

Minutes of the Annual Statutory Meeting of Wyeside Group Parish Council held in The Village Hall, Moccas, on Wednesday 1st June 2016 at 8.00pm

In attendance

Councillors O. Whittall (Chair), J. Darbyshire, A. Clipson, J. Newsome, A. Rawstorne, J. Hughes, H. Smith, R. Collins, D. Price and Ward Cllr P. Price plus Parish Clerk Mrs A. M. Wright

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies had been received from Cllrs J Dale, N Bowen and D Roper. Cllr Oscar Pugh was 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 Annual Statutory Meeting held on 4th May 2016 and matters arising

The minutes of the previous meeting of the Parish Council, held on 4th May 2016, were signed as a true and correct record of the meeting. There were no matters arising in addition to those covered elsewhere in the Agenda.

4. Report of North Ward Councillor

Ward Cllr. Price summarised his report. He commented that the Southern Link Road application would be coming before Planning Committee, following a six month delay, on the 6th June. There had been a challenge to the route choice from a consultee. There had been requests logged for a Secretary of State “call-in” of the application if the end result was a granting of planning permission. The road represented the first phase of Hereford by-pass. Further sections would eventually link it all together. An application was pending for the building of 1200 houses, on land owned by the Church Commissioner, near to Three Elms.

5. Planning

There had been one new application to consider:

APPLICATION NO & SITE ADDRESS:	161431 - Land at The Forge, Tyberton, Herefordshire, HR2 9PT
DESCRIPTION:	Proposed new self build dwelling
APPLICANT(S):	Mr & Mrs Celozzi
GRID REF:	OS 338204, 239657
APPLICATION TYPE:	Planning Permission

The Parish Council considered the application and determined that there were no objections to the proposal.

6. Lengthsman - To advise works for the Lengthsman

The Lengthsman had trimmed the overgrowth around the road signs. He had indicated that he would be retiring in the autumn and it was agreed that a comprehensive hand over would be required so that all of the drains etc. could be recorded for future reference. Maps would be obtained, via the Locality Steward, with a view to marking all of the relevant points to assist with this. When a new Lengthsman had been appointed it would be important to relay all of the local knowledge to them.

7. Parish Annual Meetings – to report back

All five of the Parish Meetings for the five member villages had been held. The Moccas Meeting had relayed concerns over road usage and speed restrictions. There was concern, generally, over the

use of the roads by heavy vehicles carrying tonnes of quarry stone. The stone was in high demand and there was approximately 90 years worth of stone left to be mined. There was an effort being made to get as much of the heavy material onto rail freight as possible. There was also concern expressed that some canoe carrying trailers were being driven too fast through the village. This was discussed at length and the Parish Council will be looking into helping to formulate a good operation code of practice.

The Ward Cllr explained about the coning off of the road just past Bridge Sollars. The road had collapsed and required repair. This would take some time to organise and vehicles needed to be kept off the side of the road affected until repairs could be carried out.

All of the parish meetings highlighted concern over road usage with inconsiderate and fast driving being of major concern. It was explained, by the Ward Cllr, that any request for new speed restrictions would be subject to an approximate three year wait.

The Bredwardine Parish meeting had been chaired by Cllr Darbyshire and minutes recorded. Concerns had majored around the upkeep of the Bredwardine Bridge and it was agreed that the Parish Council would request information pertaining to the inspection reviews and remedial action processes undertaken in this regard.

The question of a wall around the war memorial was discussed and the Clerk would forward any information, held about this, to Cllr Darbyshire.

The Parish Council would be looking at the findings and comments of the individual Parish Meetings going forward. Thank you to all concerned with making the Parish Meetings happen.

8. Roads - To report on highway issues

Cllr Whittall had met with the Locality Steward and some defects had been marked as follows and with more assessments to be carried out. This also included the Upper Bellamore drainage situation. It was noted that there was a much smaller budget available for remedial actions, than was actually required, to bring everything in the county “up to scratch”.

- 1 referral to asset management for highway deterioration in Moccas
- Edge damage x 5
- New give way sign at Pentre Lane
- Gully cleanse x 3
- Pothole x 3
- Clear headwall/pipe x 3
- Cut grips x 2

9. To approve the End of Year Accounts

The End of Year Accounts were circulated and discussed. John Entwisle had very kindly carried out the Internal Audit. Questions were asked and answered on items in the accounts including why there were two lots of subscriptions to HALC paid in one year. The invoices had arrived in that time frame. A new version of the “Standing Orders” had been published and this document would be considered and then adopted at a future meeting. The accounting statements were read out and unanimously agreed. The accounts would now be sent to the External Audit provider for examination. It was noted that Mr Entwisle had, as in previous years, requested that his “fee” for carrying out the internal audit be donated to the Village Halls of Moccas, Bredwardine and Preston on Wye. These payments would be made in July. A big “thank you” to Mr Entwisle is recorded for carrying out the audit.

10. Footpaths - to report on footpaths issues

The Footpath Officer reported that he had only been able to have a short meeting with the Locality Steward but that they had looked at as much as had been possible. The Locality Steward had advised that Balfour Beatty were only carrying out works on “Grade One” categorised footpaths at present. The footpaths identified on the visit were categorised as “Grade Three”.

11. Correspondence - Referring to information sheet

The correspondence received was noted and included: items from Anthony Bush at Herefordshire Council concerning the Community Governance Review and a request for input from Parishes regarding topics for consideration at seminars/information sessions, to be arranged.

12. To approve accounts

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

Statement balance at April 2016 £15939.92

<i>Receipts</i>	<i>£4150.00 Precept</i>
<i>Payments</i>	<i>Clerk £366.38 (salary £286.30, travel £60.08, home office (June) £20.00)</i>
	<i>The Post Office Ltd (Tax) £71.60</i>
	<i>Impact Print (NDP) £103.00</i>

The payments were proposed by Cllr O. Whittall and seconded by Cllr J. Newsome. Carried

13. Neighbourhood Plan Meetings - update on consultation and Event for the 9th June

There has been a further Steering Group Meeting held on 18th May. The information flyer/newsletter had now been distributed and the draft Plan was on the web, in the local halls and churches plus public houses within the five villages. The advisory consultees had also been sent their copies.

An event was being organised for Thursday 9th June at Moccas Village Hall from 7.00pm, with a presentation and refreshments, to further inform the public about the draft plan. The Councillors were asked to remember to invite all of their neighbours, friends etc. Posters were in the notice boards and notices had been placed in the Hereford Times plus Pump and Link. A member was putting together a presentation and the WI were kindly going to provide the refreshments. The policies in the plan all interact with each other and feed back was invited for people to say if the document covers the concerns that they may have.

The next Steering Group Meeting would be on Wednesday 15th June 7.30pm at Moccas.

14. Matters raised by members for the next agenda

All of the usual items would be included plus feed back from the 9th June Event. Any additional items would be advised.

15. Date of next meeting

To confirm date of the next Ordinary Meeting as Wednesday 6th July 2016 at The Village Hall, Preston on Wye, at 8.00pm.

The Meeting closed at 9.34pm

SIGNED

DATED