

*Minutes of the Meeting of Wyeside Group Parish Council held in The Village Hall, Moccas, on
Wednesday 7th September 2016 at 8.00pm*

In attendance

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

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies had been received from Cllrs J. Dale and N. Bowen. Cllr O. Pugh and Cllr D 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 Meeting held on 1st June 2016 and matters arising

The minutes of the previous meeting of the Parish Council, held on 6th July 2016, were signed as a true and correct record of the meeting with the addition of apologies received from Cllr O. Whittall.

4. Report of North Ward Councillor

Ward Cllr. Price summarised his report. He explained about the South Wye Transport Package and highlighted forthcoming public consultation sessions to be held at the Three Counties Hotel, and other locations, during September. There was a discussion about whether trams would be a viable mode of transport, but this was not supported by a business case.

Neighbourhood Plans were progressing throughout the county with a number adopted and others moving towards this. There was ongoing concern about how to engage the community in planning issues. Recent initiatives had received a very low response rate.

There was an update on the continued improvements in phosphate levels and the Nutrient Management Plans efforts to continue with the process of reduction. There was a report of a record salmon catch for 2016.

5. Planning

There had been no new applications to consider. The Clerk would add the councillors to the circulation list for planning decisions etc. as these would no longer be sent out automatically.

6. Lengthsman - To advise works for the Lengthsman and discuss recruitment of new post holder

There had been expressions of interest for the role of Lengthsman and Footpath Contractor received from two individuals who were interested in taking on the role as a "job share". It was agreed that they would submit their details to Cllr O. Whittall for consideration. A hand-over process would be co-ordinated, with the existing post holder, once a new appointment had been made. Maps had been obtained and these would be marked up with the positions of drains etc. to assist with ongoing maintenance. It was highlighted that, with funding reducing from Herefordshire Council, thought would need to be given to maintenance activities on the roads. Other sources of funding, such as possibly increasing the precept, would need to be considered going forward.

A "thank you" would be conveyed to the Locality Steward for arranging the completion of many identified tasks around the group parishes, including clearing around signs.

7. Parish Annual Meetings – village vehicle speed issues and signage – to discuss

A concern had been fed back from the parish meeting around the speed of vehicles in Moccas Village. Moccas had not requested speed signs at the time of the last round of Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) requests. There was a long waiting time, currently, for TRO implementation and part of the process was establishing an actual requirement. It was resolved, after discussion, to ask the

next Annual Parish Meeting for Moccas to discuss the issues and put forward proposals, and or suggestions, from the village community.

8. Roads - To report on highway issues and latest information form Balfour Beatty

Pot holes were reported in the road at Holly Tree Pitch coming from Preston on Wye and before the egg fridge.

Pot holes also by Lower Blakemere Farm at the bend in the road by the two cottages.

The Clerk had attended a workshop for the implementation of a scheme to allow Parishes to fund, if so wished, the fast tracking of Traffic Regulation Orders (TROs). Details of the scheme had been circulated.

9. Parish and Town Council Bus and Community Transport Consultation

The Parish Council's attention was drawn to the online consultation. The opportunity to comment on the bus service, and transport provision for the county, was available.

10. Footpaths - to report on footpaths issues

The Footpath Officer reported that a new finger post/way marker was required for the path from Byecross to Preston. This would be added to the list of projects for the new contractor for Footpaths once appointed.

11. Correspondence - Referring to information sheet

The correspondence received was noted and included: A forthcoming seminar on Trees and the Law. This would be held at Bartestree Village Hall on the 13th September from 4.00 to 6.00pm. The session would include information on Tree Preservation Orders, Working on Trees in Conservation Areas, Hedgerow Regulations, Trees and Planning Applications, and tree felling licences. There had been important information on Ash Tree die back at a previous seminar and the Tree Warden would be acting on the information received.

12. To approve accounts

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

Statement balance at July 2016 £10312.12

<i>Payments</i>	<i>Clerk July £440.05 (salary £373.85, travel £39.60, home office (Sept) £20.00, stamps £6.60)</i>
	<i>Grant Thornton (External Audit) £120.00</i>
	<i>The Post Office Ltd (Tax) £93.60</i>

The payments were proposed by Cllr O. Whittall and seconded by Cllr A. Clipson. Carried

13. Neighbourhood Plan Meetings - update

There had been further Steering Group Meetings held on the 20th July, 10th August and the 31st August. Cllr Darbyshire explained the work that was being carried on the production of a revised plan, incorporating feedback from the consultation, and the putting together of the necessary supporting documents regarding the consultation and basic conditions. Cllr Darbyshire explained that there had been over 300 comments to consider and evidence had been put together regarding feedback and engagement during the process of undertaking the plan. There was still work to be done but the documents, for consideration by councillors, would be circulated in time for them to be reviewed before the next meeting on 5th October. It was stressed that a lot of work had been done on the plan and that it would be important for all to consider the points as noted. Principally, the thinking in the plan itself had shifted to encompass best practice regarding village design, that being in the form of "organic clusters". The next Steering Group Meeting would be incorporated within the Parish Council Meeting to be held on Wednesday 5th October at Preston on Wye.

A huge vote of thanks was recorded to Cllr Darbyshire, and the Steering Group Members, for all of their work on the plan. The Minutes of the Meetings held on the 20/07/16, 10/08/16 and 31/08/16 were all signed as true and correct records of the meetings.

14. Matters raised by members for the next agenda

All of the usual items would be included, plus the Clerk’s Annual Review and an update on the new lengthsman recruitment.

15. Date of next meeting

To confirm date of the next Ordinary Meeting as Wednesday 5th October 2016 at The Village Hall, Preston on Wye, at 8.00pm.

Due to the confidential nature of the business of this agenda item, under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 (3) it is proposed to put forward a motion to exclude members of the public during discussion of this agenda item

16. Clerk’s Annual Incremental Review

This item was deferred to the October Meeting.

The Meeting closed at 9.30pm

SIGNED

DATED