

Minutes of the Meeting of Wyese Group Parish Council held in The Village Hall, Preston on Wye, on Wednesday 5th October 2016 at 8.00pm

In attendance

Councillors O Whittall (in the Chair), J. Newsome, R. Collins, J. Darbyshire, J. Dale, H. Smith, N. Bowen, D. Roper, A. Rawstorne, O. Pugh, A. Clipson, J. Hughes and Ward Cllr P. Price plus Parish Clerk Mrs A. M. Wright and four members of the public.

Open Session with parishioners

A local resident was in attendance and described how his property in Preston on Wye had been targeted by thieves. Padlocks had been taken off, glass smashed and items taken, including power tools. It was believed that there had been “inside intelligence” as the incident had occurred during a small duration of time, in the early afternoon, when the householder was away from the property. There was a discussion over security and the need for vigilance and for marking property, looking out for anything unusual and reporting any suspicious activity, or vehicles, to the police. It would be important to have alarms, cameras and to mark all items, in case taken, to aid any possible recovery. It was agreed that the PCSO would be invited to attend the next meeting to give a talk on security and to perhaps bring “Smart Water” kits along. It was important to raise awareness amongst neighbours and to be vigilant.

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies had been received from Cllr D Price. 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 7th September

The minutes of the previous meeting of the Parish Council, held on 7th September 2016, were signed as a true and correct record of the meeting.

4. Report of North Ward Councillor

Ward Cllr. Price summarised his report. 106 Neighbourhood Plans were underway in the County and 20 were on target for adoption, before Christmas 2016.

There was an update on the Nutrient Management Plan Board who had met on the 4th October and they were engaged in the process of driving down phosphate levels in the County’s rivers.

The City Link Road was under construction and the process of land acquisition was starting for the Southern Link Road.

Herefordshire Council had successfully won a High Court action against the former Public Realm service provider.

Funding for the University was being considered at Central Government level. Private funders will only follow a Governmental lead on this.

5. Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group Meeting - update and approval of circulated papers for submission to inspection

Cllr John Darbyshire took the meeting through the key points for consideration. He gave a brief description of where the Group was in the process of plan production and explained the key changes, which required approval, before submission to the next stage of the process. Around 300 comments had been responded to and changes made, based on the comments, were approved. **The Parish Council resolved to approve the changes made and the submission of the documents to the next stage of the process.** The revised plan would be sent to Cllr Whittall, who would share it with a key stakeholder, before the final submission to Herefordshire Council and the Inspection process. Thanks were recorded once again to the Steering Group, and to Cllr Darbyshire, for all of

the work input to the production of the submission documents.

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

The expressions of interest for the role of Lengthsman and Footpath Contractor had now been confirmed as applications for the post. It was agreed that Cllr O. Whittall would make contact with the applicants to discuss terms of the role and the responsibilities. It was noted that a hand-over process would be co-ordinated, with the existing post holder, once a new appointment had been made. Maps were in hand to be marked up with the points of interest. The Clerk would ask for the outgoing post holder's account, up to date, and advise the Chair of monies left in the budget for the Lengthsman Account.

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

- Potholes on Hacton Lane, Preston on Wye
- Potholes near to Standards Farm, Moccas
- Potholes on the road, past Wiggly Wiggles, going towards Moccas
- Ridges in the road by the Round House on the Moccas to Blakemere Road
- Wall by culvert over Preston Brook, between "Popes Place" and "Carpenters" on Preston on Wye to Blakemere Road, leaning and cracked.

8. Footpaths - to report on footpaths issues

The Footpath Officer reiterated 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. He had cleared the footpath entrances, of several footpaths, between the Yew Tree Public House and Shenmore. Way mark arrows had been replaced.

9. Correspondence - Referring to information sheet

The correspondence received was noted and included: Information regarding the future of phone kiosks in the County. It was agreed that an expression of interest that the Parish Council may wish to purchase the Moccas Kiosk should be made.

10. To approve accounts

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

Statement balance at July 2016 £10312.12

Payments Clerk Oct £328.04 (salary £289.05, travel £18.99, home office (Oct) £20.00)
The Post Office Ltd (Tax) £72.20
Preston on Wye Village Hall (Hall hire) £90.00
Moccas Village Hall (Hall hire) £95.50

The payments were proposed by Cllr Hughes, seconded by Cllr Darbyshire and approved unanimously.

11. Planning - please see information sheet

There had been no further applications received.

12. Matters raised by members for the next agenda

All of the usual items would be included, plus an update on the new lengthsman recruitment and discussion of items for the budget and precept.

13. Date of next meeting

To confirm date of the next Ordinary Meeting as Wednesday 2nd November 2016 at The Village

Hall, Moccas, at 7.30pm.

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

14. Clerk's Annual Incremental Review

The Clerk, and members of the public, left the room for the duration of the discussion. The Clerk was awarded one additional incremental point on the salary scale from the 1st September 2016.

The Meeting closed at 9.50pm

SIGNED

DATED