

*Minutes of the Meeting of Wyeside Group Parish Council held in The Village Hall, Moccas, on
Wednesday 7th June 2017 at 8.00pm*

In attendance

Councillors J. Dale (in the Chair), D. Price, J. Darbyshire, O. Whittall, D. Roper, J. Newsome, J. Hughes, B. Bowen (co-opted), W. Whittall (co-opted), A. Smith (co-opted) and A. Rawstone plus Parish Clerk; Mrs A. M. Wright and Ward Cllr. Philip Price. Also in attendance Lengthsman Paul Wright

Cllr Dale welcomed everyone to the Meeting. He thanked Cllr Whittall for his time as Chair of the Parish Council.

1. Apologies for absence

There were apologies received from Cllr O. Pugh.

2. Co-option of councillor(s) fro Tyberton and Moccas and receipt of acceptances of office

Three new councillors were co-opted. Bill Bowen and Will Whittall would represent Moccas and Ashley Smith would represent Tyberton. Cllr Bowen and Cllr Whittall were proposed by Cllr Owen Whittall and seconded by Cllr D. Price. Cllr Smith was proposed by Cllr Roper and seconded by Cllr Dale. The new councillors were welcomed and introductions were carried out around the table. All current vacancies for the Council were now filled.

3. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

4. To approve previous minutes of the Meeting held on 3rd May 2017

The minutes of the previous meeting of the Parish Council, held on 3rd May 2017, were signed as a true and correct record of the meeting.

5. Report of North Ward Councillor

Ward Cllr. Price gave an update on his report. There was an update on the Energy from Waste Plant, in Hartlebury, which was a joint venture by Herefordshire with Worcestershire. A large amount of power was being generated.

The Nutrient Management Board had met to discuss ongoing strategies for reducing phosphates in the rivers. An online “Dashboard” had been created to provide information and this would be updated twice a year.

The University Project was gaining pace. Cllr Darbyshire asked about course content, in terms of renewal of assets and infrastructure asset management, and Cllr Price agreed that he would arrange for an introduction for Cllr Darbyshire, to the lecturing team, so that he could raise the topic and applications with them.

The road by-pass plans were receiving consultant attention.

There was a discussion over the alleged vandalism of the old munitions factory at Rotherwas. There were plans ahead for the refurbishment and re-use of the building.

6. Neighbourhood Plan – update and to ratify explanatory documentation for the examination

Cllr Darbyshire had prepared and circulated, in advance and at the meeting, an explanatory statement to be presented in conjunction with the draft plan. This was designed to help to facilitate understanding of the approach taken in the plan, to matters raised during the consultation, and addressed the Regulation 16 comments individually. The Parish Councillors heard the rationale for the approach and the inclusion of the document was proposed by Cllr Roper, seconded by Cllr

Newsome and carried unanimously. A further “Thank you” was recorded to Cllr Darbyshire for his work on the paper. The Clerk would ascertain from the Planning Authority exactly which documents would be required to be on the parish web site. The document would then be sent.

7. Lengthsman - To advise of works for the Lengthsman

The Lengthsman reported back on works carried out and those to be done. Vegetation was growing fast and signs would be trimmed round etc. Grips had been cleared near the deer past in Moccas. Cllr Whittall would continue to liaise with the Lengthsmen.

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

Potholes were being filled and the badgers den at Pope Place was currently tidy and off the road.

9. Footpaths - to report on footpaths issues and update re hardware order

The request for gates and materials made at the end of the 2016 -2017 year had not been finally confirmed and a decision was awaited as to whether the cost of the order could be met from the 2016 2017 budget allocation. Thanks were recorded to Ward Cllr Philip Price for taking up the issue with Balfour Beatty on behalf of the Parish Council. The Clerk had chased for an outcome and would advise the Parish Council as soon as the answer has been advised.

Some stiles on footpaths in Bredwardine had been identified as inoperable. The gates would be used to replace these once the order had been finalised.

Cllr Newsome would liaise with the contractors regarding where footpath signs were missing.

10. Correspondence – Refer to information sheet

The correspondence received was noted and included information on Echoes in the Woods, Munitions and the Violette Szabo events plus **Broadband in Herefordshire - The journey so far and what next?** Herefordshire Council is hosting a countywide broadband event, looking at the achievements so far of the Fastershire project as well as finding out the details of the next phase of rollout.

There was also information about commemorating Admiralty Day and flag raising ceremonies. A leaflet was circulated.

11. To approve payments and note balances

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

Bank Statement balance at May 2017: £13,741.17

Mrs A Wright (salary £376.93, mileage £23.40, home office £20.00, ink £18.99)	£439.32
The Post Office Ltd (Tax)	£94.20
Longfield Services (Lengthsman)	£75.00
Cobb Estate Services (Lengthsman)	£75.00
Donations in lieu of audit fee (3 x £20.00 Village Halls)	£60.00
Total	£743.52

Cllr Owen Whittall explained about the sudden death of the contractor who had been responsible for mowing the grass verges, in the area, for a number of years. The gentleman, Mr Williams, had collapsed and efforts had been made to assist him, including the use of the Moccas Village Hall defibrillator. Sadly, Mr Williams had passed and condolences were recorded, by the Parish Council, to his family. It was agreed that the Parish Council would fund the replacement of the defibrillator pads, in this instance, and a cheque for £122.36 was approved for this purpose. The family had kindly donated monies, collected at Mr William’s service, towards a defibrillator for Preston on Wye.

12. Consideration of provision of the Parish Freighter for rubbish disposal

Research into the likely take up of the provision of the freighter would be carried out. The provision of a freighter would form part of the budget discussions at the time of setting the budget and precept for 2018 – 2019. The current charge was £395.00 for a two hour slot for a dust cart and a box van. If it were decided to go ahead, then the cost would be added to the precept request.

13. Cycle racks for Bredwardine and Preston on Wye – update re fitting

The cycle racks were now in place, in the two villages, and were ready for use. Thanks were recorded to all those involved in obtaining and siting the racks, in particular Cllr Darbyshire.

14. Planning - please see information sheet

No further applications had been received for consideration.

15. Approval of annual accounts and internal audit for 2016 -2017

The accounting statements were presented and the two sections, completed by the Clerk, were approved by the Parish Council in order. John Entwisle had, once again, carried out the internal audit and thanks were recorded to him for doing this. Three donations, each of £20.00, would be made to the Village Halls of Bredwardine, Moccas and Preston on Wye in lieu of any fee for undertaking the audit.

16. Preston on Wye Village Hall matters - to discuss

There were no matters of discussion raised.

17. Matters raised by members for the next agenda

All of the usual items would be included, plus 30mph signs at Tyberton and their placement.

18. Date of next meeting

To confirm date of the next Meeting of the Parish Council, this would be held on Wednesday 8th July 2017 at The Village Hall, Preston on Wye, at 8.00pm.

The Meeting closed at 9.40pm

SIGNED

DATED