

Minutes of the Meeting of Wyese Group Parish Council held in The Village Hall, Preston on Wye, on Wednesday 1st October 2014 at 8.00pm.

In attendance

Councillors J Dale, A Clipson, R Dudman, O Pugh, O Whittall, D Price, D Roper, J Newsome and J Hughes plus Parish Clerk Mrs A M Wright, Ward Cllr. P Price and one member of the public, Natalie Bowen, new councillor for Moccas Parish.

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllrs S Whittall and A Rawstone

At this point a new councillor for Moccas Parish, Natalie Bowen, was co-opted. She was proposed by Cllr Whittall and seconded by Cllr Dudman. Cllr Bowen signed her Acceptance of Office Form and would be completing her Declaration of Interest Form. Introductions were made and everyone welcomed Natalie to the Parish Council.

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 3rd September 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 how the Core Strategy, now a van load of papers that had taken seven years to compile, had gone to the Planning Inspectorate for their assessment and it was hoped that it would be in place by Spring/Summer 2015. A huge number of agencies had been involved in the compilation and many hours of work had gone into addressing issues and objections. There was an update on the Peterchurch Day Centre transfer arrangements and the Primary School had taken over the accommodation and is fully subscribed. A planning application for 80 houses behind Hawthorne Rise would be coming before the Planning Committee. There was a discussion over speed limit proposals in the County and the ward Councillor sought opinion on these from those present. There was also an update on the situation concerning Hereford United Football Club.

5. Planning

There had been no new applications to discuss this time.

6. Lengthsman To report on lengthsman issues

Works were ongoing and invoices had been presented for ditch clearing and drain pumping works. Linzy Outtrim, the new Locality Steward, would be monitoring maintenance requirements for the roads and a leaflet obtained by the Clerk, at an evening presentation with Balfour Beatty, was circulated. This leaflet highlighted the responsibilities of landowners and highways agencies as to "who should be doing what" to keep roads fit for purpose as regards maintaining ditches and drainage. It would be an objective to invite the Lengthsman Co-ordinator to the next meeting and to involve Linzy in parish walks to enable her to become familiar with the issues affecting the Group Parish's roads. Councillors were asked to bring details of their local issues to the next meeting.

7. Roads To report on road issues

The Chair requested that the parish road maps as sent to James Powell, at Balfour Beatty, be retrieved so that the issues marked thereon could be checked and re-visited as necessary. The ongoing issue of the badgers' sett at Pope's Place would continue to be monitored. Balfour Beatty

had been out to inspect the tree that had been identified as a potential hazard and would be keeping the Parish Council informed of any developments. The Clerk would pursue the monitoring issue as there was still ongoing concern about the sett at the location.

New village road and speed signs were to be erected, with input on specifications from the Parish Council.

Road issues were advised on the Hay Road near the bridge at Clifford, rough surface, plus Gypsy Lane near Letton the road surface required maintenance. Godway Lane, Blakemere, near to the Church, is breaking up plus Stockley Hill, half the way up on one side the road has broken up. There is also a category one pothole at Pentre Lane that has been marked with yellow paint for some time and this has not been repaired.

8. Footpaths To report on footpath issues

Footpath Blakemere BL4, off the Hay Road, the footpath sign has disappeared and the hedge has grown over the gate. Also more waymarker arrows are needed for the Footpath Officer. These matters would be advised to Linzy Outtrim.

9. Correspondence

The items were noted as per the information sheet and included Precept Request letter from Herefordshire Council. Deadline for requests was 31/12/14. A budget appraisal, of current spend to date, would be prepared to enable the budget setting. There was a reminder about the transfer to the black bin system, and fortnightly refuse collections, plus a reminder for all to ensure that they are registered to vote on the electoral role system.

10. To approve accounts

It was resolved to approve the accounts and payments as detailed here, including Hay Dial-a-Ride and Dore Community Transport whose donations were discussed at the meeting. Proposed by Cllr Whittal and seconded by Cllr Clipson. Carried
Statement balance at 17 July 2014 £7907.08

Receipts £0.00
Payments Clerk £374.29(salary £310.04, travel £37.89, home office £20.00, stamps £6.36)
Tax £77.60
Lengthsman Invoice £424.50
Lengthsman Co-ordinator Invoices (including drain works) Total £431.45
Moccas Village Hall (Hire and Event 10/09/14)£93.50
Moccas WI (Event refreshments 10/09/14) £100.00
Hay Dial-a-Ride Donation £100.00,
Dore Community Transport Donation £150.00
Honoraria for the Village Mowers deferred to the next agenda

11. Neighbourhood Plan Meeting update and minutes of meetings

The Minutes of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group Meeting held on 17th September were presented, and approved, as a true record of the meeting. The Neighbourhood Plan Questionnaire Prioritisation Evening, held on 10th September at Moccas Village Hall, had been a great success and the Questionnaire was now under construction, based on the information obtained on the evening. The Chair again commended thanks to the Parish Clerk, and all those who were contributing to the Plan, for their contributions to the evening and ongoing work.

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

There was a discussion of the aims of the Village Hall Committee at Bredwardine to seek to site a seat adjacent to the memorial. The Clerk would enquire of Highways as to what permissions etc.

may be required to site a bench.

13. To confirm Mrs Sheila Stone as a representative of the Jarvis Educational and Eleemosynary Charities for a further year

An overview of the work of the charities, including the funding of books and education, was given to the meeting. It was proposed that Mrs Stone continue in her role by Cllr D Price and seconded by Cllr Pugh. This motion was resolved. It was requested that an update could perhaps be provided at a future meeting as to how the Charity was assisting in the parishes.

14. Matters raised by members for the next Agenda

All usual items and precept setting with budget details

15. Date of next meeting

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

Meeting closed at 9.50 pm

SIGNED

DATED