

Minutes of the Meeting of Wyese Group Parish Council held in The Village Hall, Preston on Wye, on Wednesday 6th March 2019 at 7.30pm

In attendance

Councillors J. Dale (in the chair), J. Darbyshire, S. Russell, B. Bowen, W. Whittall, J. Hughes, J. Newsome, O. Whittall (from 7.49 pm) and A. Rawstorne plus Ward Cllr P. Price, Parish Clerk Mrs A. M. Wright and twenty one 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

An extended 30 minute period from 7.30 p.m. was allocated to hear any representations from the public concerning:

APPLICATION NO & SITE ADDRESS: Planning Consultation - 190416 - Land adjacent to Ploughfields, Preston-on-Wye, Herefordshire,

DESCRIPTION: Site for a proposed development for the erection of 10 dwellings

GRID REF: OS 338340, 241663

APPLICATION TYPE: Outline

WEBSITE LINK: <http://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/searchplanningapplications>

There were representations heard from the public concerning the application 190416. These concerned a number of issues which can be summarised as follows (not exhaustive)

- Negotiations concerning the proposal for the relocation of a public footpath to the west side of the application site - should the planning go ahead
- Capacity of sewerage systems and possibility regarding easements as some pipe works may be located beneath the property of other residents
- Traffic issues of narrow lanes, bottle necks and concerns regarding lack of passing places and access. Risk of collisions.
- Standing water and drainage issues – increased risk of this
- Issue of overlooking and privacy for existing properties
- Loss of lay-by amenity outside existing properties and narrowness of roadway
- Size of development and future growth – “small scale” in policy from Neighbourhood Plan
- Concerns about capacity of infrastructure and amenities (school, shop, roadways)

There was a commitment made by the Parish Council to send comments and objections to the Planning Department and to include the proposal for the rerouting of the public right of way and any references to applicable policies from the Neighbourhood Development Plan. The full comment submission will be published on the Herefordshire Council Planning Page and may be viewed at: <http://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/searchplanningapplications>

1. Apologies for absence

There were apologies received from Cllrs O. Pugh, H. Light, D. Roper, and J. Hughes. Cllr A Smith was not present.

2. Declarations of Interest

There was one declaration of interest. This was from Cllr John Dale in regard to Planning Consultation number 190416.

3. To approve previous minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 6th February 2019

The minutes of the previous meeting of the Parish Council, held on 6th February 2019, were signed as true and correct record of the meeting.

4. Report of North Ward Councillor

Ward Cllr. P. Price gave an update regarding an increase in Council Tax and there was a brief discussion regarding affordable homes and what had happened in Cusop regarding the sale of newly built affordable homes.

5. Lengthsman - To advise of works for the Lengthsman

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

6. Roads -

6.1) To report on highway issues

Potholes had been repaired going through Moccas. There was an issue reported concerning a culvert at Woodbury Lane, half way down where the cottages are, due to the brickwork having been squeezed over into the ditch.

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

The Tree Warden and Footpath Officer, Cllr Newsome advised that he would be acquiring the Black Poplar Trees (4) for planting imminently. It was noted as being the rarest tree in the country. There was a gate on the ground at Pentre Lane requiring attention.

8. Correspondence – Refer to information sheet

The Parish Council noted the correspondence which included:

- Details about the forthcoming May Elections were noted. Nomination packs were brought to the March PC Meeting for completion.
- Stagecoach Bus Services Network Review & Consultation: More information and response leaflets at: west.enquiries@stagecoachbus.com
- Great Hereford Spring Clean
- Changes to refuse collection arrangements

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Notification of training and Southern Area Meeting

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 Mar £427.95, mileage £22.59, home office £20.00 parking £1.00)	£471.54
HMRC Tax	£20.60
Moccas Village Hall (room hire)	£75.00
Information Commissioner	£40.00
HALC Subscription 2019 – 2020	£553.20
Total	£1160.34

Bank Statement balance at March 2019 Meeting: **£12898.84**

9.2) **To review the village mowing honoraria and resolve** – the honorarium payments were agreed and prepared for distribution. With thanks to all of the mowers who keep the village greens in good order.

9.3) Update from Jarvis Charity

Cllr Darbyshire advised regarding availability of funding for books and education where a bursary of up to £500 may be awarded subject to eligibility and funding. Care travel payments were being reviewed with the Charity looking the possibility of being able to help fund a “black spot” in funding. The Charity Almshouse provision was for 12 properties currently. No more almshouses were permitted to be constructed at present. The idea of a Library Vehicle was being explored.

10. Defibrillators – to discuss any update regarding provision

Cllr Russell advised that the paper written by Dr Chu could be published in Link and Pump (contact details Cllrs Smith and Russell). The Parish Council were still awaiting feedback regarding possible locations to site defibrillators for Blakemere and Tyberton.

11. Planning - to consider any applications as advised

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The Wyeside Group Parish Council would collate the comments and objections to consultation 190416, while making reference to the Neighbourhood Plan Policies, and submit this information to the Planning Authority.

12. Web and internet training – next steps

The Parish Council agreed to explore further options and would be prepared to fund hall hire expenses for any arranged computer training from the scheme. Clerk would make contact with the training provider to look at options.

13. Matters raised by members for next Agenda

On the Agenda for April would be: defibrillator and usual items.

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

This will be held on Wednesday 3rd April 2019 at The Village Hall, Moccas, at 8.00pm.

The Meeting closed at 9.50 pm

SIGNED

DATED