

Minutes of the Meeting of Wyese Group Parish Council held in The Village Hall, Moccas, on Wednesday 3rd April 2019 at 7.30pm

In attendance

Councillors J. Dale (in the chair), J. Darbyshire, A. Smith, W. Whittall, J. Newsome (from 8.00 pm), O. Whittall (from 8.00 pm), D. Roper (from 7.55 pm) and A. Rawstone plus Ward Cllr P. Price, Parish Clerk Mrs A. M. Wright and two 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

There was public comment made on the proposed planning for Preston on Wye in terms of housing demand and the perceived state of the housing markets. This had followed some input from local Estate Agency opinion. Concerns were also raised about lack of infrastructure, employment and about increasing NHS wait times.

1. Apologies for absence

There were apologies received from Cllrs O. Pugh, B. Bowen, H. Light, S Russell and J. Hughes.

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

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

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

4. Report of North Ward Councillor

Ward Cllr. P. Price gave an update in terms of a response to the matters raised in the Public Question time. The Ward Councillor explained the “top down” building directives, including the mandate to build a minimum of 16,500 new homes in Herefordshire by 2031. Targets are set by Central Government, looking at a predictive model. The housing targets were not “driven by supply and demand but were a planning directive”. The Herefordshire Council has to demonstrate the availability of a five year land supply for housing development. There are issues in Herefordshire concerning a “top heavy ageing population” and the Council is trying to balance this out by encouraging younger people to stay in the County. There was also an update on the proposed by-pass and the resolution of a motion to call in plans for the road. Government funding would be available for the road for the furtherance of their objective of house building.

5. Lengthsman - To advise of works for the Lengthsman

Cllr Roper suggested that a mini digger was needed to clear some ditches. The Lengthsman would liaise with Cllr Roper on this regarding specifications.

6. Roads -

6.1) To report on highway issues

Potholes had been repaired on the Blakemere road between Preston on Wye and Blakemere. There were potholes on the Lulham to Preston on Wye Road (Madley Parish).

The stump on the corner in Blakemere was by an area of road that was breaking away. The Clerk was awaiting response to concern as raised previously.

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

The Tree Warden and Footpath Officer, Cllr Newsome advised that he had planted the Black Poplar

tree in Preston on Wye. He would liaise with the Lengthsman regarding footpath requirements.

8. Correspondence – Refer to information sheet

The Parish Council noted the correspondence which included:

Elections Bulletins

Great British Spring Clean

Newsletter Enquiry

HALC

Notification of updates and Elections

Moccas Monument

The Moccas War Memorial Monument had been listed as a Building of Special or Architectural interest

Lord Lisvane

Lord Robert Lisvane had sent a thank you letter to the PC for their help with the grass and green area mowing via honoraria.

9. To approve payments and note balances

9.1) **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 Apr £358.84, expenses £68.01) | £426.85 |
| Total | £426.85 |

Bank Statement balance at April 2019 Meeting: **£11015.11**

10. Defibrillators – to discuss any update

The paper written by Dr Chu had been published in Link and Pump but the contact details for Cllr Russell and Cllr Smith had not been published. These details would be added to the next editions with a further communication about defibrillators. Possibilities were being looked into to site defibrillators in Blakemere and Tyberton. Grant funding would be required and the Clerk would send Cllr Smith contact details for the Project Funding Co-ordinator at HVOSS.

11. Planning - to consider any applications as advised

Two new applications (related) had been received:

APPLICATION NO & SITE ADDRESS: Planning Consultation - 190966 – Green Farm, C1192 Village Hall, To Brook at Owlswood House, Preston-on-Wye, Herefordshire, HR2 9JT

DESCRIPTION: Proposed residential development of 5 dwellings, including the demolition of existing modern agricultural building, retention of “The Granary” improvements of vehicular access and other associated works.

GRID REF: OS 338423, 241561

APPLICATION TYPE: Planning Permission

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

APPLICATION NO & SITE ADDRESS: Planning Consultation - 190967 – Green Farm, C1192 Village Hall, To Brook at Owlswood House, Preston-on-Wye, Herefordshire, HR2 9JT

DESCRIPTION: Proposed residential development of 5 dwellings, including the demolition of existing modern agricultural building, retention of “The Granary” improvements of vehicular access and other associated works.

GRID REF: OS 338423, 241561

APPLICATION TYPE: Listed building consent

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

The Parish Council heard representation from the public and discussed the application. The plans were felt to be consistent with the Wyeside Group Neighbourhood Development Plan. A draft response would be circulated to councillors for their consideration before submission.

12. Web and internet training – update

The internet training provider had been contacted to explore options and feedback was awaited.

13. Matters raised by members for next Agenda

On the Agenda for May would be: defibrillator and usual items, also social/affordable housing and parish freighter.

14. Parish Freighter for rubbish disposal (to consider)

The previous freighter had been a success and a wish to have a further one would be explored with adverts being placed in the Link and Pump.

15. To confirm the date of the next Parish Council Meeting (Annual Statutory).

The Annual Statutory Meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Wednesday 8th May 2019 at The Village Hall, Preston on Wye, at 8.00pm.

Individual Annual Parish Meetings would be held as follows:

Preston on Wye: Wednesday 8th May from 7.00 pm in the Preston on Wye Village Hall.

Moccas: Thursday 16th May at 7.30 pm in the Moccas Village Hall

Bredwardine: Tuesday 7th May from 7.30 pm in the Bredwardine Village Hall

Tyberton: Thursday 9th May from 8.00 pm in Tyberton Church.

Blakemere: TBA.

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)

16. To discuss NJC 2019 Pay Award and Increment for the Clerk from 1/04/19

Members of the public left the room for the discussion of item 16 only. The pay award and increment for the Clerk were confirmed by the Parish Council from 1/04/19.

The Meeting closed at 9.02 pm

SIGNED

DATED