

*Minutes of the Meeting of Wyeside Group Parish Council held in The Village Hall, Moccas, on  
Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2016 at 8.00pm*

**In attendance**

Councillors D. Price, J. Dale (Vice Chair and chairing the meeting), A. Clipson, N. Bowen J. Newsome, A. Rawstone, R. Collins, H. Smith, O. Pugh, D. Roper and Ward Cllr P. Price plus Parish Clerk Mrs A. M. Wright and one member of the public and PCSO Fiona Witcher with PCSO Tom Milton

**1. Apologies for absence**

Apologies had been received from Cllr Whittall. Cllr Hughes was not present. The Chair (John Dale) welcomed everyone to the meeting. The PCSO's were present from West Mercia Police. They explained that things were very quiet at present. The biggest issue presented currently, on a massive scale, seemed to be the e mail scams with genuine businesses being used in an invoicing ruse to try to get customers to settle fictitious invoices. There was a message of caution not to click on any suspicious e mail attachments as this could infect the computer and lead to breaches of identity etc. PCSO Tom Milton, Wildlife Officer, talked about Operation Nightingale which was targeting business and rural crime including poaching, which was reported as having declined this year. There was a message to make sure that any poaching is reported, should it occur. The PCSO's then explained about the new initiative of a mobile police station which was working well and could be made available for attendance at events, shows etc. upon request. The mobile station was fully kitted out with a proper office situation. The intention was to try to promote the marking of property with Smart Water and also for agricultural machinery, "Data Tag". Discounted rates for these may be available at events etc. The Police had been working in conjunction with Brightwells at Madley regarding the "Data Tag" process. One councillor mentioned a serious piece of dangerous and antisocial driving that he had observed and it was commented that such incidents can be reported on line via the West Mercia Police web site under Traffic Offence Reports. The PCSO's left the meeting at 8.11pm.

**2. Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

**3. To approve previous minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2016 and matters arising**

The minutes of the previous meeting of the Parish Council, held on 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2016 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 his report. A particular complaint had been received regarding the council tax billing. Comments were invited as to whether the bills showed too much, or too little, information for residents. The Ward Cllr had been attended a Regional Flood Meeting and a meeting of the Local Nature Partnership. He had also been engaged in conversation with the Nutrient Management Board which looked at levels of phosphates etc. in water courses and had attended a demonstration of how phosphates are stripped out of the water supply during sewerage treatment.

The Ward Cllr. stated that the planning applications across the ward were "getting more difficult." The application for the Southern Link Road would be considered, by the Planning Committee, on the 6<sup>th</sup> June. If successful, the building of this could be started in 2017.

The University Project was being progressed and funding obtained.

A Smallholdings Meeting would be held in the near future and measures were being put in place to assist tenants with the issues faced. A Procurement Process was being instigated to help get the best outcomes from the asset review, and potential sales, and this was described as an OJEU regulated

process. It was confirmed that there were no smallholdings actually within the group parish. Further details can be read in the Ward Cllr's Report.

### **5. Planning**

There had been no new applications to consider, however two further notifications had been received:

Planning Permission and Listed Building Consent granted for 153768 and 153769 for Well Cottage, Blakemere, HR2 9PY for replacement shed to house training pool and projecting canopy over rear door.

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

The lengthsman had cleared drains on Stockley Hill but it was reported that a tractor had driven over the spoil and pushed it back in again. This is an ongoing issue of erosion to the road edges and damage to drainage systems. Works were ongoing to try to keep up with erosion and remedial works.

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

Stockley Hill, water and drainage. Cllr Roper stated that he had left a message for the Locality Steward to make an arrangement to meet and review the drainage and water issues that had been causing icing up and the road being impassable for buses etc. for a number of years. The Clerk would advise the Locality Steward with a view to convening the meeting.

