

*Minutes of the Meeting of Wyese Group Parish Council held in The Village Hall, Moccas, on  
Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2019 at 8.00pm*

**In attendance**

Councillors J. Dale (Chair), O. Whittall, J. Darbyshire, J. Newsome, J. Hughes, H. Light, A. Rawstorne, D. Roper, C. Chu, S. Russell and A. Smith plus Lengthsman Paul Wright, Parish Clerk Mrs A. M. Wright and one member of the public. Also in attendance for the first part of the meeting was Sally Webster from “Verging on Wild”.

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 B. Bowen and W. Whittall plus Ward Cllr. Hewitt

**2. Declarations of Interest**

There were two declarations of interest recorded. These were for Cllr Light and Cllr O. Whittall in relation to the planning application 192908 for Owls Nest.

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

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

**4. Presentation regarding verge cutting information from Plant Life**

The Meeting welcomed Sally Webster from “Verging on Wild” who were working closely with “Plant Life”. Sally explained about the rich diversity of flora and fauna that can be cultivated in verges. Since the 1930’s 97% of wildflower meadows have disappeared. The diversity of flowers and grasses are important for nectar and pollen for the pollinators and insects that feed on and collect from them. The verges can provide valuable refuge, shelter and cover for a wide range of creatures. Sally described special verges that had been identified in the 1970’s and 80’s and these had been sporadically managed. Organisations such as Herefordshire Meadows, the Wildlife Trust, Verging on Wild and Plant Life were trying to work together to encourage judicious mowing of the verges to allow for completion of life cycles and eventually a return to enabling habitat areas. The timing of cuts was critical and the parish council were asked to consider whether they would request the cutting regime to be implemented throughout the Wyese Parishes. This would be considered and with due regard to be given for safety around junctions and splays to make sure that visibility was maintained. The subject of verge cutting would be on the Agenda for October. The Parish Council thanked Sally very much for explaining the ideas and for giving more information on the topic for their consideration. Sally left after giving her presentation.

**5. Report of North Ward Councillor**

Ward Cllr. Hewitt had sent her apologies. She had sent some information by e mail. The B4348 resurfacing situation was commented. There was a discussion on the economic forecasts for the county with 16500 plus number of houses being built through to 2031. It was commented that there was believed to be a lack of credibility to the governmental housing forecast model being used in that it was not properly calibrated to take account of other economic factors and the impact of national policy in terms of its effect on rural areas. Cllr Darbyshire kindly volunteered to review the model and the parish council thanked him for this and were in support of the review being undertaken.

## **6. Lengthsman - To advise of works for the Lengthsman**

Seasonal tasks were to be completed, trim round and straighten signs plus clear grips etc. The idea of village gates would be on the next Agenda (three sets had been fitted in Madley and were proving effective in reducing the speed of vehicles coming into the village).

## **7. Roads - To report on highway issues**

- Utility repair outside the Red Lion Public House in Bredwardine – uneven road surface
- Speeding in Moccas – Cllr Whittall would look at some solutions to speeding that had been implemented in Credenhill.
- There had been a parking problem with blockage caused to the Bredwardine Bridge meaning that agricultural vehicles had been unable to cross and proceed. People had to be asked to move their vehicles and they had been compliant. The problem of people blocking the highway, while enjoying the amenities at the riverside, had been avoided, on a subsequent fine day, by the placing of cones in strategic positions to prevent parking. The parish council thought that it would be a good idea to approach the Locality Steward to see if the bollard placing could become a regular thing, as required, to prevent the issues that had been experienced. There was also a comment made concerning litter being left at the riverside location. The location was being advertised on the internet as a place for “wild swimming”.
- Sign was missing indicating double bend warning at Tyberton in the direction heading from Moccas to Madley.

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

The Tree Warden and Footpath Officer, Cllr Newsome advised that he had cleared some footpath entrances. He had circulated some literature with updates on tree diseases. Some trees were noted as becoming resistant to certain disease and it was important that these were identified and left standing.

## **9. Correspondence – Refer to information sheet**

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

- Review of Polling Districts, Polling Places and Polling Stations – 2019
- Invitation to the Parish Council Summit on 20 September 2019
- Hereford Transport Package and South Wye Transport Package decision
- 2020/21 Parish Precepts
- ROAD CLOSURES - AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2019
- Armed Forces Veteran Survey
- Blakemere: Adopt a kiosk enquiry 01981500211

## **Forestry Commission**

The management of individual ash trees affected by ash dieback (*Hymenoscyphus fraxineus*)

## **Computer Training**

Four people attended a worthwhile training session on cameras, photos and Smart phones with the Business Angel.

## **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 Sept £375.48, mileage £31.05, home office £20.00)	£426.53
<b>Total</b>	<b>£426.53</b>

Bank Statement balance at July 2019 Meeting: £12,691.04

**11. Future plans for Blakemere phone kiosk including possible adoption and relocating**

It was agreed by the Parish Council that the kiosk would be adopted. Consideration as to re-locating it would need to be discussed as to planning and viability issues.

**12. Planning**

There was one application for consideration this time.

**APPLICATION NO & SITE ADDRESS:** Planning Consultation - 192908 - Owls Nest, Pentre Lane, Bredwardine, Hereford, Herefordshire HR3 6BY

**DESCRIPTION:** Erection of two storey rear extension with basement under and a detached garage.

**APPLICANT(S):** Mr & Mrs Light

**GRID REF:** OS 333171, 243272

**APPLICATION TYPE:** Full Householder

Cllrs O. Whittall and H. Light left the room during discussion of planning application 192908. The Parish Council reviewed and considered the application 192908 and resolved to comment in support of the proposals to extend the property and build a detached garage.

An application had been received on the day of the meeting (4/09/19) for a re-consultation on planning application 190966 – Green Farm, Preston on Wye. It was agreed that an extension for comments would be requested until after the October 9<sup>th</sup> Parish Council Meeting.

**13. Consideration of ideas for Bredwardine Visitor Centre and website matters, including future plans for the Bredwardine phone kiosk (Cllr Darbyshire to update)**

Cllr Darbyshire updated the meeting concerning ideas being put forward in Bredwardine to try to improve income for the church by making it into a Visitor's Centre. The idea was to have easy chairs, Wi Fi and to have the church open as a facility. There could be tourist link opportunities with other parish churches and links to other points of interest. The ideas would involve the Village Hall and the residents of Bredwardine. A road show would be put together and the group would be looking at new signs and possible funding from the Heritage Lottery. There was also hoped to be a map showing points of interest and a website to link to other parish websites in the area. The aim was to try to create a tourist attraction and publicise local events. A business plan was to come and the road show should be available by the date of the November parish council meeting. The outcomes would be based on funding and not on ideas. The kiosk in Bredwardine was scheduled to become an Information Centre. The website was under review and would require the support of the parish council and the parochial church council. It was planned that toilets would be installed at the church. Experiences would be used to try to help all five of the churches within the group of parishes. The subject would be further updates at the November parish council meeting.

**14. Update on progress regarding defibrillators for Blakemere and Tyberton**

Cllr Chu advised that £1000 had been raised towards a defibrillator for Blakemere. An updated cost of the equipment had been requested. There were ideas around locating the defibrillator in the Blakemere Kiosk. The Tyberton project had been placed on hold due to difficulties finding a site to locate it.

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

Defibrillators, Blakemere kiosk, verge management, Bredwardine update and including bridge parking issues/cones, village gates

**16. To confirm the date of the next Ordinary Parish Council Meeting.**

The next Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council would be held on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2019 at The Village Hall, Preston on Wye, at 8.00pm.

The Meeting closed at 10.32 pm

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