

*Minutes of the Meeting of Wyese Group Parish Council held in The Village Hall, Moccas, on
Wednesday 4th November 2015 at 7.30pm*

In attendance

Councillors O. Pugh, D. Price, J. Dale, A. Rawstone, H. Smith and J. Hughes plus Parish Clerk Mrs A. M. Wright and Ward Cllr. P. Price

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies had been received from Cllrs O. Whittall, A. Clipson, S Whittall, N. Bowen J. Newsome, R. Collins and D. Roper. Cllr John Dale (Vice Chair) was in the Chair for the Meeting and welcomed everyone present.

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3. To approve previous minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 7th October 2015 and matters arising

The minutes of the previous meeting of the Parish Council, held on 7th October 2015 were signed as a true and correct record of the meeting. There were no matters arising.

4. Report of North Ward Councillor

Ward Cllr. Price gave a resume of this report. It had been a week of planning applications, enforcements and a considerable amount of resultant “frustration”. Ward Cllr price explained about some issues in Peterchurch, regarding a planning application for 89 houses there, and also gave some information about the question time held at the adoption of the Core Strategy Meeting. Exceptionally, questions had been permitted for this type of meeting and they had required research in order that exact responses could be given. Cllr Price had also attended the recent Balfour Beatty Strategic Board Meeting to represent the Councils interests there. It was noted than an award, given by the public, had been made regarding the Balfour Beatty Contract as to the best improved council and Herefordshire had come second overall across the Country. This was seen as being very positive.

5. Planning

There had been no new applications to consider.

6. Lengthsman - To advise works for the Lengthsman

For Lengthsman and Balfour Beatty, the corner of Hacton Lane, Preston on Wye, had a blocked drain requiring jetting and potholes requiring attention.

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

Covered under update item re October Parish Walk

Black Poplar Tree at Blakemere – update

Following enquiries made by the Ward Cllr and Clerk, and comment from specialists at Herefordshire Council, the Clerk would ask the contractor to move ahead with the crown reduction of the black poplar tree, on behalf of the Parish Council, and would write to confirm that this may proceed on the grounds of health and safety.

Update from 19/10 Parish Walk with Balfour Beatty Locality Steward

The Locality Steward, Linzy Outtrim had met with Ward Cllr Price plus other councillors to look at areas of concern around the parishes. Cllr Pugh had given local expert knowledge regarding the

drainage pipes etc. at Kinley Lane and Balfour Beatty now had a better idea of the issues with the culvert and drainage there and how to move forward to try to resolve these.

At Moccas Park, a “BT box” was causing a problem and a drain would be required to get this resolved.

There was also an issue with drainage on the approach to Pentre Lane and the Lengthsman would be investigating this.

There was an explanation of the categorisation of defects with Category 1 requiring 24/48 hour attention and Category 2 which would be attended to within 28 days.

There had been an issue with a large number of potholes outside a property named “Woodfield” and it was commented that resurfacing would ideally be required, not patching of a large number of highlighted defects. Programmed resurfacing, under the capital program, would be required for a number of areas. Another uneven stretch, previously “jet patched” was noted at Holly Tree Pitch in the environs of the “egg safe”.

8. Footpaths - To report on footpaths issues and look at Tree warden Initiative

The Footpath Officer, Cllr Newsome, was not present and would feed back next time. It was commented that a footpath from Preston and out towards “Pope Place” was traversing a field with horses in it however these had been described as being “okay” with walkers thus far.

9. Correspondence - Referring to information sheet

The correspondence received was noted and included: details of the forthcoming Tree Warden Initiative, in that, specifically, Herefordshire Tree Warden Network (HTWN) was holding an informative “Launch Event” in the morning on Saturday 7th November at Wellington Community Hall to help explain the role of a Tree Warden and the help which the Network offers.

Information had been received from Herefordshire Council that **the Core Strategy has been adopted**: They were writing to confirm that in accordance with Regulation 26 of the Town and Country Planning Act 2012 at the Council meeting 16 October 2015, Herefordshire Council resolved to adopt the Herefordshire Local Plan Core Strategy.

All relevant documents can be viewed on the Council website at:

<https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/planning-and-building-control/planning-policy/core-strategy/adopted-core-strategy>

The documents are also available at local customer centres and libraries across the County during normal office hours from Wednesday 21 October.

10. To approve accounts

It was resolved to approve the accounts and payments as detailed here.

Statement balance at September 2015 £10903.20

<i>Receipts</i>	<i>Precept £3850.00</i>
<i>Payments</i>	<i>Clerk £334.91 (salary £285.48 (travel £22.95, home office (Nov) £20.00, stamps £6.48) The Post Office Ltd. (Tax) £13.40</i>

Proposed by Cllr A. Rawstone and seconded by Cllr. O. Pugh. Carried

To consider request for support from Dore Community Transport

The request for support was discussed and usage figures for the service from the parish, as supplied by Dore, were considered. These were seen to be very low indeed and it was resolved that no donation would be made other than for the funding of advertisements for Dore Community Transport in the local publications, Link and Pump, for a period of 12 months. This would be to try to help advertise the service and promote local take-up. The Clerk would request advertisements from the organisation and then the Parish Council would pay for the insertions to the journals on

their behalf.

11. Neighbourhood Plan Meetings update and Minutes of Meetings

There had been further Steering Group Meeting held on 21st October 2015. There were some further questions being explored around compliance with the Core Strategy, and production of statutory papers, before a further approach was to be made for consultancy support. There may be some questions to be raised on points made regarding special views and their potential request for preservation. This would be explored by the Steering Group to ensure that this subject was incorporated into the Plan correctly.

The next Meeting of the Steering Group would be on Wednesday 11th November 2015 from 7.30pm at Moccas.

12. Parish Precept and budget for 2016/2017 to consider and set

This item was deferred to the December 2015 meeting.

13. Matters raised by members for the next agenda

All of the usual items plus precept requirement, an update on the Black Poplar Tree and tree warden initiative

14. Date of next meeting

To confirm date of the next Ordinary Parish Council Meeting as Wednesday 2nd December 2015 at The Village Hall, Preston on Wye, at 7.30pm.

The Meeting closed at 8.30pm

SIGNED

DATED