

*Minutes of the Annual Statutory Meeting of Wyese Group Parish Council held in The Village Hall, Preston on Wye, on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2019 at 8.00pm*

**In attendance**

Councillors A. Rawstorne (in the chair), J. Darbyshire, J. Newsome, O. Whittall, D. Roper, B. Bowen, S. Russell, H. Light and C. Chu (co-opted) plus Parish Clerk Mrs A. M. Wright and two members of the public were also present.

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

**1. Open Session with Parishioners**

There were no public comments made.

**2. Co-option of councillors and signing of forms**

Dr Carol Chu was proposed by Cllr Russell and seconded by Cllr Roper. Dr Chu was co-opted and welcomed to the Parish Council. Councillor Chu signed her acceptance of office form and her Declaration of Registrable Interest Form.

John Dale was proposed by Cllr O Whittall and seconded by Cllr Newsome. Cllr Dale to sign acceptance form at June Meeting.

**3. Election of Chair and receipt of acceptance of office**

The election of chair item was deferred to June.

**4. Election of Vice Chair and receipt of acceptance of office**

Cllr John Darbyshire was proposed by Cllr Newsome and seconded by Cllr Rawstorne. Cllr Rawstorne (outgoing Vice Chair) remained in the Chair for the Meeting.

All councillors signed their acceptance of office forms and expenses (nil) returns forms.

**5. Apologies for absence**

There were apologies received from Cllrs W Whittall and J. Dale. Cllrs J. Hughes and A. Smith were not present.

It was noted that Oscar Pugh had not stood for re-election to the Parish Council and the Parish Council paid tribute to his very many years of service to the community as a parish councillor for Blakemere. A letter would be sent to thank Oscar for all of his work with the Parish Council.

**6. Declarations of Interest**

There were declarations of interest from Cllr Chu and Cllr Russell in regard to Planning Applications 191334 and 191335 for Well Cottage, Blakemere.

**7. To approve previous minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2019**

The minutes of the previous meeting of the Parish Council, held on 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2019, were signed as true and correct record of the meeting.

**8. Report of North Ward Councillor**

Following the May Elections there was a new Ward Councillor elected for Golden Valley North Ward. She is Cllr Jennie Hewitt. Thanks were recorded by the Parish Council to the outgoing Ward Councillor, Phillip Price, for keeping the Parish Council informed.

There was a discussion about how the new Herefordshire Council might look with the new councillors as elected. How things might progress with the roads and the University would be of interest.

**9. Planning**

**APPLICATION NO & SITE ADDRESS:** Planning Consultation - 191334 – Well Cottage, Blakemere, Herefordshire, HR2 9PY

**DESCRIPTION:** The proposal is for a 2-storey extension to the single storey annexe located in the rear garden of Well Cottage.

**GRID REF:** OS 336345, 240679

**APPLICATION TYPE:** Full Householder

**APPLICATION NO & SITE ADDRESS:** Planning Consultation - 191335 – Well Cottage, Blakemere, Herefordshire, HR2 9PY

**APPLICATION TYPE:** Listed building consent

The planning application was discussed. The Parish Council resolved that there were no objections to planning application numbers 191334 and 191335 relating to Well Cottage.

**APPLICATION NO & SITE ADDRESS:** Planning Consultation - 191410 – Tenacity, Moccas, Herefordshire, HR2 9LQ

**DESCRIPTION:** Proposed single storey extensions to east and west elevations, together with porch to front elevation.

**GRID REF:** OS 335764, 242686

**APPLICATION TYPE:** Full Householder

The Parish Council discussed the proposals in application 191410 and resolved to support the application.

**10. Defibrillators – to discuss any update for Blakemere and Tyberton**

Cllr Russell confirmed that a separate advertisement with the contact details for defibrillator information for Tyberton and Blakemere had been published. The subject would be raised for discussion at the Blakemere Parish Meeting. Leaflet drop would be done.

**11. To advise of works for the Lengthsman**

A mini digger was being arranged for the Godway Farm ditches and issues as advised in Tyberton. The Bullpit Corner drainage system was not coping with floodwater again.

**12. Roads -****12.1) To report on highway issues**

The road was in a poor state from Wyese through to Cusop. The road had been levelled by the Moccas war memorial and some potholes had been filled. The dip in the road near the Red Lion at Bredwardine was still an issue.

A visibility issue was highlighted down by the Weston Barns. Exit onto the road was reported as an issue due to potential for fast traffic bearing down. It was suggested that signage to ward of the exit would be a good idea “SLOW – Vehicles emerging” or similar. This would be raised with Balfour Beatty.

Hacton Lane in Preston on Wye had potholes reported.

Cllr Newsome advised that the Hereford City signage by Aldi that he had reported many months previously was still showing incorrect information.

**13. Footpaths and Tree Warden - To elect a Footpath Officer and Tree Warden and to report on footpaths**

Cllr Newsome advised that he was willing to stand as Tree Warden and Footpath Officer once again. He was confirmed in both roles. He advised that the white lining required had been repainted

in Madley. He also reported that Ash die back had now been found in every square kilometre of Herefordshire. Replacement trees would be used to begin a planting program. There would be a training session on tree for clerks at Putley in June.

**14. To update on any response to the provision of parish freighter service**

The Parish Council agreed to the provision of the parish freighter service for rubbish disposal as in 2018. The date and time would be confirmed and publicised.

**15. Correspondence – Refer to information sheet and including web training update**

The Parish Council noted the correspondence which included:

Election correspondence

Travellers Sites Development Plan (DPD)

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**HALC** Updates received including further Election Briefing.

**Web Training Update**

Clerk would contact the trainer regarding further internet workshops.

**16. To approve payments and note balances**

16.1) **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 May £379.64, expenses £58.46) | £438.10         |
| BHIB Ltd (Insurance)                               | £636.42         |
| <b>Total</b>                                       | <b>£1074.52</b> |

16.2) The exemption form for accounting statements was signed and the internal auditor for end of year accounts 2018 – 2019 was confirmed as Mr Entwisle with thanks to him for undertaking this.

Bank Statement balance at May 2019 Meeting: **£12439.85**

**17. Matters raised by members for next Agenda**

End of year accounts, election of Chair and tree planting.

**Planning in Weobley**

A councillor commented on a situation regarding the parish of Weobley where a planning development had been allowed in spite of the parish council objecting, 120 letters being received and a Neighbourhood Development Plan being in progress. The Planners passed the development for 50 houses by a vote of 8 for to 6 against and said that the NDP was not sufficiently progressed to have any weight and it was not therefore taken into account. This information was obtained from the Weobley Parish Council Newsletter - Spring 2019.

**18. To confirm date of the next Ordinary Meeting as Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2019 at The Village Hall, Moccas at 8.00 pm**

The next meeting date and time were confirmed as Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> June at Moccas from 8.00 pm.

The Meeting closed at 9.20 pm

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DATED .....