- There were potholes reported outside the Oddhouse and Grange in Blakemere, and also down Godway Lane.
- Water was lying at Steerfield by Pope Place and a scrape of the badger mounds was again required.
- The road was breaking up by Weston Farm, Bredwardine
- Road in poor condition at Haybridge and Holly Tree Pitch (near to the egg fridge)
- A flooding issue at Blakemere, on the corner near to the green, had been reported. This was being resolved by BT who had carried out works in the vicinity.
- Cllr Pugh showed a diagram of an issue with the ditch at the bottom of the lane to Godway Farm. He would supply a diagram to show this for the Locality Steward.

### **8. To consider the issue of dog fouling in Preston on Wye and possible signs**

Cllr Rawstone highlighted the issue of dog fouling in Preston in Wye. It was agreed that he would send a photograph of an appropriate sign, as mounted in Moccas, to the Clerk and consideration would be given to obtaining and placing signs in the Village to try to encourage people to clean up after their pets. It was acknowledged that the issue of fouling is a perennial one and people do need to be aware of the potential health hazards that can result.

### **9. Footpaths - To report on footpaths issues**

The Footpath Officer, Cllr Newsome, reported issues on:

- Footpaths PY13 and PY14 at Upper Bellamore where the stiles were incomplete due to no cross members and wire across at a level that was difficult to traverse. There was also a sign which looked as though the area was private, and could not be walked through, although it is a public footpath.
- A way-marker, to the crossroads of PY13 and PY14, had been wedged up with stones.
- Signs were required to show the way on PY1 towards Preston Brook.
- The footpath to Byecross is overgrown.
- The Preston to Shenmore Path has had the waymark removed.
- Path PY11 was reported as being difficult to walk due to ploughing right up to the edge.
- The footpath sign to Lulham points to "nowhere."

These issues would be highlighted to the Locality Steward and it was probably a requirement for a follow up meeting with the Footpath Officer to review the faults and take appropriate steps to resolve.

**10. Correspondence - Referring to information sheet**

The correspondence received was noted and included: Election information for the forthcoming Police Commissioner Elections to be held on the 5<sup>th</sup> May 2016 and confirmation of the Information Commissioners (ICO) Renewal.

**11. To approve accounts**

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

Statement balance at February 2016 £15560.52

<i>Receipts</i>	<i>Nil</i>
<i>Payments</i>	<i>Clerk £508.03 (salary £447.38, tax £0.00 travel £27.45, home office (Apr) £20.00, stamps £13.20)</i>
	<i>Reissue cheque for Tyberton PCC £150.00</i>
	<i>AC Maddison (web hosting of draft NDP) £200.00</i>

Payments were proposed by Cllr J. Dale and seconded by Cllr. D. Price. Carried  
The internal auditor had been contacted to see if he would be able to audit the End of Year Accounts once again.

**12. Neighbourhood Plan Meetings update plus adoption of Draft Plan for consultation**

There had been further Steering Group Meetings held on 9<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2016. The Plan was being placed on the web and would soon be available for public review and feedback. Details of how to see the draft Plan, and comment on it, would soon be circulated to all household in a flyer. The Parish Council recorded their thanks for all of the work carried out and approved the draft plan for publication. The next meeting of the Steering Group would be held on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> April at Moccas from 7.30pm.

**13. To consider vacancy for a Parish Councillor for Bredwardine**

A vacancy still exists for a Parish Council for Bredwardine Village. The Parish Council may still now co-opt. One potential candidate was giving the matter consideration.

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

All of the usual items would be included plus notice of parish meetings for each village. Moccas would be on the Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> May from 7.30pm at Moccas Village Hall. Bredwardine on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> May from 7.30pm in the Village Hall, Bredwardine. There would also be an update on the dog fouling signs.

**15. Date of next meeting**

To confirm date of the next Parish Council Meeting (Annual Statutory) as Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2016 at The Village Hall, Preston on Wye, at 8.00pm.

The Meeting closed at 9.20pm

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