus services – subsidy and provision to discuss and update**

We were still awaiting confirmation of the status of the consultation. This would remain on the agenda so sight of the issue was not lost.

**14. To discuss possible siting of a seat at the site of the old war memorial in Bredwardine**

There being no representative Councillor present it was resolved to place this on the next agenda

**15. Speed Limits in the villages**

No further details. Signs were observed to be obscured by overgrowth and would need trimming round.

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

Bredwardine seat, Bus Service, Neighbourhood Plan, Dial-a-Ride, Badger sett update

**17. Date of next meeting**

The next main meeting of the Parish Council would be held on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2014 at the Village Hall, Moccas, at 8.00 pm.

Meeting closed at 9.45pm

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