

*Minutes of the Meeting of Wyeside Group Parish Council held in The Village Hall, Moccas, on  
Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2017 at 7.30pm*

**In attendance**

Councillors J. Dale (in the Chair), J. Newsome, W. Whittall, J. Hughes, O. Whittall, A. Smith and D. Roper plus Parish Clerk Mrs A. M. Wright, Ward Cllr Philip Price and Lengthsman Paul Wright.

Cllr Dale welcomed everyone to the Meeting.

**1. Apologies for absence**

There were apologies received from Cllrs O. Pugh, B. Bowen, S. Russell A. Rawstone D Price and J. Darbyshire.

**2. Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

**3. To approve previous minutes of the Meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> October 2017**

The minutes of the previous meeting of the Parish Council, held on 4<sup>th</sup> October, were signed as a true and correct record of the meeting.

**4. Report of North Ward Councillor**

Ward Cllr. Price gave a summary of his report. A recent meeting with Balfour Beatty had revealed that very many more previously hidden gullies had been uncovered around the parishes. The “Challenge” Fund grant spending on local “A” roads was underway. Grips were being concreted to help prevent them being lost.

Commercial Street in Hereford would be having a refurbishment, after works by Western Power had been completed. The plan was to emulate the works previously undertaken in Widemarsh Street, but without the kerb.

The City Link Road should be completed by Christmas. MP Jesse Norman would be visiting the location on 3<sup>rd</sup> November.

The South Wye Transport Package was going through the process of arranging for compulsory purchase orders on some land parcels along the route. The scheme should commence building in 2019. The Hereford Area Plan had identified extensive investment into Hereford and plans for the A49 were under discussion.

**5. Neighbourhood Plan – latest position**

Amendments had been made to the plan in relation to the examiner feedback and the Parish Councils decision on the recommendations. The plan would now be submitted for a further regulation 16 consultation and this would be followed by a fresh examination.

**6. Lengthsman - To advise of works for the Lengthsman**

The Lengthsman advised that seasonal works would be ongoing.

**7. Roads - To report on highway issues and latest information from Balfour Beatty including “lay by” near the Weston Farm**

Issues were reported with potholes at the vicinity of Rowles Ford on the Moccas to Blakemere Road. No feedback had been received, as yet, regarding the unofficial lay-by near to the Weston Farm.

The ADL Report on the parking restriction proposals for Bredwardine Bridge still contained issues but comments from the Parish Council had been submitted.

The two “double bend” signs between the “Turnpike” and Tyberton Village required replacement.

### **8. Footpaths and Tree Warden - To report on footpaths issues and trees**

The Footpath Officer, Cllr Newsome advised that he had repaired a broken footpath sign and way marked it.

The Black Poplar Tree would be made available for planting when in a more “dormant” state. A course on tree planting was available and Cllr Newsome would attend this. A tree guard would be required and one of the councillors would be able to assist with this, once the tree had been placed.

### **9. Correspondence – Refer to information sheet**

Correspondence was noted and included from the Parish Liaison Officer:

*“Dear Parish/Town Clerk*

*At the recent Code of Conduct meetings for Parish and Town clerks the Monitoring Officer (Claire Ward) was asked a number of questions regarding dispensations and the process for awarding dispensations.*

*In response to these questions I am now attaching the latest guidance on this topic on behalf of the Monitoring Officer.*

*With Kind Regards*

*Anthony”*

### **10. To approve payments and note balances**

**10.1) To approve balance and payments.** It was resolved to approve the accounts and payments as detailed here:

Mrs A Wright (salary £366.90, mileage £16.20, home office £20.00)	£403.10
HM Revenue & Customs (Tax)	£10.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>£413.10</b>

Bank Statement balance at November 2017: £14,878.92

### **10.2) To discuss budget and precept for 2018 -2019**

A Meeting of the Finance Working Party (Cllrs O. Whittall, J. Dale and D. Roper plus the Clerk) would be arranged, on a date and at a time to be agreed, to discuss the proposal for the 2018 - 2019 precept. Cllr O. Whittall kindly agreed to host the meeting.

### **10.3) To discuss request for support from Dore Community Transport**

This would be placed on the December Agenda.

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

This was deferred to a future meeting.

### **12. Web site considerations and including proposal for upgrade of the site by Upperbridge Enterprises**

This would be considered in more detail at the December meeting. Free “Fastershire” Computer Training and lap tops could be available. Cllr Newsome would look into more detail on this.

### **13. Planning as may be advised**

No new applications had been received for consideration.

### **14. Update regarding canoe trailers and concerns regarding speed on parish roads**

The Clerk had been supplied with details of the local canoe operating companies by the Ward Cllr. Thank you to the Ward Cllr for this assistance. The Clerk had spoken with the main canoe service operators to raise concerns about speed and attitude, on some reported occasions, and had sought assurance regarding operational conduct of drivers while using the parish road network. Assurances had been made that all drivers would be briefed and the public are now asked to advise the Parish Council of any concerns that they may have, going forward, so that action may be taken, as required. If this should be necessary, the registration number of the vehicle and/or operator name from the van will be required so that the matter can be directed appropriately.

An incident, not canoe related, was advised, by a councillor. This involved a silver transit van being seen outside the home of a resident and the driver was engaged in trying to sell her a (non-required) mattress. A neighbour had noticed the presence of the individual and, being concerned for his neighbour, had intervened. Following an exchange of words, the driver had sped off. Please do be vigilant and report anything you believe may be suspicious to the Police using number **101**.

**15. Matters raised by members for the next agenda**

All of the usual items would be included, plus decision on the precept for 2018 -2019 and further discussion on the web site.

**16. Date of next meeting**

To confirm date of the next Meeting of the Parish Council, this would be held on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2017 at The Village Hall, Preston on Wye, at 7.30pm.

The Meeting closed at 9.00pm

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DATED .....