

*Minutes of the Meeting of Wyese Group Parish Council held in The Village Hall, Moccas, on  
Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2018 at 7.30pm*

**In attendance**

Councillors J. Dale (in the Chair), A. Rawstone, S. Russell, B. Bowen, W. Whittall plus Ward Cllr P Price, Parish Clerk Mrs A. M. Wright and Lengthsman Paul Wright

Cllr Dale welcomed everyone to the Meeting.

**1. Apologies for absence**

There were apologies received from Cllrs O. Whittall, J. Newsome, J. Darbyshire, D. Price and D. Roper. Cllrs J. Hughes, O. Pugh and A. Smith were not present.

**2. Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

**3. To approve previous minutes of the Meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> November 2017**

The minutes of the previous meeting of the Parish Council, held on 6<sup>th</sup> December, 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. There would be some improvements made to the roadway at Pentre Lane, this would consist of some digging out and reinforcement works to improve the roadway there.

There would be some temporary closures coming up regarding Bredwardine Bridge and this was for maintenance works.

There was an update regarding affordable homes which were to be built at Cusop and on consultations for broiler sheds at Dorestone.

There was also information on the proposals for a by-pass and seven possible routes had been published. A consultation was under way on the Herefordshire Council website, closing date March 20th.

Web site address to complete this:

[https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/press/article/10062/hereford\\_transport\\_package\\_http\\_-\\_hereford\\_bypass\\_consultation](https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/press/article/10062/hereford_transport_package_http_-_hereford_bypass_consultation)

There was also information concerning the increase to the Council Tax with a proportion being ring fenced to adult social care.

The Leader of the Herefordshire Council, Tony Johnson, had resigned aged 81 years.

**5. Neighbourhood Plan – update regarding Regulation 16**

The Neighbourhood Plan had been sent out for consultation under Regulation 16 with the revisions made.

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

The Lengthsman advised that seasonal works would be ongoing. The footpath gates held would be fitted, subject to consultation with the Footpath Officer. Strimming and clearance was required around the kiosk at Blakemere.

The Parish Council agreed that the Lengthsman would repair the damaged Tyberton Notice Board (door broken off, probably by high winds).

**7. Roads - To report on highway issues and latest information from Balfour Beatty including any comment regarding Bredwardine Bridge recommendations for parking regulations**

The yellow lining recommendations made by the consultants for the Bredwardine Bridge area would be going ahead. There were no further comments from the Parish Council on this. There was a large pothole in the road at Moccas, HR2 9LE opposite Standards Farm. The road was also collapsing. These defects were reported by Ward Cllr Price, at the meeting using the council software application, and he showed others how to use the application on the website. The forthcoming closure of "Steerfield" Lane (between Preston on Wye and Blakemere) for culvert and bridge repairs would mean that the road would be access only for the duration of the works from 19/02/18.

The Bredwardine Bridge repairs were scheduled from 12/03/18.

The warning sign for the road in Blakemere had come down and was now behind the Blakemere Village sign. The Lengthsman would locate and then seek to reposition it.

Potholes were also noted in Preston on Wye on the road by Holywell and Woodlands View.

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

The Footpath Officer, Cllr Newsome had sent his apologies.

There were some access issues concerning Woodland Trust land at Dorestone Hill where people had been taking the wrong route. This required better signposting.

Some damage had been noted to one of the trees on the Blakemere Green and the chestnut tree required some crown reduction, shaping and the removal of hung up branches. The tree by the bench also required crown lifting. Quotes would be sourced to carry out these works.

There had been some fallen timber left by the tennis courts in Preston on Wye and Cllr Dale would liaise with the owner regarding their disposal.

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

The contents of the sheet were noted and included information about litter picking, community champions, thank you letter from Dore Community Transport and forthcoming data protection regulations.

#### **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 Feb £357.93, mileage £19.35, home office £20.00 stamps £6.72 postage £0.76)	£404.76
The Post Office Ltd (Tax)	£113.20
WyeHost Ltd. (domain name)	£9.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>£526.96</b>

Also to be presented: honoraria for Village Mowers, with amounts and payees to be confirmed (this would be finalised in March)

Bank Statement balance at February 2017: £12,689.09

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

Research was ongoing to determine take-up for freighter provision. Cllr Rawstone would be placing information, about the freighter, in the Link and Pump.

#### **12. Web site update and domain name**

Following correspondence, a new domain has been reserved to enable Alan Maddison, the Web Master, to direct the Parish Council's web site entries more effectively. Cllr Darbyshire had been in conversation with Mr Maddison regarding ongoing upkeep of the web entries and the Clerk had applied for grant funding to cover the costs of meeting the obligations of the Transparency

Legislation. A letter containing proposals for the website would be circulated for a decision at the March Parish Council Meeting.

**13. Planning as may be advised**

One new application has been advised:

**APPLICATION NO & SITE ADDRESS:** Planning Consultation - 174396 - Middle Bellamore, Bellamore Lane, Madley, Hereford, Herefordshire HR2 9JS

**DESCRIPTION:** Variation of a condition 2 (172766/F) changes to proposed external materials.

**APPLICANT(S):** Mr Pugh

**GRID REF:** OS 339363, 240650

**APPLICATION TYPE:** Planning Permission

The Parish Council considered the application and resolved that there were no objections to the revised external materials proposal.

**14. Web and internet training update**

Cllr Newsome had sent his apologies so this item would be deferred.

**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, website, internet training and parish freighter provision. Also tree works on Blakemere Green and the future upkeep of the Blakemere Millennium Bench.

**16. Date of next meeting**

To confirm date of the next Meeting of the Parish Council, this would be held on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2018 at The Village Hall, Preston on Wye, at 7.30pm.

The Meeting closed at 8.50pm

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