

Minutes of the Meeting of Wyese Group Parish Council held in The Village Hall, Preston on Wye, on Wednesday 3rd July 2019 at 8.00pm

In attendance

Councillors J. Dale (Chair), W. Whittall, J. Newsome, J. Hughes, H. Light, A. Rawstorne, D. Roper, C. Chu, S. Russell and A. Smith plus Ward Cllr J Hewitt and Parish Clerk Mrs A. M. Wright.

Cllr Dale welcomed everyone to the Meeting.

Public Question Time - Open Session with members of the public

No matters were raised during the public open session.

1. Apologies for absence

There were apologies received from Cllrs J. Darbyshire, B. Bowen and O. Whittall

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest recorded.

3. To approve previous minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 5th June 2019

The minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council, held on 5th June 2019, were signed as a true and correct record of the meeting.

4. Report of North Ward Councillor

Ward Cllr. Hewitt updated the meeting regarding ongoing training. She had met with the Planning Team and this had been helpful. Information about 106 payments had been explained, the development at Cusop would give 106 funding for Fairfield High School plus other entities.

The Ploughfields development had been referred to the Planning Committee.

Cllr Hewitt highlighted a Local Resilience Forum to cover emergency provision. She had undergone training in finance including information on security, liquidity and yield plus stock markets.

Cllr Hughes joined the meeting at 8.12 pm.

The Herefordshire Council were in purdah due to a by-election being held in Whitecross.

Herefordshire had joined ACE (Adoption Central England) to help give a larger pool of children and prospective adoptive parents.

A National Climate Emergency Seminar had been held and areas for improvement in Herefordshire had been highlighted.

The verges had received the “May” cut but if any uncut areas were identified contact the Locality Steward or Ward Cllr.

There was a discussion about an initiative to manage cuts on the verges to manage nutrient levels and help improve husbandry of wildlife etc. Full details would be obtained and considered by the Parish Council. A representative of “PlantLife” would be invited to attend a future meeting to answer questions and give more information. There would be an open meeting to discuss verge management at Longtown Village Hall on Wednesday 17th July 2019 at 7.30 pm.

There was also a green routes initiative for the B roads being undertaken by a local resident and this person would also be invited to a meeting to explain the principles.

There was update on health care service provision and a concern was raised about carers coming into homes in rural areas due to rural logistics issues and payment of carers to travel. This was leading to people being placed in homes in some situations.

There would be a Full Council Meeting held on July 12th 2019.

Ward Cllr Hewitt left the meeting after completing her report.

5. Blakemere Meeting - to receive any update including defibrillators for Blakemere and Tyberton

Cllr Chu advised that there had been 11 attendees at the Blakemere Parish Annual Meeting. There had been general agreement at the meeting to progress the acquisition of a defibrillator. The Preston on Wye and Blakemere Trust had offered a £200 contribution towards the fundraising. The Parish were looking at other ways to generate additional funding.

There had been some issues of articulated vehicles turning on the village green. This would be monitored. The stump of the chestnut tree was to be removed and a new Black Poplar Tree planted. The Wyeside Group Parish Council agreed to this proposal.

The Blakemere Kiosk was in a poor state of repair. It required tidying up. The Clerk would find out if the adoption process was available for this kiosk (it had not been previously). Cllr Russell would obtain the telephone number and details.

Blakemere PCC was to progress with plans to reorder Blakemere Church and to make provision for water and toilet facilities.

Cllr Chu was setting up a Facebook Page for Blakemere Village Group.

6. Lengthsman - To advise of works for the Lengthsman

Seasonal tasks to be completed

7. Roads - To report on highway issues

- Utility repair outside the Red Lion Public House in Bredwardine – uneven road surface
- Potholes on the Preston to Blakemere road near to “Rosebank”
- Bus still driving over the village green in Preston on Wye – intermittently
- Road subsided by Well Cottage in Blakemere (near kiosk) storm drain needs attention
- Double yellow lines at Bredwardine should continue right to the junction and Red Lion to deter parking in areas likely to obstruct the highway
- Pentre Farm – gate issue on the Bredwardine side and road surface issues.

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

The Tree Warden and Footpath Officer, Cllr Newsome would be meeting up with the Lengthsman. An issue was advised regarding Path BL2 at Church House Farm. This would be referred to the resident to communicate with Balfour Beatty. Cllr Newsome had undergone further Tree Warden Training regarding verges, tree planting and recognition of trees that should not be trimmed down in line with the hedgerow. There were discussions around identifier marking of the hedgerow trees to prevent cutting by contract hedge cutters.

The plaque on the green in Blakemere, concerned with common law from the 1970's, would be moved to a more “mower friendly” location. Cllr Russell to organise.

9. Correspondence – Refer to information sheet

The contents of the sheet were noted and included details about:

Herefordshire Traveller Sites Development Plan Document

Draft Minerals and Waste Local Plan consultation results

“Clerks Direct” publication and information on financial services from Lloyds Bank

Computer Training

Also a one off training for computers would be on the 29th July 2019 from 6.00 to 9.00 pm at Moccas Village Hall. Please see separate advertisement for details or contact the Clerk.

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 (sal Jul £375.48, mileage £21.69, home office £20.00 and parking £1.00)	£418.17
Mrs A Wright (sal Aug £469.35, home office £20.00)	£489.35
Total	£907.52

Bank Statement balance at June 2019 Meeting: £13,938.14

11. Parish Freighter for rubbish disposal – 20th July 2019, Preston on Wye, 11.00 – 1.00

The Parish Freighter would be in Preston on Wye on Saturday 20th July from 11.00 am to 1.00 pm. Advertising would take place in Link, Pump, notice boards and Hereford Times – County Times. Everyone was asked again to **please spread the word.**

12. Planning

There were no applications for consideration this time.

13. Moccas Annual Meeting – feedback regarding roads, concerns etc.

Concerns had been raised about the speed of vehicles along the straight run in Moccas coming past the monument. Also overtaking was an issue. Vehicles were sometimes parked on the road in the vicinity of the crossroads near to the monument. There may be a requirement for double white lines, to deter overtaking, and a reduction in the speed limit to 40 mph. The Clerk would contact the Highways Safety Road Traffic Officer to request an assessment of the situation. Deer on the road were also a concern.

14. Matters raised by members for next Agenda

Defibrillators, Blakemere kiosk, Green Roads initiative, verge management – scientific analysis – Plantlife, Moccas speeding issues

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

The next Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Wednesday 4th September 2019 at The Village Hall, Moccas, at 8.00pm. There would be no meeting in August.

The Meeting closed at 9.47 pm

SIGNED

DATED