

*Minutes of the Meeting of Wyeside Group Parish Council held in The Village Hall, Moccas, on
Wednesday 5th April 2017 at 8.00pm*

In attendance

Councillors O. Whittall (Chair), J. Dale (Vice Chair), D. Price, J. Darbyshire, O. Pugh, D. Roper, H. Smith, J. Newsome and A. Rawstorne plus Parish Clerk; Mrs A. M. Wright, Ward Cllr. Philip Price and Lengthsman Paul Wright. Also in attendance for part was PC Roger Bradley.

1. Apologies for absence

There were no apologies. Cllr J. Hughes was not present. The Chair, Cllr Owen Whittall, welcomed everyone to the meeting. Thanks were recorded for the Vice Chair taking the Chair for the February and March Meetings. There had been some councillor resignations, Cllr Clipson had moved out of the Village and Cllr Bowen was buying a house elsewhere. Cllr Smith would be resigning in the next few months. The Parish Council recorded their thanks to all of the councillors for their work on behalf of the Group of Parishes. Thank you letters would be sent by the Clerk.

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest. PC Roger Bradley joined the meeting at this point. He advised that things were relatively quiet at present. Suspicious vehicle reporting was ongoing. It was noted that prevention is always better than cure so continue to report anything that is out of the ordinary. Two properties had been broken into at Ewyas Harold and a quad bike had been stolen from a Bacton address. PCSO Lucy Morris had moved on to become a PC in Powys. Poaching Watch was proving effective and no reported instances had been found, via spot checks, for some time. PC Bradley would be available for any speed gun requirements, to help deter speeding in the parishes, upon request. PC Bradley left the meeting at this point.

3. To approve previous minutes of the Meeting held on 8th March 2017

The minutes of the previous meeting of the Parish Council, held on 8th March 2017, were signed as a true and correct record of the meeting.

4. Report of North Ward Councillor

Ward Cllr. Price gave an update on his report. The Locality Steward had been promoted to the Head Office of Balfour Beatty and would be running the Locality Steward operation going forward. Planning Officer Matt Tompkins was leaving the Herefordshire Planning Department. There was notification of planning refusal for a free range chicken farm in Dorestone. The Inspector had refused the application on the grounds of “character of the landscape”. Cllr Price then gave updates on the funding for the Hereford University and the consultation on the Hereford Area Plan and Hereford Transport Plan which were in progress at the Courtyard. Once the Courtyard venue consultation was over the details would move to the libraries until the end of May. Public opinion was sought and questionnaires were available both on line and in paper format. More information available at www.herefordshire.gov.uk/HerefordConsultation

5. Neighbourhood Plan - update

Cllr Darbyshire advised that the further recent consultation had not produced the requirement for any new alterations. The next step would now be the independent examination and notification of examiner choices was awaited from the Neighbourhood Planning Department.

6. Lengthsman - To advise works for the Lengthsman

The Lengthsman; Paul Wright, was in attendance and gave an update on ditching and clearing works undertaken. “Thank yous” were recorded to Cllr Whittall, Cllr Roper and Cllr Dale plus members of the public who had assisted in the clearance. Further ditching works and clearance

would be undertaken. Bends round the deer park and lane at Blakemere would be receiving attention. Stockley Hill would be looked at when rain was falling to determine re flooding issues. The field at Upper Belamore Lane, where a lake was lying, was being ditch cleared by the local farmer.

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

Side of road repaired at Old Court Farm, Bredwardine and some potholes on the road through Moccas.

8. Footpaths - to report on footpaths issues

Hardware would be ordered from 2016-2017 budget grant money available for Footpaths. The Clerk had spoken with Balfour Beatty and gates, posts and way-markers would be included in the order to be placed.

A thank you was recorded to Cllr John Dale, and his father Clive, for clearing a large fallen tree bough in Preston on Wye.

9. Correspondence - Referring to information sheet

The correspondence received was noted and included the information described by the Ward Councillor on the Hereford Area Plan and Hereford Transport Plan consultation process.

10. To approve accounts

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

Statement balance at Feb 2017 £9,447.77

Mrs A Wright (salary £364.92, mileage £16.20, home office £20.00)	£401.12
The Post Office Ltd (Tax)	£9.20
Longfield Services (Lengthsman)	£510.00
Cobb Estate Services (Lengthsman)	£360.00
HALC Subscription	£516.26
Herefordshire Tree Warden Network Sub	£25.00
Contribution towards Bredwardine Telephone/Info (A Maddison)	£20.00
Contribution towards web site (A Maddison)	£20.00
Total	£ 1861.58

It was agreed that John Entwisle would be asked if he would kindly undertake the internal audit again for 2016-2017.

11. Kerbstone at Bredwardine Monument location – to discuss progress re placing of protection

Cllr Darbyshire and Cllr Price would be co-ordinating the collection of the suitable sized stones, which had been donated, and they would be placed by the monument once chosen and transported.

12. Cycle racks for Bredwardine and Preston on Wye - to approve locations and update

The old monument plinth in Bredwardine had been proposed for the Bredwardine racks and a suitable site had been found in Preston on Wye near to the Village Hall, phone box and notice board. Some photographs of the sites would be supplied and the delivery and fitting of the racks would be finalised.

13. Planning

There was one new application to consider, as below:

APPLICATION NO & SITE ADDRESS:	170907 - Land at Vine Cottage, Moccas, Herefordshire, HR2 9LQ
DESCRIPTION:	Erection of a new 2-storey dwelling
APPLICANT(S):	Mr & Mrs Thornton
GRID REF:	OS 335791, 242829
APPLICATION TYPE:	Planning Permission

The Parish Council discussed the application and resolved that there were no objections. The Clerk would convey this to the Planning Officer.

14. Appointment of a new councillor for Blakemere

A new councillor had been found and would hopefully take up the post from May 2017. All councillors were in agreement regarding the prospective appointment.

15. To consider revised Code of Conduct March 2017

To be considered on next agenda.

16. Matters raised by members for the next agenda

All of the usual items would be included, plus the appointment of Parish Councillor for Blakemere. Annual Village Meetings would be arranged. Cllr Newsome advised that some Black Poplar Tree saplings were available.

17. Date of next meeting

To confirm date of the next Meeting, the Annual Statutory Meeting, as Wednesday 3rd May 2017 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

18. To confirm National Joint Council Pay Award rate for Clerk from 1/04/17

The Parish Council discussed and approved the acceptance of the National Joint Council pay rate increase from 1st April 2017.

The Meeting closed at 9.40pm

SIGNED

DATED