

Minutes of the Meeting of Wyeside Group Parish Council held in The Village Hall, Preston on Wye, on Wednesday 5th December 2018 at 7.30pm

In attendance

Councillors J. Dale (in the chair), J. Hughes, H. Light, D. Roper, S. Russell, J. Darbyshire, A. Rawstone, J. Newsome, plus Ward Cllr P. Price, Parish Clerk Mrs A. M. Wright and eleven members of the public were also present.

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

Public Question Time - Open Session with members of the public

The first part of the meeting heard from local residents who raised the issue of a presentation made by a planning consultant at the November Parish Council Meeting of initial thoughts preparatory to a formal submission for planning approval. The presentation set out the basis of a possible application for ten dwellings within the village of Preston on Wye. A concern had been raised by local residents regarding public access to the November Parish Council Meeting and it was confirmed that the meeting had been advertised in the notice boards and in the minutes of the previous Meeting, as was normal practice. The meeting had been open to all comers as always. The Parish Council heard representation from the members of the public present and Cllr Darbyshire referenced the newly adopted Neighbourhood Plan for the Group of Parishes when answering questions on consultation carried out regarding service provision availability in the village. The service providers of power and water etc. had all been consulted and were given the opportunity to comment on the Neighbourhood Plan contents.

Following the discussion, the following matters were noted:

- There was no formal planning application, for the village of Preston on Wye, currently before the Parish Council for comment.
- If a planning application, for Preston on Wye and along the lines of the presentation, were to be received the Parish Council would call an Extraordinary Parish Council Meeting specifically to discuss the application and would advise the public of their opportunity to attend and contribute to the discussion. This would be advised via the website at: <http://www.bredwardine-brobury.org.uk/> and the five village notice boards.
- The Parish Council would do their best to provide clarity and explanations regarding any concerns on planning matters and the Neighbourhood Plan, where they were able to do so.

Following the Open Session the members of the public left the meeting and the village hall.

1. Apologies for absence

There were apologies received from Cllrs O. Pugh, B Bowen, O. Whittal and A Smith. Cllr W. Whittal 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 10th October 2018

The minutes of the previous meeting of the Parish Council, held on 7th November 2018, were signed as true and correct record of the meeting. There were a couple of adjustments to detail of the footpaths where the path previously mentioned went from Blakemere to Peterchurch not Bredwardine to Peterchurch and the path noted as TY(number) was the footpath from Tyberton to Preston on Wye.

4. Report of North Ward Councillor

Ward Cllr. P. Price gave an update regarding some up and coming resurfacing projects which were due to be progressed in the New Year. This would include the road from the Yew Tree Public House to the Turnpike and Holly Tree Pitch. An additional £5.1 million worth of funding for road repairs had been obtained. A reminder of how important it is to keep water of the road was reiterated as this is the prime issue behind surface erosion.

5. To discuss rural deprivation and social care provision plus Community Led Housing

A councillor described a local issue of a resident being in need of a care package and so far being unable to get their needs met due, in the main, to remoteness factors. There had not been a care provision able to be set up at home so the person was now in a residential care home. There is both the challenge of providing care and the acceptance of the need for same.

It was agreed that the subject would be revisited at the Jarvis Trust Meeting to be held in January 2019 and Cllr Darbyshire would ask for this to be included on the Jarvis Trust Meeting Agenda.

6. Lengthsman - To advise of works for the Lengthsman

Some seasonal works had been carried out and signs cleaned. Water was getting onto the road by the Odd House at Blakemere and down the lane near Godway Farm. The Locality Steward would be asked to look at the situation regarding the ditching there etc.

7. Roads -

7.1) To report on highway issues

There was an issue with water lying on the road, by the first property on the left, going from Blakemere to Preston on Wye. Some raised drives were preventing water from escaping.

Issues of speeding were noted on the bends round by the Blakemere Church and the asparagus patch. This was a 40 mph zone and residents had observed people speeding in the area. The Clerk would advise the Community Speed Watch Team to see if they could monitor the situation with speed detection devices.

The Tyberton, Stockley Hill drains were reported as being too high for water to flow into properly.

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

The Tree Warden and Footpath Officer, Cllr Newsome advised that the Madley sign post, that had been previously redirected, had been blown off course again. Cllr Newsome explained about National Tree week which ran from November 24th to December 2nd.

It was reported that a gate was on the ground on the first bridleway on the right off Pentre Lane. Cllr Newsome would investigate and speak to the Lengthsman.

9. Correspondence – Refer to information sheet

The Parish Council noted the correspondence which included a scam warning from the Police as follows:

Over the past few days we have received many calls from the public reporting a scam phone call allegedly from Revenue and Customs - the below is from the government website

HMRC is aware of an automated phone call scam which will tell you HMRC is filing a lawsuit against you, and to press one to speak to a caseworker to make a payment. We can confirm this is a scam and you should end the call immediately.

This scam has been widely reported and often targets elderly and vulnerable people.

Other scam calls may offer a tax refund and request you to provide your bank or credit card information. If you cannot verify the identity of the caller, we recommend that you do not speak to them.

If you've been a victim of the scam and suffered financial loss, report it to [Action Fraud](#).

The calls use a variety of phone numbers. To help our investigations you should report full details of the scam by email to: phishing@hmrc.gsi.gov.uk, including the: date of the call, phone number used and content of the call”

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 £334.04, mileage £30.24, home office £20.00, ink/parking £29.00)	£413.28
HM Revenue & Customs (tax)	£24.80
Mrs A Wright (salary Jan £358.84, home office £20.00)	£378.84
Dr A C Madison (web service)	£200.00
Cobbs Estate Services	£120.00
Longfield Services	£120.00
Hereford Tree Warden Network (sub)	£25.00
Total	£1281.92

Bank Statement balance at November 2018 Meeting: **£14,627.62**

10.2) **To review the village mowing honoraria** – this was discussed again and it was realised that further details needed to be considered. It would be finalised in the New Year.

11. Defibrillators – to discuss any update regarding provision

Cllr Russell advised that Dr Chu was willing to write an article for publication supporting the idea of getting a defibrillator for each parish. The ideas of where a defibrillator could be located in Blakemere and Tyberton were being explored.

12. Planning - to consider any applications as advised

No new applications had been received.

13. Web and internet training – dates of training in January and February 2019

The training for January and February at the Moccas Hall was now fully booked.

14. Matters raised by members for next Agenda

On the Agenda for February would be: defibrillator, village mowing honoraria. Also to be on the agenda - feedback from the Jarvis Trust regarding the social deprivation issue.

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

This will be held on Wednesday 6th February 2019 at The Village Hall, Moccas, at 7.30pm. **There would be no meeting in January 2019.**

The Meeting closed at 9.32 pm

SIGNED

DATED