

Minutes of the Meeting of Wyese Group Parish Council held in The Village Hall, Preston on Wye, on Wednesday 8th March 2017 at 7.30pm

In attendance

Councillors J. Dale (in the Chair), D. Price, J. Darbyshire, O. Pugh, J. Hughes, J. Newsome and A. Rawstone plus Parish Clerk; Mrs A. M. Wright.

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies had been received from Cllrs O. Whittall, A. Clipson, H. Smith, D. Roper, N. Bowen and Ward Cllr P. Price Vice Chair Cllr John Dale was in the Chair and he 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 8th February 2017

The minutes of the previous meeting of the Parish Council, held on 8th February 2017, were signed as a true and correct record of the meeting. One amendment was advised with the addition of a sentence to item 10 regarding the Dore Transport request for funding: "To discuss possible donation for Dore Community Transport. This was discussed and following analysis of the parish usage figures, and the area policies for the transport*", it was resolved not to renew the advert sponsorship for the following year.

The additional insert reads: *which means that Dore only serves Tyberton Parish in the Wyese Group of Parishes.

4. Report of North Ward Councillor

Ward Cllr. Price had sent his apologies for the meeting. He would be sending his report.

5. Neighbourhood Plan - update

Cllr Darbyshire advised that an e mail had been received from a member of the Breinton Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group. The member had highlighted the process followed by Breinton, in their plan, for the protection of green spaces, open spaces and countryside with the suggestion that Wyese review their policies accordingly for robustness. Cllr Darbyshire and the Clerk had been in contact and Cllr Darbyshire had responded to the member, concerning the message, and had thanked them for their advice. Cllr Darbyshire then presented the scenarios of the Breinton Parish and comparisons were drawn between the situations faced by Breinton and those of Wyese. Following discussion, it was agreed that the circumstances facing the two were significantly different, with Wyese having less services and being a greater distance from the city making travel and building less cost effective, and possibly less viable. The recommendation was proposed by Cllr Darbyshire that the plan, as it stood, had covered the concerns adequately and that nothing further should be fundamentally altered at this stage. This motion was seconded by Cllr Price and then carried unanimously. With all of the consultation feedback having been incorporated into the Plan, and the second consultation in progress, the next step would be to select an Examiner from a choice of names to be supplied by Herefordshire Council, once the consultation period had finished. The Clerk would confirm the position that the Plan was in, currently, with Herefordshire Council. Thanks were recorded again to Cllr Darbyshire.

6. Lengthsman - To advise works for the Lengthsman

The Lengthsman; Paul Wright, had been in contact with the Chair and Lengthsman Co-ordinator, Cllr Owen Whittall, and had discussed a strategy for works, including soil and digger tasks, to be

carried out later on in March. If anyone had additional works to be carried out they were asked to liaise with the Co-ordinator.

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

There was a lengthy discussion on road degeneration generally and potholes in particular. Potholes were being repaired but were rapidly reappearing due to surface water lying on the roads etc. The cracked bridge over the Preston Brook was highlighted, plus water lying on the road at Pentre Lane, near to Cllr Hughes property. Water was also lying on the road between Blakemere Church and on the approach to Godway Lane. Potholes were in abundance on the Dorestone side of Bredwardine Hill. They did not appear to have been filled adequately. Anxiety over the continued deterioration of the roads was voiced and the long term effects of inadequate maintenance were of grave concern and the matter would be raised, with the Locality Steward, once again.

8. Footpaths - to report on footpaths issues

There were some requirements for repairs and clearance. Budget was available for Footpath projects and Cllrs Hughes and Newsome would speak to the contractors to identify where actions were required.

9. Correspondence - Referring to information sheet

The correspondence received was noted and included notification of the precept payments to be made to the Parish Council and notice of a “Great British Spring Clean”.

10. To approve accounts

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

Statement balance at Feb 2017 £10,590.25

Receipts £0.00

Payments Clerk – Mar £419.36 (salary £378.12, travel £21.24, home office (Mar) £20.00)

The Post Office Ltd. (Tax) £94.60

Upper Bridge Enterprises (web) £237.96

Information Commissioner £35.00

11. Kerbstone at Bredwardine Monument location – to discuss

Cllr Darbyshire had met with the Locality Steward, at the location of the monument, to discuss the options. The Locality Steward had indicated that the requirement for a kerb was not “safety critical,” from a Balfour Beatty perspective. It would be for the Parish Council to erect a kerb, or similar, if desired. The matter was discussed, and it was resolved, that a number of suitable stones would be placed along the front edge of the monument, not to prevent use of the pull in, but to prevent vehicles from getting too close to the monument itself. Cllr Price would look into sourcing the stones, which would need to be of a suitable dimension for stability, and would liaise with Cllr Darbyshire regarding selection, and placement, of them. This course of action was proposed by Cllr Price and seconded by Cllr Pugh.

12. Parish Representative on Jarvis Eleemynsary Charity – to appoint

The Parish Council discussed the appointment of a representative to sit on the boards of the Jarvis Eleemynsary Charity and The Education Trust. Cllr John Darbyshire had kindly agreed to take up the position and he would replace Mrs Stone. The Parish Council resolved to appoint Cllr Darbyshire accordingly. The Clerk would advise the representative of the organisation of the appointment.

13. Planning

There were no new applications to consider. Cllr Darbyshire advised that there were cycle racks available free of charge for parishes. It was agreed that two sets (each with four bike slots) should be requested and, if successful in obtaining them, suitable sites would be found for their placement.

14. Matters raised by members for the next agenda

All of the usual items would be included, plus update on the free cycle racks for the parishes. Also to be included the appointment of Parish Councillor for Blakemere.

15. Date of next meeting

To confirm date of the next Ordinary Meeting as Wednesday 5th April 2017 at The Village Hall, Moccas, at 8.00pm.

The Meeting closed at 8.50pm

SIGNED

DATED