

*Minutes of the Meeting of Wyese Group Parish Council held in The Village Hall, Preston on Wye, on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2015 at 7.30pm.*

**In attendance**

Councillors J Dale, J Hughes, D Price, O Whittall, N Bowen, R Dudman, J Newsome, D Roper, O Pugh, A Clipson, H Smith and A Rawstone plus Parish Clerk Mrs A M Wright, Lengthsman Mr C Hancorn and Ward Cllr. P Price plus one member of the public

**1. Apologies**

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting. There were apologies from the Locality Steward, Linzy Outtrim, and from the West Mercia Police PCSO. Cllr S Whittall was not present.

**2. Declarations of Interest**

None declared at this point.

**Open Session**

There were no matters raised.

**3. To approve previous Minutes and matters arising**

The minutes of the previous meeting, held on 4<sup>th</sup> February 2015 were signed as a true and correct record of the meeting. It was noted that the Footpath referred to in the minutes of 4/2/15 was Path BR1 from Cross End Farm to Bredwardine Castle. It was commented that the path was “marshy in parts” and protective footwear would be required to walk it.

**4. Report of North Ward County Councillor**

Ward Cllr P Price gave his report, which can be read in his separate report entry.

Cllr Price gave a summary of the recently carried out Core Strategy Examination. Specific questions were addressed and the Inspector asked for further information where deemed appropriate. The number of houses designated for the Plan period to 2031 was discussed along with the five year land supply requirement. Various designations of development requirement were applicable to different villages and areas depending on assessment of facilities etc. The modifications to the document recommended by the Inspector would not be subject to the “purdah” restrictions as normal Council decision making process was. The Core Strategy would ultimately need to be ratified by the full Council, after the May elections. The Neighbourhood Plans in progress could then be aligned to the Strategy. The Sothern Relief Road funding, if not spent on that project, cannot be reallocated and will have to be returned to the Government.

There was comment made regarding traffic regulation orders (TRO) and road signs which have been objected to by some residents. TROs can take many years to effect. It is important that residents engage with the Parish Council, and the process of local democracy, in deciding which traffic regulation orders should be implemented. It is necessary to have “end of speed limit” signs so that people are aware where a speed restricted area starts and finishes. It was stated that it is important to get the detail right. Signs, in the past, did mean installation of street lighting but this was not generally implemented in rural road aspects where there were few or no dwellings. There was a brief update on Hereford United Football Club and terms had been agreed regarding a new lease.

A question was asked regarding the Neighbourhood Plan and levels of planning and clarification was given as to the three levels, National Framework, County Plan (Core Strategy) and Neighbourhood Plan.

**5. Planning**

There had been two applications received:

“This has just missed the deadline for responses; however, the Wyese Group PC has no objections to the following application:

**APPLICATION NO & SITE ADDRESS:** P143819/F - Bredwardine & Brobury Village Hall, Bredwardine, Hereford, Herefordshire HR3 6BU

**DESCRIPTION:** Proposed improvement of vehicular access including a turning area and car park bay to allow for disabled access

**APPLICANT(S):** Mrs Sarah Morgan

**GRID REF:** OS 333158, 244420

**APPLICATION TYPE:** Planning Permission

It was noted that Application P143819/F has now been passed.

**APPLICATION NO & SITE ADDRESS:** P142945/F - Bye Cross Farm, Moccas, Hereford, Herefordshire HR2 9LJ

**DESCRIPTION:** Erection of shed for canoe hire (retrospective). Proposed erection of oak frame roof over outside table

**APPLICANT(S):** Mr Tony Fenn

**GRID REF:** OS 337546, 242522

**APPLICATION TYPE:** Planning Permission

The Wyese Parish Council made the following comments: "There is no objection to the application but there is some concern regarding the growth of the enterprise and consequent increase in trailer traffic containing canoes etc. using the small entry and exit roads. This is in relation to both volume of use and observations regarding the speed of the traffic."

The Planning Application regarding land at Bycross Farm P141514 had gone to appeal against the decision of refusal of planning permission. The Parish Council had no further comments to add to the appeal reference APP/W1850/W/15/3003284.

#### **6. Lengthsman: To advise works for the Lengthsman**

The Lengthsman, Colin Hancorn, was present at the meeting. A tour of the parish had been undertaken by Colin with Cllr O Whittall. It was noted that there had not been a response to adverts for a new Co-ordinator. It was agreed that communications would filter from each parish into either the Clerk or Cllr Whittall and one of these would advise Colin re the required actions.

Colin stated that he had not received the correct size of bollard cones and signs for his work. This would be checked with the Locality Steward. Issues with potholes and grips requiring cleaning had been identified. It was hoped that a meeting could be arranged between the Locality Steward and the Lengthsman to identify and progress issues requiring attention from Balfour Beatty. It was noted that erosion and soil on the roads had narrowed many of them. Tons of soil would need to be removed in order to bring them back to full width. There would be an issue re disposal of the soil due to volume. This would be raised with the Locality Steward also.

