

Minutes of the Meeting of Wyese Group Parish Council held in The Village Hall, Preston on Wye, on Wednesday 10th October 2018 at 8.00pm

In attendance

Councillors J. Dale (in the chair), A. Smith, J. Hughes, J. Darbyshire, A. Rawstorne, S. Russell, J. Newsome, B. Bowen, plus Ward Cllr P. Price, Lengthsman Paul Wright, Locality Steward Paul Norris and Parish Clerk Mrs A. M. Wright. One member of the public was also present.

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

Public Question Time - Open Session with members of the public

Locality Steward Paul Norris was in attendance and road issues were discussed. There would be resurfacing of the road in Blakemere taking place from 5th to the 7th November inclusive. A register of gullies and grips was being compiled and any new ones found could be added to the asset register. As much resurfacing as could be achieved would be carried out and there should be an improvement seen in road repairs. The utility repairs that had been advised outside the Red Lion Public House would be monitored and the utility repair defect outside the Standards Farm had been marked for repair. The Locality Steward was looking into signage issues, including the provision of advisory signs for caravans around Dorestone Hill. Liaison with Dorestone Parish Council on this was suggested. There was a thank you recorded for the work carried out on a storm drain on Bredwardine Hill and also for the resurfacing of the road from Blakemere to Moccas.

The road subsidence on the Bridge Sollers Road at Lulham and also the road edging breaking up from Preston Church to Bycross would be inspected. Paul Norris would look into the current policies regarding grit bin supply and filling plus white lining policies and report back. The Parish Council thanked the Locality Steward for coming to the meeting and he left at 8.45 pm.

1. Apologies for absence

There were apologies received from Cllrs O. Pugh, D. Roper and O. Whittall. Cllr W. Whittall was not present.

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3. To approve previous minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 5th September 2018

The minutes of the previous meeting of the Parish Council, held on 5th September 2018, were signed as true and correct record of the meeting.

4. Report of North Ward Councillor

Ward Cllr. P. Price gave an update regarding a Bredwardine Bridge closure for inspection works on 24 and 25 October. Some observations were made about a bush growing through the masonry and splitting the bricks and this information would be conveyed to the contractors by the Ward Cllr. A picture of the defect would be supplied by Cllr Darbyshire.

The Ward Cllr also advised regarding the reduction in the carbon footprint statistics that were being reported by the council, schools etc.

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

The Wyese Group Neighbourhood Plan had been ratified at Referendum with 134 persons voting in favour of the adoption and 17 against. The plan had also been signed off by Herefordshire Council as Local Planning Authority and the plan would now be given weight and consideration of any forthcoming planning applications as may be submitted.

6. Lengthsman - To advise of works for the Lengthsman

Ongoing seasonal works to be carried out including pre-winter grip digging. The Lengthsman and Locality Steward would liaise regarding approach.

7. Roads -

7.1) To report on highway issues

This was discussed with the Locality Steward during the recorded Open Session.

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

The Tree Warden and Footpath Officer, Cllr Newsome, would ask the Tree Warden Co-ordinator to submit the subscription invoice for payment. There was to be a Black Poplar event held to inform about these trees. The steps on the footpath by the edge of the wood, leading towards the Nags Head at Peterchurch, would be checked and way-markers would be put up as appropriate.

9. Correspondence – Refer to information sheet

The contents of the sheet were noted and included Parish recharge costs for elections, Fuel Poverty Strategy, Volunteering Opportunities and notification of the precept payment for the 2nd tranche. Leaflets with information for the Fuel Poverty Strategy were in the notice boards and some were placed in the Preston on Wye Village Hall Foyer. The number to ring to get winter ready and help keep warm is 0800 677 1432. E mail: khw@mea.org.uk

There had also been information received about listing the Moccas Monument. The Clerk would contact the sender regarding the current location of the monument and whether they might consider that the monument may be better relocated to a different location (across the road) from a visibility and safety angle. Would listing the monument affect any future plan to relocate?

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 Oct £384.45, mileage £21.24, home office £20.00, tax refund £24.00)	£449.69
	Total £449.69

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

10.2) To review the village mowing honoraria

This was discussed and further information was required from Tyberton, Blakemere and Preston on Wye parishes. The councillors for these parishes would find out who was mowing which areas and report back to the November meeting. There was also a discussion around equipment and insurance which would be looked at.

11. Defibrillators – to discuss provision and availability (correspondence refers)

A letter had been received about the provision of defibrillators. Currently there were defibrillators at the Village Halls in Bredwardine, Moccas and Preston on Wye. Cllr Russell and Cllr Smith would look at options for possibly having a defibrillator in Blakemere and Tyberton. The Clerk would place an awareness of location poster in the Link and Pump and also ask the Village Hall Committees about Heartstart training, publicity via the Heartstart website and about creating lists of volunteers for call outs via the Ambulance Service. This topic would be revisited in the November Meeting.

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 were progressing the training for PC use and the dates and times were under negotiation with the training provider. The course would be free to attendees and would take place in the Moccas Village Hall. Further information would be published once the dates and times were fixed.

14. Matters raised by members for next Agenda

On the Agenda for October would be: Web and Internet Training plus defibrillator, village mowing and precept for 2019 – 2020. Also to be considered would be the subject of rural deprivation and care provision plus Community Led Housing.

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

This will be held on Wednesday 7th November 2018 at The Village Hall, Moccas, at 7.30pm.

Due to the confidential nature of the business of this agenda item, under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 (3) it is proposed to put forward a motion to exclude members of the public during discussion of this agenda item

16. To discuss the Clerk’s hours of work following completion of the NDP

The Clerk and public left the room for the duration of this item. The Clerk’s weekly working hours would be increased by one hour per week with immediate effect. The additional one and a half hours paid for the NDP work would now cease as the plan was complete.

The Meeting closed at 9.53 pm

SIGNED

DATED