

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

**In attendance**

Councillors J. Dale (in the Chair), O. Whittall, A. Rawstorne, S. Russell, J. Newsome, D. Roper, J. Darbyshire 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. Pugh, B. Bowen, W. Whittall, A. Smith, D. Price and Cllr J. Hughes was not present. Cllr O. Pugh had asked for the granting of extended leave of absence and this was agreed.

**2. Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

**3. To approve previous minutes of the Meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> February 2018**

The minutes of the previous meeting of the Parish Council, held on 7<sup>th</sup> February, 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. The report had been sent to councillors etc. The main points were concerning a housing development in Cusop and also the plans for bypass road and house building. The Cusop site would have nine affordable homes available for first come, first served applicants with, in the first instance, links to Cusop. Further details can be viewed in the full Ward Councillor' Report.

**5. Neighbourhood Plan – update regarding position**

The Neighbourhood Plan consultation under Regulation 16 was to conclude on 7<sup>th</sup> March 2018. The policies in the plan would incorporate the comments received and would also be used as reference documents. The implications of the new General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) were discussed and it was agreed that the Clerk and Cllr Darbyshire would work on understanding the impact of the legislation on the Parish Council and on policies to achieve compliance. The Clerk would be attending training courses on the subject and would keep the Parish Council informed.

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

The Lengthsman advised that strimming and clearance had been carried around the kiosk at Blakemere. The Kiosk had a formal notice of removal and would be decommissioned and removed by BT. Given the location and condition of the kiosk there was no contest to this decision. The damaged Tyberton Notice Board had been repaired and the door reinforced. The sign denoting “bend in the road” in Blakemere had been remounted.

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

Very deep potholes had been noted in the road leading to Godway Farm. The road outside the property known as “Woodfield”, although not in the parish, was in a very poor state of repair.

**8. Footpaths and Tree Warden - To report on footpaths issues and trees (including Blakemere Green tree surgery recommendations)**

The Footpath Officer, Cllr Newsome advised that he was moving forward with the Black Poplar Tree for Preston on Wye. A tree guard would be acquired to protect it, once planted.

The situation with Chalara or “Ash Die Back” was ongoing and the advancement of the disease was worse than previously thought. A replacement planting program was being initiated and Sycamore plus Holly trees were some of the chosen replacement species. The Lengthsman and the Footpath Officer would meet to discuss the required gate installations. There were also some issues with damaged stiles that required attention.

Two quotations for the required tree works on the Blakemere Green had been received. This was to carry out appropriate pruning and the removal of some broken hanging branches. The Clerk, Lengthsman and Cllr Russell left the room, having declared an interest in the item. The Parish Council considered the quotations and selected Russell Contracting to carry out the works.

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

The contents of the sheet were noted and included information about Stop the Drop Litter pledge and information on the new Data Protection Regulations from HALC. A litter pick would be arranged for later in the year. People would be encouraged to pick up and to keep the parishes clean.

#### **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 £301.50, mileage £20.34, home office £20.00)	£341.84
The Post Office Ltd (Tax)	£75.40
Longfield Services (Lengthsman)	£180.00
HALC Subscription (2018 – 2019)	£511.73
Information Commissioner (ICO)	£35.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>£1143.97</b>

Also paid: honoraria for Village Mowers and donations for parish churchyards upkeep

Bank Statement balance at March 2018: £12,178.13

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

This was still under review. Cllr Rawstone would be placing information, about the freighter, in the Link and Pump to gather information on the likely take-up of the facility.

#### **12. Web site update regarding position and grant funding**

A letter from the Web Master outlining the future plans for the web site was discussed and the Parish Council agreed the proposals. This included the provision of support for software updates if and when these became necessary. The web domain had been acquired. The details held on the Blakemere site would be captured and incorporated onto the main site as information. The work carried out by the Web Master was commended and was highly valued by the Parish Council.

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

Two new applications had been advised:

**APPLICATION NO & SITE ADDRESS:** Planning Consultation - 180340 – New House Farm, Moccas, Herefordshire HR2 9LA

**DESCRIPTION:** To remove an existing single storey extension and replace with a garden room to the rear gable of the main house: To re-clad and insulate the external walls of the barn and to introduce additional glazing at 2 sites

**GRID REF:** OS 335709, 242286

**APPLICATION TYPE:** Full Householder

**APPLICATION NO & SITE ADDRESS:** Planning Consultation - 180341 – New House Farm, Moccas Herefordshire HR2 9LA

**DESCRIPTION:** To remove an existing single storey extension and replace with a garden room to the rear gable of the main house: To re-clad and insulate the external walls of the barn and to introduce additional glazing at 2 sites

**GRID REF:** OS 335709, 242286

**APPLICATION TYPE:** Listed Building Consent

The Parish Council considered the two related applications 180340 and 180341 and resolved that there were no objections to the proposals.

Ward Cllr Price raised a concern about the diversion signs around the Steerfield Road (Preston on Wye to Blakemere) which did not appear to be taking people around the correct route and were felt to have been a “waste of money.”

**14. To consider ongoing upkeep of Blakemere Millennium Seat**

This was discussed and it was agreed that the future upkeep would be discussed, with Blakemere Parish residents, at the Blakemere Annual Parish Meeting. There was an account, with some funds, that could be made available to provide materials to keep the seat painted and in good condition.

**15. Web and internet training update**

Cllr Newsome was looking into further details of what was available and the likely costs.

**16. 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 policies for GDPR Data Protection regulations coming that would be coming into force on 25/05/18. Annual Parish Meetings for the Group Parishes would be arranged and held.

**17. Date of next meeting**

To confirm date of the next Meeting of the Parish Council, this would be held on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2018 at The Village Hall, Preston on Wye, at 8.00pm.

The Meeting closed at 9.25pm

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