#### **7. Roads: To report on highway issues and latest information from Balfour Beatty**

There had been comments regarding speed signs particularly near to the Red Lion Public House in Bredwardine and the signs placed in Tyberton had seemingly fallen short of the habitat locations. The Parish Council discussed the process regarding signs and, following consideration of the issues raised, it was resolved to ask the parishes to agenda “speed and road signs” on each of their annual parish meeting agendas and to invite members of the public to attend and discuss their concerns. This would be with a view to feeding back to the Group Council, who would then refer the findings to the Traffic Regulatory Body for their consideration.

The Lengthsman advised that he was missing payment for one of his invoices. The cheques had been issued. This would be cancelled and a new one presented.

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

The Footpath Officer outlined his review of the paths and said that further arrows and new bridleway signs had been placed. Requests to make sure that gates were closed after use and that dogs be kept on leads were made to minimise issues for landowners with animals etc. Details of

issues on the footpaths observed by the Footpath Officer were conveyed to Balfour Beatty thus:

- 1) The Bredwardine bridleway BD1A (from B4348 to bridleway BD1 –Cross End farm Moccas – Bredwardine Castle) The meeting of the bridleway with the road has a footpath sign and the meeting of BD1 withBD1a is obscured because BD1 seems to have been diverted across a bog with a poor style with a fence wire blockage.
- 2) Access to BD7, just up Dorstone Hill road, is also severely limited (I clipped away some brambles). There are also still signpost issues with the Dorstone Hill junction Posts only left for direction sign in the hedge, similarly post only for junction sign approaching from Moccas.

### **9. Correspondence**

The items were noted as per the information sheet and included an advice note from Herefordshire Council of when the precept would be paid. There were details of the forthcoming Elections and notification of the reimbursement of Neighbourhood Plan Front Runner Funding in the sum of £919.52.

There had also been communication from the Jarvis Charity who had declined a Parish Council request to view their accounts. This would be pursued through access to the Charities Commission website. Any further feedback regarding funding questions would be advised.

There had also been the resignation of Cllr Reg Dudman who had given many years of service to the community as a member of the Parish Council. The Chair thanked Cllr Dudman on behalf of the Parish, very much indeed, for his wonderful service over a great many years. Cllr Dudman said that he had recommended a new councillor for the Parish and the Clerk would contact the nominee to progress this. Cllr Dudman said that he would draw up a new mowing rota and sort out the mower servicing.

The Chair commented on a forthcoming Crime Prevention Evening to be held on 12<sup>th</sup> March from 7.30pm at the Luctonians Rugby Club. He would be attending and would give anyone else interested in attending a lift if required.

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

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

Statement balance at Jan 2015 £7842.62  
*Receipts Nil*  
*Payments Clerk £355.98(salary £302.80, travel £26.82, home office (Mar) £20.00, stamps £6.36)*  
*The Post Office (tax) £72.20*  
*Herefordshire Council (planning packs) £24.00*  
*Churchyard Donations were resolved at £150.00 per Parish Church (payable to the PCC of each) Prop by Cllr Rawstorne and seconded by Cllr Roper*

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

There had been further meetings and the minutes of meetings held on 11/12/14, 14/01/15 and 11/02/15 were signed as true and correct records of the meetings. Work was in progress to draft out the various sections that were to comprise the feedback from the Questionnaire results. Thanks were again recorded for the effort and time put in by those involved. The next meeting would be held on the 11<sup>th</sup> March 2015 at 8.15pm in the Moccas Village Hall.

### **12. Financial Regulations – new model - to discuss and adopt**

Cllr Clipson had kindly reviewed the regulations and had made some amendments. The amended regulations were adopted and signed by the Chair.

**13. Election Protocols and distribution of Election Packs**

The election packs were distributed. Unfortunately some of the villages had not been included in the pack collected from the Shire Hall and the Clerk would obtain these and distribute them separately. Each Election form had been marked with the relevant Polling District Code. Details of where to take the form, the Town Hall in Hereford, by a deadline date of the 9<sup>th</sup> April at 4.00pm were given. It was stated that the forms have to be delivered, by hand, directly to the Elections Office in order to be included. They must not be posted or faxed. The Elections Department will check the form for any issues while the person waits.

**14. Matters raised by members for the next agenda**

Jarvis Charity (update), Elections and forms, Voluntary Transport and badgers at Pope’s Place.

**15. Date of next meeting**

The next main meeting of the Parish Council would be held on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2015 at The Village Hall, Moccas, at 8.00pm

Meeting closed at 9.40pm

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