

*Minutes of the Meeting of Wyese Group Parish Council held in The Village Hall, Moccas, on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2014 at 8.00pm.*

**In attendance**

Councillors J Dale, A Clipson, R Dudman, A Rawstone and J Hughes plus Parish Clerk Mrs A M Wright, Ward Cllr. P Price and one member of the public

**Open Session**

Cllr Dale was in the Chair (declaration of acceptance of office of Vice Chair signed and witnessed) and he welcomed everyone to the meeting. A representative from Rail for Herefordshire (Hay Ho!) was present and he explained about the initiative being used to try to save some of the bus routes that were vulnerable following Herefordshire Council bus fare subsidy cuts. The bus route 39A (draft timetable was circulated) between Hereford and Hay was the particular focus and the Group had surveyed the route from Hereford to Hay (not going on to Brecon) and having talked to various bodies had managed to raise some funds to continue to supply a Sunday service on the route from 5<sup>th</sup> October 2014. The Group were seeking funding support from Parish Councils that were situated along the bus route, there were nine in total and a donation of around £50.00 from each was being sought to help meet the funding commitment. Events were being organised to raise money and leaflets had been delivered to try to raise awareness and gain support. The question was asked as to how this affects Wyese? The route does not actually run through the group parish but it was explained that residents could pick up the bus at certain points such as Madley and Stockley Hill. Fares would be the same as the weekday rate and concessions would be recognised. A “Day Rover” ticket would be available for the price of £7.50. Yeomans have the contract to provide the service and their running costs need to be met, to enable the bus trips to continue, with the difference in costs being made up by the fundraising monies. Any profit made would be ploughed back into the funding pot. A question was asked if successful “will the times of travel be extended?” There may be a wish, for example, to have a 9.00 am bus. The scheme is being trialled on a one year basis and if not successful will drop away after the initial trial, if it is successful then extended the provision may be an option. There will be the opportunity to “hail and ride” the bus at any point along the route. The discussion over any potential for donation by the Parish Council, to the scheme, was moved onto the next Parish Council Meeting Agenda. The representative from “Hay Ho” thanked the Parish Council for their time and left the meeting at this point.

**1. Apologies**

Apologies were received from Cllrs S Whittall, D Price, O Whittall, J Newsome, O Pugh. D Roper 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 9<sup>th</sup> July 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 can be read in his separate report entry. Summarised here he spoke of the “Keep Warm” initiative with free loft cavity insulation being available (subject to conditions). People could speak to Ward Councillor Price for details of the scheme. There was an update on road repairs with some U and C roads receiving major makeovers. There was an update on the Link Road and also on the Core Strategy which was progressing towards completion. The asset transfer of the Community Centre in Peterchurch had taken place and the school now has the capacity it needs.

There is no longer a front counter service in the Police Station at Peterchurch. The online Budget Consultation Tool, instigated by Herefordshire Council, has seen some activity with responses on the various areas, such as adult social care, being taken into account.

## **5. Planning**

There had been some new applications which had been passed to the appropriate parish representatives for consideration/comment and these are detailed here:

### **Planning Application 142115/F Bredwardine & Brobury Village Hall**

The Wyese Group PC has considered the above application for improved vehicular access etc. and has made the following comments:

- Firstly the electric pole and strainer is within the 3m proposed area and electric and BT cables go under the site.
- Is there a need for a retaining wall on the track edge as the gradient is steep?

### **Byecross Farm P141223 - amended**

In regard to the amended planning application for Byecross Farm (Application Number P141223), the Wyese Parish Council Members have commented as follows:

"From the roadside, there seems to be no difference to the previous application. However, there will be a greater risk of flooding as they are building more on the riverside and floodplain. There is concern over the erosion of the rural nature of Preston and the appearance of the security gates of the agricultural buildings, being opposite the tennis courts, could be seen as out of keeping with the character of the village as somewhat overbearing in nature. It is commented that planners need to keep a close watch on what is being proposed"

## **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**

The ongoing issue of the badgers' sett at Pope's Place was noted with the Clerk reporting that the matter had been raised with the MP Jesse Norman and with the Balfour Beatty Locality Steward, Linzy Outtrim. There had been a letter received, via the householder, advising of an issue with a tree at the property which may be being undermined and rendered vulnerable by the activity of the badgers. As at the meeting date the Clerk had not had any further information from the MP, or from Balfour Beatty, on the subject of the sett. This would be chased up with Balfour Beatty again.

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

No further details were advised.

## **9. Correspondence**

The items were noted as per the information sheet and included a Questionnaire from the Police Commissioner about local policing, which was completed at the meeting, to be returned to the Commissioner. There were also updates from HALC on Land Registration, The Bribery Act and Predetermination. There was notification from the Electoral Services that the Parish Council may now co-opt a new councillor for Tyberton. The Clerk would contact the existing, and previous councillor, to see if they had any suggestions as to who may be interested in the role. There was also notification that there may be a new councillor for Moccas ready to join and she would be contacted also. There was communication from Herefordshire Council to advise that from 1<sup>st</sup> November 2014 there would no longer be paper copies of planning applications sent out and all representations would be done "on line". The Clerk would register for "alerts" and advise the Council when applications, affecting the Parish, had been received by the Planning Department.

There was also information about individual electoral registration and further papers were to be circulated to remind people to make sure that their registration on the Electors Register was up to date and accurate.

#### **10. To approve accounts**

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

Statement balance at 17 July 2014 £7148.77

<i>Receipts</i>	<i>£812.25 (Lengthsman) £53.94 (Front runner fund)</i>
<i>Payments</i>	<i>Clerk £435.02(salary £338.43, travel £70.74, home office £20.00, paper/envelopes £5.85)</i>
	<i>Tax £84.40</i>
	<i>Link Publication of NP Event £24.00</i>
	<i>Donations to Village Halls in lieu of Audit fee £17.00 each to Moccas, Bredwardine and Preston on Wye Village Halls*</i>

\*Thanks were recorded, once again, to Mr John Entwisle for carrying out the internal audit and for donating his fee to the Village Halls.

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

The Minutes of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group Meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> July, 6<sup>th</sup> August and 27<sup>th</sup> August 2014 were presented, and approved, as true records of the meetings. The next meeting of the Steering Group would be on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> September and would comprise the Prioritisation Evening at Moccas Village Hall, from 7.00pm and with refreshments, where everyone was invited to help select the priority questions for the forthcoming Questionnaire. The following meeting of the Group would be on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2014 at Moccas at 7.30pm. The Questionnaire would begin to be compiled at this meeting. Cllr Rawstone commended thanks to Alison, Parish Clerk, for works contributed to the Plan and also thanks to those who had been involved from the Parish Council and Community.

#### **12. Bus services – subsidy and provision to discuss and update**

To be moved to the next agenda

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

This item to be placed on the next agenda

#### **14. Planning Policy for Travellers Sites**

A Herefordshire Council consultation was underway, throughout the County, to identify suitable sites for travellers. This subject may need to be included under any Neighbourhood Plan Questionnaire considerations. It would be placed on the next agenda, although the closing date for the consultation was 2<sup>nd</sup> October.

#### **15. Matters raised by members for the next Agenda**

Bredwardine seat, Bus Service including Hay Ho! request, Neighbourhood Plan, Dial-a-Ride request, Dore Community Transport request and Badger sett update

#### **16. Date of next meeting**

The next main meeting of the Parish Council would be held on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2014 at the Village Hall, Preston on Wye, at 8.00 pm.

Meeting closed at 10.00 pm

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