

*Minutes of the Meeting of Wyeside Group Parish Council held in The Village Hall, Moccas, on
Wednesday 6th February 2019 at 7.30pm*

In attendance

Councillors J. Dale (in the chair), H. Light, S. Russell, B. Bowen, W. Whittall, J. Newsome and A. Rawstone plus Ward Cllr P. Price, Parish Clerk Mrs A. M. Wright and one member 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

There was no representation received from the public.

1. Apologies for absence

There were apologies received from Cllrs O. Pugh, J. Darbyshire, D. Roper, O. Whittall and J. Hughes. Cllr A Smith 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 December 2018

The minutes of the previous meeting of the Parish Council, held on 5th December 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 the issues facing the social care provision in the county with the main problems being an increasing client base and reduced numbers of people entering the caring profession. He also explained about some additional funding (£2 million) and an alternative budget proposal to spend the additional funds. All options would be considered by the council for a final decision. The target spend was for rural activities (as yet to be determined).

5. To discuss any issues raised by the Parish Council Summit of 24/01/19

There was a lengthy discussion on the subject of care provision and concerns over cuts meaning difficulties for people requiring assistance with daily living. The summit had addressed a number of areas and was felt to be a productive process. The question of the five year land supply and the Neighbourhood Development Plans was explained and the Wyeside Plan, being less than two years old currently, was in general conformity with the aspirations of the NPPF and Core Strategy. It was suggested that the Leader of the Council be asked to hold a future summit strictly on the subject of Community Needs.

Cllr Rawstone presented some figures relating to an analysis of road use (cycles, cars etc.) in the lead up to the viability questions of a bypass.

6. Lengthsman - To advise of works for the Lengthsman

The Lengthsman was convalescing following an operation and would be back out when recovered.

7. Roads -

7.1) To report on highway issues

The Preston on Wye to Blakemere Road would be closed in about eight weeks time for one day to facilitate some tree and pipe works. Ward Cllr Price agreed to look into the forward policy for grit bin filling in the parish.

There was a large pothole by Bycross Cottage and also the ditch near to Godway Farm required

revisiting regarding clearance. The tree stump on the corner, on the left hand side going from Moccas to Madley and just before the Church in Blakemere, was now more pronounced and there was some concern that it could be clipped or hit by a passing vehicle. This would be raised with Herefordshire Council Highways for an opinion regarding the stump. There were also potholes in Hacton Lane and in the centre road of Preston on Wye. The road surface in Blakemere, on the left past the church and on the other side of the road, (near to Woodlands View) was breaking up.

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

The Tree Warden and Footpath Officer, Cllr Newsome advised of some paths requiring finger posts. Posts would be ordered. The Lengthsman would be asked to look at a footpath stile on a path from Upper Bellamore to Preston on Wye as it had no cross plank and was difficult to use. Cllr Newsome advised that he was about to take delivery of the Black Poplar for Preston on Wye.

9. Correspondence – Refer to information sheet

The Parish Council noted the correspondence which included:

HEREFORD TRANSPORT PACKAGE (HTP) – WALKING, CYCLING, BUS AND PUBLIC SPACE CONSULTATION

The consultation will run for six weeks from **29 January to 11 March 2019**.

Our public exhibition events will be held on (edited):

- **Tuesday 12 February – Saturday 9 March 2019, during library opening hours – at Hereford Library (display only, unstaffed)**

The consultation runs until **Monday 11 March 2019** and is open to everyone.

Draft Minerals and Waste Local Plan (MWLP) – Consultation

We are consulting on the first draft of the Herefordshire Minerals and Waste Local Plan, which will form a part of the planning policy framework (Local Plan) for Herefordshire, and would like to know your views.

The paper will be consulted upon from Monday 21 January to Monday 4 March 2019.

The draft plan and more information, such as associated evidence base documents, and details on how to take part in the consultation, can be viewed online at the following web

address: www.herefordshire.gov.uk/mineralsandwaste

Documents can also be viewed online at libraries and info centres across the county.

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:

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| Mrs A Wright (salary Feb £358.84, tax refund £24.80, mileage £46.35, home office £20.00) | £449.99 |
| Preston on Wye Village Hall (room hire) | £70.00 |
| Wyehost Ltd (UK Domain name) | £9.00 |
| Total | £528.99 |

Bank Statement balance at January 2019 Meeting: **£12,898.84**

10.2) **To review the village mowing honoraria and resolve** – this was discussed again and it was agreed that the overall sum paid would be increased and the exact disbursements would be determined based on the village and areas mown (i.e. £10 per cut in Blakemere) plus £20.00 per annum for fuel provider. The Moccas and Tyberton overall sums would remain as is and the others would be brought in line. Cllr Russell would confirm the Blakemere Listing and Cllr Rawstone the Preston on Wye Listing.

10.3) Update from Jarvis Charity

Cllr Darbyshire had sent the following update which was presented at the meeting:

1. Jarvis funding priorities are for Staunton-on-Wye, Bredwardine and Letton. However it has discretionary powers to fund worthy causes where poverty is evident or educational benefits are clear outside of these three parishes within Herefordshire as a whole.
2. So for example we give £1,000 bursaries to students in further education in their late teens early twenties within the three parishes set out above, and £500 bursaries to those applying from outside the three parishes but will shut this option down if demand exceeds the funding available.
3. Jarvis is reviewing its charities structures to enable it to offer funding to those in need in addition to where poverty is proven (current criteria), whilst avoiding the duplication of funding for good causes that can be addressed by other means either institutional and/or personal.
4. I have been tasked by Jarvis to investigate the lack of home car provision for people with disabilities who wish to remain in their homes, and will be contacting private sector care providers within the county for this purpose. Hopefully I will have an update for the PC meeting 6 March 2019.

11. Defibrillators – to discuss any update regarding provision

Cllr Russell advised that Dr Chu had produced an information paper on the merits of defibrillators. The viability of sites for further units was being explored.

12. Planning - to consider any applications as advised

No new applications had been received.

13. Web and internet training – update

The training was going well and a good number of people were attending. It would be beneficial if further training could be arranged and the Clerk would confer with the Trainer on the options available.

14. Matters raised by members for next Agenda

On the Agenda for March would be: defibrillator, village mowing honoraria. Also further internet and computer training options plus further Jarvis Charity news.

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

This will be held on Wednesday 6th March 2019 at The Village Hall, Preston on Wye, at 7.30pm.

The Meeting closed at 9.45 pm

SIGNED

DATED