

*Minutes of the Meeting of Wyese Group Parish Council held in The Village Hall, Moccas, on  
Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2018 at 8.00pm*

**In attendance**

Councillors J. Darbyshire (in the chair), D. Roper, J. Hughes, A. Smith, J. Newsome, B. Bowen, O. Whittall plus Ward Cllr P. Price and Parish Clerk Mrs A. M. Wright.

Cllr Darbyshire (in the Chair) welcomed everyone to the Meeting.

**Public Question Time - Open Session with members of the public**

There was no input to the Public session.

**1. Apologies for absence**

There were apologies received from Cllrs O. Pugh, W. Whittall, J. Dale, A. Rawstone and S. Russell. There had been a resignation letter received from Dennis Price. The Parish Council acknowledged the extensive contribution made by Cllr Dennis Price over a period of more than three decades, including time as Chair of the Parish Council. A very big vote of thanks for all of his contribution to parish life, and the work of the parish council, was recorded. Thank you very much indeed Dennis.

**2. Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

**3. To approve previous minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> July 2018**

The minutes of the previous meeting of the Parish Council, held on 4<sup>th</sup> July 2018, were signed as true and correct record of the meeting with one correction to the attendees in that Cllr J. Newsome was present at the July meeting.

**4. Report of North Ward Councillor**

Ward Cllr. P. Price gave an update regarding the choice of route for the western bypass. It was not, as yet, decided as to whether the road would be single or dual carriageway.

A new design project review, under the Hereford Area Plan initiative for Hereford City, was underway with the new University for Hereford meeting half towards the cost of the research. The project was being driven by Historic England with a view to an element of protection being afforded to Hereford's heritage site status. There were further details of sites and accommodation strategies for the student residences. The old shell factory at Rotherwas was also partially earmarked for future University use.

**5. Neighbourhood Plan – update on plan progress plus Question and Answer Sessions**

The Wyese Group Neighbourhood Plan would be taken to a vote by referendum on 13<sup>th</sup> September. Flyers had been sent to all homes and three Question and Answer Sessions were being held, hopefully, to enable any queries to be cleared up before the 13<sup>th</sup>. These had been held at Moccas Village Hall on 3<sup>rd</sup> September and were scheduled for Preston on Wye Village Hall on 10<sup>th</sup> September and Bredwardine Village Hall on 11<sup>th</sup> September. All meetings would commence at 7.30 pm. Cllr Darbyshire gave a brief update on the meeting at Moccas and some of the questions that had been answered, in particular around the village centre of Moccas and an example of a site, for illustrative purposes only, as shown in the plan document.

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

Ongoing seasonal works to be carried out. One of the speed signs at Tyberton had disappeared. This would be investigated to see if it had been cast down nearby to the post.

## **7. Roads -**

### **7.1) To report on highway issues**

A deep rut, trench in the road was reported opposite the Red Lion Public House at Bredwardine. This was opposite a wooden gate at the location and appeared to be the result of a backfilled utility repair.

There was also a utility repair issue near to Standards Farm in Moccas.

Cllr Darbyshire advised of an issue of water leaking on Bredwardine Hill and the puncture of a water tank by a tree root. The issues had been swiftly identified and resolved. A “thank you” to Balfour Beatty for sorting out the issues and replacing the storm drain etc. was recorded. The water supplies to the hill properties were saved by the prompt response.

Cllr Darbyshire raised the issue of a raised area in Orchard Close which it was believed could possibly be skimmed down to provide parking in the area. This would be taken up with the road managing agent.

The roadside from the Tyberton Pools to “Woodfield” was reported to be collapsing.

There was comment made about parking in the Bredwardine Bridge area and large numbers of vehicles stopping there with some causing obstruction of passage for other road users, including larger vehicles. New yellow lines were scheduled for painting following a review of the issues at the location.

### **7.2) To review Herefordshire Transport Package proposals**

This was reported under the Ward Cllr Report. The red route for the bypass had been selected.

### **7.3) To consider any possible signage requirement regarding unsuitability for caravan towing on certain roads**

The issue of problems with vehicles towing caravans etc. up narrow lanes and becoming unable to proceed was discussed. Dorestone and Pentre Lane were particular problem areas. It was agreed that it might be a good idea to ask Poston Mill Caravan Park to place a warning in their information to caravan users about “unsuitable for towing” routes. It was agreed that the Clerk would approach the Highways Team about possible signage provision to warn drivers of possible difficulties and the unsuitability of certain roads.

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

The Tree Warden and Footpath Officer, Cllr Newsome, had been out clearing and way marking on the paths. A group of volunteers were being co-ordinated, by Cllr Darbyshire, to carry out some trimming of overgrowth of brambles etc. on the Bredwardine area footpaths.

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

The contents of the sheet were noted and included Cabinet Update, Dog fouling signage plus details of the Children and Young People’s Plan Consultation.

An Invitation has been received from the Herefordshire Council Leader to a “Parish Council Summit” to be held at the Shire Hall from 6.30pm, (5.30pm for networking), on October 17<sup>th</sup>.

## **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 Sept £456.56, mileage £68.49, home office £20.00, tax refund £88.40)	£633.45
PIP Printing (NDP and flyers)	£253.13
Longfield Services (Lengthsman)	£105.00
Cobbs Tree & Estate Services (Lengthsman)	£105.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>£1096.58</b>

Bank Statement balance at September 2018 Meeting: **£11,313.89**

**10.2) To review the village mowing honoraria**

It was agreed that this subject required input from all parishes where mowing was carried out and it would therefore be placed on the October Agenda for further discussion.

**11. Parish Freighter – feedback on July 2018 visit**

The parish freighter had been a success with a lot of use having been made of the service and a good atmosphere had been reported all round.

**12. Planning - to consider any applications as advised**

No new applications for consideration.

**13. Web and internet training – to see whether PC wish to progress/ appoint working party**

The Parish Council reviewed information that had been supplied regarding sessions of training for use of the internet and web. There would be workshop possibilities for up to ten places on a free of charge training provision. It was agreed that the Parish Council would meet the cost of the room hire for the sessions and that Cllr Newsome and Cllr Darbyshire would form a Working Party to oversee the progression of the ideas. The availability of connectivity and hall hire would be investigated further.

**14. Matters raised by members for next Agenda**

On the Agenda for October - Web and Internet Training plus signs for road usage suitability and village mowing. Also Precept and Budget for 2019 – 2020.

**15. To confirm the date of the next Ordinary Parish Council Meeting.**

This will be held on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2018 at The Village Hall, Preston on Wye, at 8.00pm.

The Meeting closed at 10.00 pm

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