

*Minutes of the Meeting of Wyeside Group Parish Council held in The Village Hall, Moccas, on
Wednesday 1st April 2015 at 8.00pm.*

In attendance

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

1. Apologies

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting. There were apologies from Cllr S Whittall, the Locality Steward, Linzy Outtrim, and from the West Mercia Police PCSO.

2. Declarations of Interest

None declared at this point.

Open Session

There were no matters raised. The Election forms were completed and electoral roll numbers given.

3. To approve previous Minutes and matters arising

The minutes of the previous meeting, held on 4th March 2015 were signed as a true and correct record of the meeting.

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 explained about further modifications which may have to be made to the Core Strategy following Governmental changes to the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF). These and any other changes would need to be taken into account regarding emerging Neighbourhood Plans. There was a concern that the Core Strategy was still not ratified and an incoming Council may take the decision not to progress the adoption of it.

There was an update on the Edgar Street relief road which should be open by the Autumn/Winter of 2016.

Hereford Football Club had signed a five year lease for the Edgar Street Ground but the public had not yet been allowed back in to the site due to the requirement for remedial and updating works which were being progressed.

There was an overview of the composition of the Council's budget position and details of the relevant funding streams. Cllr Price explained the difference between the revenue and capital budgets and highlighted "ring fenced" budgets such as those for schools. He explained some details of the income received from parking charges etc and how the Council both borrowed at preferential rates and lent money to try to maximise the overall revenue. The Council were trying to maximise their reserves to help mitigate risk.

There was some discussion over the proposed Southern Relief Road and the fact that the original line drawn had not detailed all of the affected properties. There was still some opposition to the route of the road and discussions were taking place. If the building of the road did not go through then the funding, so far obtained from the Government, would be reclaimed and reallocated to anywhere else in the country which may then apply for it.

5. Planning

There had been one application received:

APPLICATION NO & SITE ADDRESS: 150605 - Bye Cross Farm, Moccas, Hereford,
Herefordshire HR2 9LJ

DESCRIPTION: Permission to have up to 10 touring caravans on the existing site, permission for

up to six yurts on a new site and permission to use another field as an overflow. Improvement of existing access

APPLICANT(S): Mr Tony Fenn

GRID REF: OS 337717, 242648

APPLICATION TYPE: Planning Permission

The application was discussed and concerns expressed regarding noise, traffic and flooding issues. Information regarding the categorisation of the flood risk being graded from 2 to 1 was noted. It was also commented that the Parish Council did want to be seen to be encouraging local business as mandated through the emerging Neighbourhood Plan. It was resolved that the Clerk would summarise the discussion and send it to the councillors, for their approval, before sending in the Council's response.

6. Lengthsman: To advise works for the Lengthsman

Claim had been sent in for the balance of grant monies. Evidence had been supplied to support the claim. Further forecast forms had been completed and taken to the Office of Balfour Beatty. The total amount available to spend for the Lengthsman and Footpath upkeep for the year 2015/2016 would be £7627.00. Messages had been sent to the Locality Steward regarding the unsuitability of the kit, as supplied by the previous public realm contractor to the lengthsman, plus an invitation to meet for her to meet the lengthsman to look at issues to be addressed by Balfour Beatty. The Locality Steward was currently on holiday so the outstanding items would be revisited when she returns.

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

The Chair reported that works had been undertaken re some of the issues he had identified on the Parish Walk with the Locality Steward, however there were still issues with grips and ditches which required attention. Chair would speak to one landowner regarding an ongoing ditch issue, which required unblocking, close to the Moccas deer Park. The road surface by the deer park was opening up and a photograph of this had been sent to Balfour Beatty.

There were comments made about some small "sawdust tumps" seen around the area which were believed to be markers for a forthcoming event.

Although not in our patch, the road from Hobbies at Shenmore was breaking up badly with potholes. The Clerk would advise the Madley Clerk of this.

The overhanging hedges on the Letton road were again highlighted as they were forcing high vehicles out into the path of oncoming traffic.

A message had been received from the Locality Steward in response to the agenda item concerning the ongoing problem of the badgers at Pope's Place. Following a discussion of the history, and ongoing problem of the badgers on site, it was agreed that the Clerk would approach the Locality Steward with a view to exploring the option of obtaining the relevant licence from Defra to possibly process a relocation of the animals. Further update at the next meeting.

8. Footpaths To report on footpath issues

The Footpath Officer reported that further footpaths had been way marked including from Preston on Wye to Tyberton. There had been some issues reported, regarding access, previously including face level wire gating near the old chicken pens on the path past Lower Bellamore, however these issues were now resolved. The Footpath Officer would e mail Clerk with issues to be raised to Balfour Beatty.

9. Correspondence

The items were noted as per the information sheet, including electoral notices which had been displayed at requested. Further details had been supplied regarding the Jarvis Charity by Cllr Dale who had found the following information from the Charity Commission Website: "The Jarvis Eleemosynary Charity is solely for the up keep of alms houses and the accounts up to 2013 can be

viewed. The Jarvis Educational Foundation has accounts up to 2010 and can be viewed. There is also the Jarvis Recreational Charity. The viewed accounts contain a lot of additional informational about the background of the charities”. Following discussion over previous questions from the Parish Council, and feedback from the Charity, it was agreed that the matter would be discussed at the Bredwardine Parish Meeting and Cllr D. Price would table it for discussion. It was agreed that more contact, and interest in the Charity, should be maintained by the Parish Council who each year appoint a representative to sit on the panel.

10. To approve accounts

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

Statement balance at 30th Jan 2015 £7842.62
Receipts Nil
Payments Clerk £326.68(salary £240.30, travel £46.13, home office (April) £20.00, ink £9.00, Web design course £11.25)
The Post Office (tax) £60.00
Reissue of Lengthsman Cheque £189.00
Information Commissioner £35.00

11. Neighbourhood Plan Meeting update and minutes of meetings

There had been a further meeting and the minutes of the meeting held on 11/03/15 were signed as a true and correct record. The Neighbourhood Plan was being drafted under the relevant sections by members of the Group. Other members were kindly assisting with practical help and editing suggestions. It was recognised that professional help would be needed to complete the task and new funding was now available to help with this. The Clerk and Cllr Rawstorne would be attending a Funding Workshop on the 15th April at Blueschool House, Hereford. The next Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group Meeting would be held on the 8th April 2015 at 7.30pm in the Moccas Village Hall. All welcome.

12. Election Forms – completion etc.

These were completed and the Clerk took all of those that were fully filled in to return them to the Town Hall.

13. Review of voluntary transport options

Cllr Rawstorne had been carrying out some research into voluntary transport options in the area. He had identified three key operatives. These are Dore Community Transport, Hay Dial-a-ride and Community Wheels. Some information was given but the item would be moved to the next agenda for a full report. There was also an update on the local bus usage which was providing a much needed service. There was a clear message for all regarding the buses, “use them or lose them”.

14. Matters raised by members for the next agenda

Voluntary transport options, badgers at Pope’s Place, Preston on Wye Tennis Club

15. Date of next meeting

The date, time and venue for the next Meeting, the Annual Statutory Meeting, were confirmed as Wednesday the 13th May at the Village Hall, Preston on Wye, at 8.00pm.

Meeting closed at 9.55pm

SIGNED

DATED