

Minutes of the Meeting of Wyese Group Parish Council held in The Village Hall, Preston on Wye, on Wednesday 5th July 2017 at 8.00pm

In attendance

Councillors J. Dale (in the Chair), D. Price, J. Darbyshire, D. Roper, J. Newsome, J. Hughes, W. Whittall, A Smith, D. Roper, S. Russell and A. Rawstorne plus Parish Clerk; Mrs A. M. Wright and Ward Cllr. Philip Price. Also in attendance Lengthsman Paul Wright and PCSO Fiona Witcher (for part)

Cllr Dale welcomed everyone to the Meeting.

1. Apologies for absence

There were apologies received from Cllrs O. Pugh, O. Whittall and W. Bowen.

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

4. To approve previous minutes of the Meeting held on 7th June 2017

The minutes of the previous meeting of the Parish Council, held on 7th June 2017, were signed as a true and correct record of the meeting.

PCSO Fiona Witcher updated the meeting regarding recent policing activities. There had been 9 break-ins recorded around the County, in the recent weeks, but otherwise things were fairly “quiet”. There had been a number of telephone scams reported. Information on these was being circulated, as far as possible, to raise awareness. The police would be moving into the Fire Station to share premises during the summer of 2017 and would be downsizing the operation at Peterchurch. Smart phones and body cams were coming into play more and the cameras would be used to record domestic incidents, arrests etc.

PCSO Witcher left the meeting following her bulletin update.

4. Report of North Ward Councillor

Ward Cllr. Price gave an update on his report. He highlighted the proposals for collaborative working between the Hereford and Worcester Fire Service with the Police. The Police would be operating from the Fire Headquarters etc. He talked about building structure reviews after the Grenfell fire.

There was also an update on the broadband situation with a new contractor rolling out a fibre to the premises solution. High speed broadband would be available if wanted. Herefordshire Council strategy was to invest into Herefordshire and to try to attract new businesses and investment.

At this point the situation regarding maintenance of the bridge at Bredwardine was mentioned and, following discussion, it was agreed that the Clerk would write to Balfour Beatty once more on the subject regarding their maintenance strategy and budget etc.

It was also commented that donations to the defibrillators for Moccas and Preston on Wye had been received, following the funeral of Mr Brian Williams. A public thank you was recorded for this, to the family of Mr Williams, and Ward Cllr Price would be writing to them also. A defibrillator would be fitted at Preston on Wye Hall.

5. Neighbourhood Plan – update

Cllr Darbyshire outlined the comments from the examiner that had comprised eleven pages in total. The clarification document, as prepared, had been excluded from the public domain for the time being and ways of working through the comments to arrive at acceptable solutions were being researched. Some items under review were the sizes and types of homes and the set aside 100 metres area by the River Wye. The deadline to feedback responses was 21st July.

6. Lengthsman - To advise of works for the Lengthsman

The Lengthsman reported back and confirmation of the gates ordered from the 2016-2017 budget year had now been received. General clearing, cleaning and seasonal strimming was in progress.

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

A new Locality Steward was being appointed to replace Linzy Outtrim who had become the Stakeholder Manager for Balfour Beatty. More details would follow.

Thanks were recorded to Ward Cllr Price for filling in the trench by New Court Farm.

It was commented that the directional sign at the Moccas crossroads was obscured by the brown Moccas Court sign as it fell in the line of vision from certain perspectives.

Issues were reported on the roadway at Blakemere with the road giving way and potholes near to Woodlands View. Storm drains had been marked up with white crosses but had not been cleared as yet. The drain by the "Asparagus Patch" was still an issue. The question was asked regarding the classification of potholes, category 1 or category 2. Is it correct and working in practice? MP Jesse Norman had been appointed Minister of Roads.

A property in Bredwardine was commented as having stones and painted poles placed outside, which may prove to be a highway issue.

Issues would be raised with Balfour Beatty.

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

Hardware confirmed and to be received. Broken stile reported at Arthurs Stone, approaching the copse, plus another requiring attention. Details would be confirmed.

9. Correspondence – Refer to information sheet

The correspondence received was noted and included information about hospital unit car parking charges plus the following on budget consultation:

"Dear Parish/Town Clerk,

I am writing to confirm that Herefordshire Council's Budget Priorities consultation commenced on June 29th 2017 and can found online at www.herefordshire.gov.uk/budgetconsultation

The webpage www.herefordshire.gov.uk/budgetconsultation contains a link to the questionnaire, along with other useful resources such as a downloadable paper questionnaire, as well as links to other key documents.

Questions and comments can be emailed to haveyoursay@herefordshire.gov.uk, or shared with us on Facebook and Twitter at #hfdsbudget

The consultation will run until Saturday 30 September 2017."

10. To approve payments and note balances

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

Bank Statement balance at June 2017: £13,741.17

Mrs A Wright (salary £301.50, mileage £23.94, home office £20.00, postage £2.40)	£347.84
The Post Office Ltd (Tax)	£75.40
Mrs A Wright (salary (Aug) £376.90, home office £20.00)	£396.90
Longfield Services (Lengthsman)	£120.00
Cobb Estate Services (Lengthsman)	£120.00
Total	£1060.14

11. Update on provision of the Parish Freighter for rubbish disposal

Research into whether the freighter would receive sufficient take up would be continuing. The provision would be considered in the next budget, if the requirement could be justified. People would be asked to contact their local councillor or the Clerk if interested in making use of the facility.

12. 30mph signs at Tyberton - to consider current placement and request for relocation

The signs indicating the 30mph speed limit, when entering Tyberton from the Blakemere direction, were discussed. The Tyberton Village Councillors believed that the signs were not in the correct place, due to some habitation not being included within the reduced speed zone. An enquiry would be made, setting out concerns from the Parish Council regarding the access lane and school children etc; as to whether the moving of the signs could be effected and the process for the reassessment of placing them be carried out.

13. Planning

One application had been received for consideration. Application Number: 171995, Former Baptist Chapel, Preston on Wye - proposed change of use to a dwelling and associated works including a detached garage, alterations to the existing access and construction of a detached dwelling with garage.

This proposal was discussed and the location identified. It was resolved that the Parish Council would support the proposal.

14. Preston on Wye defibrillator - update

Funding was now in place for a defibrillator for Preston on Wye Village Hall. Training in the use of the machine was to be organised and may be arranged in conjunction with Moccas Village Hall representatives.

15. Matters raised by members for the next agenda

All of the usual items would be included, plus free health services and Tree Warden.

16. Date of next meeting

To confirm date of the next Meeting of the Parish Council, this would be held on Wednesday 6th September 2017 at The Village Hall, Moccas, at 8.00pm. There is no PC Meeting in August.

The Meeting closed at 9.35pm

SIGNED

DATED