

Minutes of the Meeting of Wyese Group Parish Council held in The Village Hall, Preston on Wye, on Wednesday 7th December 2016 at 7.30pm (Open Session with the Police from 7.00pm)

In attendance

Councillors O Whittall (in the Chair), J. Dale (Vice Chair), D. Price, J. Darbyshire, A. Clipson, H. Smith, D. Roper, O. Pugh, J. Hughes and Ward Cllr P. Price, Parish Clerk; Mrs A. M. Wright, PC Roger Bradley and Charles Naylor; Crime Prevention Design Advisor plus five members of the public.

Open Session with parishioners and West Mercia Police

The Chair introduced Charles Naylor; the Crime Prevention Design Advisor and PC Roger Bradley who had come to the meeting to discuss security concerns, again, following recent crime events at local properties. They outlined their core roles to prevent crime, support people at high risk, including those on witness protection, and to save lives. Property marking was again encouraged and details about how security systems, that may be obtained via the NFU, were proving extremely successful in both deterring crime and advising when people had entered the environs of a premise. There was also information on how to be aware of cyber crime and to protect oneself on line, including advice on password generation and not to open e mails or attachments from unrecognised addresses. The Officers explained about the mobile police unit which may attend events upon request and also about Smart Water, signage and property marking events. It was stressed that people must report crime so that action can be taken. The mobile number for Peterchurch Police Station is **07779 141232**. Ring **999** for urgent issues and **101** for non urgent reporting. As before, 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 N. Bowen, A. Rawstone and R. Collins. Cllr J. Newsome 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 Meeting held on 2nd November

The minutes of the previous meeting of the Parish Council, held on 2nd November 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 explained that the Link Road construction was causing issues on the A49. Car parking in the city would be free, on the Wednesdays leading up to Christmas, from 4.00pm. There was an update on budget plans and funding including that the budget would be going forward for approval the following week. The Energy from Waste Plant at Hartlebury was “ready to go”. There would be no landfill requirement once this was fully operational. There was also an update on Fastershire Broadband with a large number of households now on optical fibre. Council Tax would be rising by 3.9% for the following year and areas for further cost reduction, including public transport routes, were being scrutinised. Clarification was given regarding Capital (used for project, asset) and Revenue (used to provide services) Budgets.

5. Neighbourhood Plan - update

There had been no further comments advised so the submission of the documents for inspection would be made. The Parish would be offered a choice of examiners and the plan would then go forward for the inspection process. The role of the examiner would be to check compliance with the

National Planning Policy Framework and the Core Strategy. They would also check that there had been a robust consultation process and documentary evidence of this had been assembled. Once the inspection had been completed, and any resultant changes made, the plan could go forward for the referendum process. Copies of the final plan would again be placed in public buildings, Halls and Churches plus on the website. The Clerk would check regarding any extension for the grant until March.

6. Lengthsman - To advise works for the Lengthsman

The Chair had been on a parish tour with the two new lengthsman and the outgoing lengthsman. This had taken place on a wet Monday and all roads in the parish road network had been covered and a log made of hotspots and drainage systems etc. The knowledge transfer process had been very beneficial. Jobs had been noted and the hire of a mini digger to rectify these would be arranged. A letter would be sent to the outgoing lengthsman to thank him for his sixteen years of work and service to the group of parishes.

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

- Road by “Pope Place” on the Preston to Blakemere Road. Hole did not appear to have been filled properly following works by the Water Board. Hollow in the road by the side of the hole. Clerk to advise the Locality Steward.
- Logged issue regarding the culvert on the same road, number 11037031 to be chased up as damage had worsened.
- Bredwardine Monument people parking by this. Suggestion made for a high kerbstone to be placed in front of the monument to safeguard the stonework of the memorial site. There may be considerations regarding the use of the area as a “pull in” for vehicles. Meeting to be arranged between Bredwardine Councillors and the Locality Steward to discuss the situation and options.

8. Footpaths - to report on footpaths issues

There were no issues to report.

9. Correspondence - Referring to information sheet

The correspondence received was noted and included information about a “drop in” session, for councillors and clerks, at the Balfour Beatty Office in Thorn Estate, Rotherwas from 2.00pm to 6.00pm on the 14th December. There would be an opportunity to find out more about some of the services and programmes of work that Balfour Beatty will be delivering in 2017/18.

10. To approve accounts

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

Statement balance at Oct 2016 £13,243.23

<i>Receipts</i>	<i>£0.00</i>
<i>Payments</i>	<i>Clerk Dec £346.14 (salary £298.60, travel £27.54, home office (Dec) £20.00) Jan (salary £373.20, home office £20.00), The Post Office Ltd. (Tax) £27.00 and Village Mowers honoraria total £440.00</i>

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

11. Parish Precept and budget for 2017/2018 to consider and set

The Working Group for Finance had met and discussed the budget and finance proposals including the precept. The figures for aspects of expenditure had been reviewed and Cllr Clipson summarised

the accounts, as presented, for the benefit of those present. The proposal was made for an increase of £1000.00 to be applied, making a total annual precept of £9300.00. This would represent an approximate increase of £3.00 per annum on a Band D property Council Tax bill. The Proposal for £9300.00 was proposed by Cllr Clipson, seconded by Cllr Whittall and carried unanimously.

12. Planning - please see information sheet

There was one application to consider:

APPLICATION NO & SITE ADDRESS:	163483 - The Smithy Cottage, Moccas, Hereford, Herefordshire HR2 9LB
DESCRIPTION:	Proposed alteration of two ground floor windows to the east facing side of the property. Retain the existing hardwood timber frames to accommodate traditional metal frames and leaded lights.
APPLICANT(S):	Mr Ben Williams
GRID REF:	OS 335495, 242473
APPLICATION TYPE:	Listed Building Consent

The Parish Council considered the application and resolved to support it.

13. Matters raised by members for the next agenda

All of the usual items would be included, plus action regarding kiosks, possible kerbstone at Bredwardine Monument and donation request for Dore Community Transport.

13. Date of next meeting

To confirm date of the next Ordinary Meeting as Wednesday 8th February 2017 at The Village Hall, Moccas, at 7.30pm.

The Meeting closed at 9.23pm

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DATED