

*Minutes of the Meeting of Wyese Group Parish Council held in The Village Hall, Moccas, on
Wednesday 3rd February 2016 at 7.30pm*

In attendance

Councillors D. Price, J. Dale (Vice Chair), A. Rawstone, O. Whittall (Chair), A. Clipson, N. Bowen J. Newsome, R. Collins, and Ward Cllr P. Price plus Parish Clerk Mrs A. M. Wright

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies had been received from Cllrs Smith and Hughes. Cllrs Pugh and Roper were not present. The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3. To approve previous minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 2nd December 2015 and matters arising

The minutes of the previous meeting of the Parish Council, held on 2nd December 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 summarised a report which was to follow. He gave an overview of the budget figures that had been put together and would be presented to the Council for their acceptance on 5th February 2016. There may be some late changes to the figures but the main details were there. Broadly Council Tax would be increased by 3.99% with 2% of this ring-fenced to adult care and well-being. Adult and child well-being plus growing the economy were priority items for the budget. There was a discussion on the infrastructure requirements and housing. Ongoing pressures on the budget would make income generation from sources other than Central Government Grant essential, as this would be reducing down to zero in the near future. Council Tax and Business Rates were other two sources of income. Also for consideration were the expectations by Central Government regarding asylum seekers and refugees in terms of accommodation etc. The Ward Cllr finished his summary by saying that new road infrastructure was required to grow the housing levels and the economy.

5. Planning

There had been new applications to consider:

APPLICATION NO & SITE ADDRESS:	153769 - Well Cottage, Blakemere, Hereford, Herefordshire HR2 9PY
DESCRIPTION:	Replacement shed to house training pool and projecting canopy over rear door.
APPLICANT(S):	Dr C Chu
GRID REF:	OS 336379, 240698
APPLICATION TYPE:	Listed Building Consent

APPLICATION NO & SITE ADDRESS:	153768 - Well Cottage, Blakemere, Hereford, Herefordshire HR2 9PY
DESCRIPTION:	Replacement shed to house training pool and projecting canopy over rear door.
APPLICANT(S):	Dr C Chu
GRID REF:	OS 336379, 240698
APPLICATION TYPE:	Full Householder

The Parish Council reviewed the applications and commented that there were no objections to the planning application or listed building consent.

Details of a change of use had been notified, with no comments required, as below:

APPLICATION NO & SITE ADDRESS:	153666 - The Barn, The Cider Mill, Bredwardine, Hereford, Herefordshire
DESCRIPTION:	Proposed change of use, barn to house.
APPLICANT(S):	Mr Craig Pritchard
GRID REF:	OS 332664, 244933
APPLICATION TYPE:	Prior Approval - Agricultural to residential

6. Lengthsman - To advise works for the Lengthsman

It was resolved that the grant funding for both the Lengthsman and Footpath Schemes for the 2016/2017 year should be applied for in line with the same figures as were requested for 2015/2016 including the commitment made, by the Parish Council, to the matched funding element for the Lengthsman Scheme. The Clerk had successfully reclaimed £1986.00 from Herefordshire Council under the Lengthsman Grant Scheme and would be attending an update session, at Balfour Beatty HQ, on 4th February 2016.

Defects reported were:

- Drainage and flooding issue by the Preston on Wye Chapel car park entrance and in the middle by the Village Hall
- Gateway of Knapp Farm, Bredwardine – blocked drain
- Hay Road, just out of Bredwardine – blocked drain
- Weston Farm, Bredwardine – blocked drain
- Grit bin still upturned on Blakemere to Preston Road near letter box on right hand bend

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

Issues as listed under Lengthsman item which may be for Balfour Beatty if Lengthsman unable to unblock the drains.

Also reported:

- Pothole beyond Cross End Farm and between Lawn Gate and Cross End Farm
- Better signage and lines needed at Pentre Lane to help make the road safer

8. Footpaths - To report on footpaths issues

The Footpath Officer, Cllr Newsome reported that three routes had had requests for way-markers made for them. Some had been put in but others were still required. Posts were required for Upper Bellamore and between Byecross and Preston. The Locality Steward had been made aware of the requirements previously.

9. Correspondence - Referring to information sheet

The correspondence received was noted and included: Information regarding the temporary closure to of the Lengthsman and Footpath Schemes to new entrants and feedback following a request for an extension to deadline for the Local Transport Forum consultation. Responsibilities would be increasing for Parish Councils and actions to safeguard roads, ditches etc. would be required. It was not quite clear, at the time of the meeting, as to the exact impact on the bus services of the review process.

10. To approve accounts

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

Statement balance at December 2015 £8952.80

Receipts Nil

Payments Clerk £597.28(salary £495.10, tax refund £33.80 travel £48.38, home office (Feb) £20.00)

*To consider donations for the parish churchyards upkeep:
Parish Churchyards Donations were resolved at £150.00 per PCC.
To consider honoraria for the village mowers:
The mowers honoraria would be as 2014/2015. Exact details for
Tyberton would be confirmed in consultation with Cllr Roper.
To confirm Dore Advertising costs:
The Parish Council resolved to accept the advertising costs for the
Link and Pump for one 12 month period, on behalf of Dore
Community Transport*

Payments proposed by Cllr O. Whittall and seconded by Cllr. J. Newsome. Carried

The bank forms to install Cllr O. Whittall as an account signatory to replace Cllr S. Whittall were completed and then signed by the existing signatories Cllrs D. Price and A. Rawstone.

Cllr O. Whittall left the meeting at this point, 8.30pm, and Cllr J. Dale took the Chair for the remainder of the meeting.

11. Neighbourhood Plan Meetings update and Minutes of Meetings

There had been further Steering Group Meeting held on 27th January 2016. The draft Plan was in consideration with the Planning Authority and they were carrying out some of the required processes before the Plan would then progress towards public consultation and a referendum etc. The next meeting of the Steering Group would be held on Wednesday 17th February at Moccas from 7.30pm.

12. To consider vacancy for a Parish Councillor for Bredwardine

A vacancy exists for a Parish Council for Bredwardine Village. The vacancy had been advertised but no-one had come forward. The Parish Council may now co-opt. Councillors would give consideration to anyone they felt may wish to join the Parish Council.

13. Matters raised by members for the next agenda

All of the usual items would be included, plus the vacancy for a parish councillor for Bredwardine, and the Tree Warden Scheme with the possibility for Cllr Newsome to join the Scheme as Tree Warden for Wyeseide.

14. Date of next meeting

To confirm date of the next Ordinary Parish Council Meeting as Wednesday 2nd March 2016 at The Village Hall, Preston on Wye, at 7.30pm. Apologies were received in advance from Cllr O. Whittall. Cllr John Dale (Vice Chair) would chair the 2nd March 2016 Meeting.

The Meeting closed at 9.10pm

SIGNED

DATED