

Minutes of the Annual Statutory Meeting of Wyeside Group Parish Council held in The Village Hall, Preston on Wye, on Wednesday 3rd May 2017 at 8.00pm

In attendance

Councillors O. Whittall (in the Chair), D. Price, J. Darbyshire, D. Roper, J. Newsome, J. Hughes, S. Russell (co-opted) and A. Rawstorne plus Parish Clerk; Mrs A. M. Wright and Ward Cllr. Philip Price. Also in attendance for part was PCSO Pete Knight.

Cllr Owen Whittall welcomed everyone to the Wyeside Annual Statutory Meeting.

1. Co-option of councillor(s) and receipt of acceptance of office

A new councillor was co-opted. He is Cllr Simon Russell and he will represent the Village of Blakemere within the Wyeside Group Parish Council. Cllr Russell was proposed by Cllr Whittall and seconded by Cllr Newsome. A big welcome was recorded to Cllr Russell and he signed his Declaration of Acceptance of Office and completed his Registrable Interest Form.

There were vacancies, currently, for two councillors to represent Moccas and one for Tyberton.

2. Election of Chair and receipt of acceptance of office

Cllr John Dale was proposed as Chair (although not present he had communicated his willingness to accept the role). Proposed by Cllr Whittall and seconded by Cllr Roper. Cllr John Dale was duly appointed as the Chair of Wyeside Group Parish Council. Acceptance of office form signed. Cllr Whittall, as outgoing chair paid tribute and said thank you to all of the councillors, and the clerk, for their work and assistance while he had been in post.

3. Election of Vice Chair and receipt of acceptance of office

Cllr Andrew Rawstorne was proposed as Vice Chair. Proposed by Cllr Whittall and seconded by Cllr Newsome. Cllr Andrew Rawstorne was duly appointed as the Vice Chair of Wyeside Group Parish Council. Acceptance of office form signed.

4. Apologies for absence

There were apologies received from Cllrs H. Smith (resigned), O. Pugh and J. Dale.

5. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

PCSO Pete Knight was present. PCSO Knight updated the meeting regarding the Annual Report. Staffing changes were highlighted and it was noted that there had been seven property related crimes, in the parish group, during the previous twelve month period. More details of these had been reported in the Golden Valley SNT Briefings. The opportunity was available for property marking and security filming with body cameras was explained.

The PCSO left the meeting following his report at 8.35pm.

6. To approve previous minutes of the Meeting held on 5th April 2017

The minutes of the previous meeting of the Parish Council, held on 5th April 2017, were signed as a true and correct record of the meeting.

7. Report of North Ward Councillor

Ward Cllr. Price gave an update on his report. He highlighted some issues being experienced regarding schooling and education in Peterchurch. There were issues regarding the buildings, roofing and funding. Anyone with concerns or questions should contact the head teacher of one of the schools, Peterchurch Primary or Fairfield in the first instance.

Ward Cllr Price reported that the 448 bus would continue to run for a further three year period.

8. Planning

No further applications had been received for consideration.

9. Neighbourhood Plan update and examiner selection

Cllr Darbyshire advised that a choice of three examiners had been presented to the Parish Council. A discussion of the experience of the candidates took place and it was resolved that the choice for the examination, of the Wyese Group Neighbourhood Development Plan, would be Mr John Mattocks as he had recorded experience of the consideration of rural based plans. The Clerk would advise the Local Authority Planning Department of this decision. It was also resolved that the Parish Council supported the drawing up of an explanatory document to defend some of the decisions and policy choices indicated in the draft plan. Cllr Darbyshire would kindly collate the document.

10. Lengthsman - To advise of works for the Lengthsman

The request for gates and materials that had been submitted had been disallowed from the previous year's budget. The Clerk would enquire as to who had made the decision.

11. Roads - To report on highway issues and hear update re monument stones

Potholes on the Moccas to Blakemere Road had been reported. Further potholes noted outside the Moccas deer park and outside the Yew Tree Public House in Preston on Wye. The trench previously dug and filled by a utility company outside Pope Plane on the Preston to Blakemere Road was causing issues especially for large vehicles and trailers. The storm drain by the "Asparagus Patch" was blocked and the drain by Woodlands Farm appeared to be full. The monument stones had been chosen and moved to their new location by the monument in Bredwardine. They were now positioned in front of it to protect from damage. A big "thank you" was recorded to Cllrs Darbyshire and Price for co-ordinating the project and to The Vineyard Quarry, Westonwood especially Graham Kirk for very kindly donating the stones. Thank you all.

12. Footpaths - to elect a footpath Officer and to report on footpaths issues

Cllr Newsome kindly agreed to continue in the role of Footpath Officer, and was confirmed in the role, following proposal by Cllr Whittall and seconding by Cllr Roper. He would liaise regarding the gates required on the footpaths, once the supply issue had been clarified.

It was agreed that Cllr Whittall would continue to co-ordinate the Lengthsman activities.

13. To discuss and determine location of cycle racks in Preston on Wye

Cllr Darbyshire had brought along a sample rack to show to those present. Following discussion, it was agreed that the suggestion of fitting the racks by the bridleway sign in Preston on Wye would be looked at, in liaison with Cllrs Rawstone and Dale plus the fitting contractor. Cllr Darbyshire would co-ordinate as he had the racks at his property, awaiting fitting.

A request to move the Village Green Stone in Preston on Wye was approved by the Parish Council. A resident would undertake this and move the stone to a more suitable location.

It was also agreed that the Parish Freighter, for rubbish disposal, would be on the Agenda for consideration of provision in June.

14. Correspondence – Refer to information sheet including update on Code of Conduct

The correspondence received was noted and included information about a Community Housing Fund Information & Networking Event to be held on Friday 19 May 2017 from 9.15am – 1pm and also events to celebrate Herefordshire Armed Forces Day. More information will be available closer to the date and will also be given on:

<https://www.facebook.com/Herefordshire-Armed-Forces-Day-833687586713541/>

15. To approve accounts and note balances

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

Bank Statement balance at April 2017: £10,217.95

Mrs A Wright (salary £301.48, mileage £42.39, home office £20.00 and stamps £6.72)	£370.59
The Post Office Ltd (Tax)	£75.40
Total	£445.99

16. Matters raised by members for the next agenda

All of the usual items would be included, plus Parish Freighter, accounts to be approved and Preston on Wye Village Hall matters.

17. Date of next meeting

To confirm date of the next Meeting of the Parish Council, this would be held on Wednesday 7th June 2017 at The Village Hall, Moccas, at 8.00pm.

The Meeting closed at 9.45pm

SIGNED

DATED