

Minutes of the Meeting of Wyese Group Parish Council held in The Village Hall, Preston on Wye, on Wednesday 6th December 2017 at 7.30pm

In attendance

Councillors J. Dale (in the Chair), J. Newsome, J. Hughes, A. Rawstorne, S. Russell, J. Darbyshire, B. Bowen, D. Price, A. Smith and D. Roper plus Parish Clerk Mrs A. M. Wright, Lengthsman Paul Wright and one member of the public.

Cllr Dale welcomed everyone to the Meeting.

1. Apologies for absence

There were apologies received from Cllrs O. Pugh, O. Whittall, W. Whittall plus Ward Cllr P Price.

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3. To approve previous minutes of the Meeting held on 1st November 2017

The minutes of the previous meeting of the Parish Council, held on 1st November, were signed as a true and correct record of the meeting.

4. Report of North Ward Councillor

Ward Cllr. Price was not present. He had sent a summary of his report. The City Link Road was due to opened officially during week commencing 11th December 2017.

5. Neighbourhood Plan – Parish Council to ratify revised Plan Documents (as circulated)

The revised documents had been circulated to the parish councillors and some final amendments to the wording of the items were made at the meeting. The documents were then accepted by the Parish Council for re-presentation to the Regulation 16 Consultation Process, ahead of a further examination. The Clerk would ascertain the process for the representation in terms of those to be consulted. Cllr Darbyshire would liaise with the Web Master regarding display of the revised documents.

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 any update regarding “lay by” near the Weston Farm

The issue of the “lay-by” had been raised with Balfour Beatty in terms of seeking the restoration of the roadway edge to help prevent use of the unofficial stopping area. The ridges in the road between Blakemere and Moccas required attention to the road surface. The white lining also required renewal in places. A trench outside a property in Preston on Wye, that had been previously cleared, had sunk back and the Clerk would ask if this could be re-cleared.

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

The Footpath Officer, Cllr Newsome advised that he would be meeting with the Locality Steward to look at some local issues. He would be attending a Tree Planting Course on 9th December and would be progressing the planting of the Black Poplar Tree in Preston on Wye when the optimum time for planting was reached. Cllr Newsome would liaise with Cllr O. Whittall, who had previously mentioned the availability of a tree guard for the Black Poplar.

9. Correspondence – Refer to information sheet

The contents of the sheet were noted and included some information about Hereford Tree Week.

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 Dec £376.93, mileage £18.99, home office £20.00)	£415.92
HM Revenue & Customs (Tax)	£94.20
Mrs A Wright (salary Jan £396.90, home office £20.00)	£396.90
Grant Thornton (Auditor)	£120.00
BT (£2.00 for phone kiosks at Bredwardine and Preston)	£2.00
Total	£1029.02

Bank Statement balance at December 2017: £14,125.01

10.2) To determine budget and precept for 2018 -2019

A Meeting of the Finance Working Party (Cllrs O. Whittall, J. Dale plus the Clerk) had been held and a recommendation for an increase in the precept to fund part of the shortfall in grant funding had been proposed. This would mean an increase of £420.00 or 4.51% to give a precept figure for 2018 - 2019 of £9720.00. The proposal was presented to the Parish Council and this was resolved to be accepted. The Clerk would advise the Herefordshire Council Finance Team of the precept required.

It was agreed, as previously discussed, that the adoption of the telephone kiosks at Preston on Wye and Bredwardine should proceed. The situation regarding the Blakemere kiosk would be clarified.

10.3) To discuss request for support from Dore Community Transport

This was discussed and the Parish Council resolved to award a donation of £100. They also stated that they would like to see more advertising taking place to maximise take up of the service. This message would be conveyed, to Dore Community Transport, by the Clerk.

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

This was deferred to a future meeting in February 2018. Further research would take place to ensure viability of the use of the service. A list of excluded items would be sent to all councillors for their information.

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

This was considered by the Parish Council and it was agreed that the Upperbridge Enterprises web site provision contract should be given notice of termination. It was agreed that the Clerk would apply for a grant to cover lap top and website provision. Cllr Darbyshire would speak to the Web Master regarding the current provision and any new proposals for the service, including possible partnership and funding.

13. Planning as may be advised

One new application has been advised:

APPLICATION NO & SITE ADDRESS:	Planning Consultation - 174349 - Land at Upper Cwm Farm, Bredwardine, Herefordshire,
DESCRIPTION:	Proposed conversion of barn into two storey holiday let.
APPLICANT(S):	Mrs Ginnie Jacques

GRID REF:	OS 332743, 244341
APPLICATION TYPE:	Planning Permission

The Parish Council considered the application and resolved to support the application subject to the planning authority obtaining clarification regarding provision of fresh water and disposal of waste water/sewerage at the location.

14. Web and internet training (information from Cllr Newsome)

Cllr Newsome explained that internet training could be available through Fastershire and the idea would be placed on the Agenda for February. The Clerk would look into room with “Wi-Fi” availability and Cllr Newsome would enquire regarding numbers of potential delegates - if the service were to be supported by the Parish Council.

15. Matters raised by members for the next agenda

All of the usual items would be included, plus updates on the Neighbourhood Plan consultation process, internet training and parish freighter provision.

16. Date of next meeting

To confirm date of the next Meeting of the Parish Council, this would be held on Wednesday 7th February 2018 at The Village Hall, Moccas, at 7.30pm. There would be no meeting in January.

The Meeting closed at 9.10pm

SIGNED

DATED