

*Minutes of the Meeting of Wyeside Group Parish Council held in The Village Hall, Moccas, on
Wednesday 2nd November 2016 at 7.30pm*

In attendance

Councillors O Whittall (in the Chair), J. Newsome, R. Collins, J. Dale, D. Price, N. Bowen, D. Roper, A. Rawstorne, O. Pugh, and Ward Cllr P. Price, Parish Clerk; Mrs A. M. Wright, PCSO Fiona Witcher and Charles Naylor; Crime Prevention Design Advisor plus two members of the public.

Open Session with parishioners and West Mercia Police

The Chair introduced Charles Naylor; the Crime Prevention Design Advisor and PCSO Fiona Witcher who had come to the meeting to discuss security concerns, following recent break in events at local properties. Both Officers outlined recent events and ways in which households and businesses can protect their property. Some packs, containing helpful advice, stickers and a UV Marker Pen were distributed with Outbuilding Crime Prevention in mind. Initiatives to help tackle crime were identified, and the years of experience drawn on, for information and preventative measures. Property marking was encouraged and security systems obtained via the NFU were proving extremely successful in both deterring crime and advising when people had entered the environs of a premise. There were tips on how to immobilise farm machinery to prevent theft and sensible suggestions on how to protect your property. There would be a further briefing held, ahead of the next Parish Council Meeting, on 7th December from 7.00pm at the Preston on Wye Village Hall. **All were very welcome to attend.** Posters would be in the notice boards and an advert would be placed in the Link and Pump. All councillors would spread the word to encourage anyone who wants to find out more to come along on the 7th December. A big “thank you” was recorded to the Officers for coming along and for sharing their advice with those present.

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies had been received from Cllrs H. Smith, J. Darbyshire, J. Hughes and A. Clipson. The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Declarations of Interest

There was one declarations of interest. This was by the Clerk, Mrs Alison Wright, whose husband was a candidate for the Lengthsman’s post.

3. To approve previous minutes of the Meeting held on 5th October

The minutes of the previous meeting of the Parish Council, held on 5th October 2016, were signed as a true and correct record of the meeting.

4. Report of North Ward Councillor

Ward Cllr. Price summarised his report. He spoke primarily on the concerns that were being raised due to phosphate output from large numbers of agricultural buildings, over the border in Wales, being used for poultry production. There would be implications ahead following the changes to egg production and free ranging birds. He emphasised that there would need to be consideration given to future methods of food production. A professor, from Cardiff University, had been present at the meeting attended on the subject.

5. Neighbourhood Plan - update

There was some feedback awaited, regarding a stakeholder’s observations, and then the plan would be ready to proceed to the next phase of the process. The Chair would check with the stakeholder regarding this.

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

The Clerk left the room for the duration of this agenda item. On return to the room she was advised that the two candidates, who had applied for the post on a job share basis, would both now be appointed to the post. This recommendation followed them both being interviewed by the Chair and Vice Chair of the Parish Council, A meeting to discuss the hand over, and knowledge transfer, would be arranged with the existing post holder. Contracts would be drawn up for signature.

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

There were a number of defects with log numbers in the list for attention. Added to this were:

- A pothole was reported where the Stockley Road joins the B Road at the top of Lower House Farm, Tyberton's driveway.
- "Cats" eyes and white lining were missing on a lot of local roads and this was proving to be hazardous when there was thick fog as it left little to focus on apart from the grass at the edges.
- There were concerns expressed regarding deer escaping out onto the road next to the Moccas Deer Park. It was suggested that warning signs, about the deer, may be a good thing and Cllr Whittall would talk to the landowner about the security of the fencing. One person reported seeing eight animals, out on the road, in one event.

8. Footpaths - to report on footpaths issues

Signs were required and this would be on the list for attention with the new contractors.

9. Correspondence - Referring to information sheet

The correspondence received was noted and included an update on the changes to the Lengthsman and Footpath Grant Funding Schemes.

10. To approve accounts

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

Statement balance at Sept 2016 £13,862.07

<i>Receipts</i>	<i>Precept £4150.00</i>
<i>Payments</i>	<i>Clerk Oct £482.14 (salary £391.14, tax refund £47.60 travel £23.40, home office (Nov) £20.00)</i>

The payments were proposed by Cllr Price, seconded by Cllr Rawstone and approved unanimously.

The village mower's honoraria sheet was circulated and confirmed as a correct list for payment of the honoraria in December. Cllr Collins had replaced Mr Dudman as the co-ordinator for the Blakemere Parish mowing.

11. Parish Precept and budget for 2016/2017 to consider and set

It was agreed that there would be further discussion on this before the amounts were set at the December Parish Council Meeting. A Working Group for Finance was set up consisting of Cllrs Whittall, Dale, Roper and Clipson plus the Clerk. The Group would meet to discuss the finance proposals, on a date to be confirmed, at the Old Rectory, Moccas.

12. Planning - please see information sheet

There had been no further applications received.

13. Matters raised by members for the next agenda

All of the usual items would be included, plus the budget and precept (including Lengthsman and

Footpath allocations). There would also be a Tree warden Update.

13. Date of next meeting

To confirm date of the next Ordinary Meeting as Wednesday 7th December 2016 at The Village Hall, Preston on Wye, at 7.30pm.

It was noted that there would be a presentation from the Police on Security (of property and cyber crime) on the same evening, 7th December, in the Preston on Wye Village Hall from 7.00pm. All welcome.

The Meeting closed at 9.22pm

SIGNED

DATED