

Minutes of the Meeting of Wyese Group Parish Council held in The Village Hall, Preston on Wye, on Wednesday 9th October 2019 at 8.00pm

In attendance

Councillors J. Dale (Chair), O. Whittall, J. Darbyshire, J. Newsome, W. Whittall, A. Rawstone, C. Chu, S. Russell and A. Smith plus Lengthsman Paul Wright, Parish Clerk Mrs A. M. Wright, Ward Cllr Jennie Hewitt and one member of the public.

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, J. Hughes and H. Light. Cllr D. Roper was not present.

2. Declarations of Interest

There was one declaration of interest recorded. This was for Cllr Simon Russell on planning application 193194 for Blakemere House.

3. To approve previous minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 4th September 2019

The minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council, held on 4th September 2019, were signed as a true and correct record of the meeting.

4. To consider further the verge cutting information from the September Meeting

The Parish Council had given further consideration to the ideas put forward in terms of verge and habitat cultivation throughout the group of parishes. The Parish Council were broadly in favour of the idea, but only in areas where good visibility for road users could be assured. There were some areas where the idea could work but these would need to be identified. Once a proposal for suitable areas had been expressed, by Balfour Beatty, then these could be publicised to get feedback. The Parish Council would advise Balfour Beatty of this decision and would make the point of road safety being paramount.

5. Report of North Ward Councillor

Ward Cllr. Hewitt had sent her report. She summarised the key points including the bid to have the B4348 resurfaced along its length and with solid white lines to help slow the traffic. It was hoped that the measures would make the road safer for all road users.

There was an update on the Cabinet Meeting held on 26/09/19 and the declaring of a Climate Emergency. There had been a Parish Council Summit held at the Shire Hall on the 20th September. There was also an update on housing and data management, as regards statistics supplied, and also industry news with regard to Skylon Park. There was an update on the University and it had now been accredited with Open University Status. There was a commitment to push it forward. The idea of Talk Community was discussed and there was an aim to train up Community Entrepreneurs to get people using the advantages that are available in their communities. The Ward Cllr had been attending Rural Hub walks.

6. Lengthsman - To advise of works for the Lengthsman

The lengthsman would be having a grip cutting and clearing session now that hedge cutting had taken place.

7. Roads - To report on highway issues

The culvert at Woodbury Lane (old common in Moccas – by the houses) had been squeezed into the ditch, allegedly by a refuse lorry. This would need review and attention.

Car parking near the crossroads in Moccas had been causing visibility issues. Cllr W. Whittall advised that following advice to residents the cars were being placed further down the road which was safer.

The issue of speeding on the straight run through Moccas was discussed and it was agreed that the Ward Cllr be asked to request a speed limit reduction to 40 mph on that stretch to help prevent danger to persons emerging from the crossroads. The Ward Cllr would take the request forward.

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 more stiles and had repositioned damaged and moved footpath signs. He advised that Ash Trees were still dying and that only around 5% were likely to show resilience to the disease. He reported a blocked footpath in Madley (crops), Cllr Hewitt would ask the Madley Ward Cllr to look into this.

9. Correspondence – Refer to information sheet

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

- Election expenses forms reminder – nil breakdown return required as well as the summary sheet.
- Public Vote for Herefordshire's Official Flag - Message to Parish Council's
- Children & Young People's Showcase
- Remittance Advice : 18/09/2019 Parish Precept
- Public Green Spaces Grant

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 for October paid in accordance with contract)

Bank Statement balance at October 2019 Meeting: £16156.99

10.2) Update on election expenses returns (forms) – these were completed and would be returned to the Town Hall by the Clerk.

11. Update on plans for Blakemere phone kiosk and defibrillator progress

The intention to adopt the Blakemere Kiosk had been conveyed. Fund raising for a defibrillator had reached £1000.00 and efforts were ongoing.

12. Planning

There were new applications for consideration this time:

APPLICATION NO & SITE ADDRESS: Planning Re-consultation - 190966 - Green Farm, 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 – Amended

The application had been amended. It was agreed that the previous comments would be reiterated. Any observations noted, as to how the changes made had affected the details, would be added.

APPLICATION NO & SITE ADDRESS: Planning Consultation - 192914 - Moccas Court, Moccas, Hereford, Herefordshire HR2 9LH

DESCRIPTION: Amendments to permission 173139 & Listed Building Consent 173140 and additional proposals for the repair, alteration, biomass boiler and re-servicing of Moccas Court as a private family home.

GRID REF: OS 335820, 243494

APPLICATION TYPE: Full Householder

APPLICATION NO & SITE ADDRESS: Planning Consultation - 192915 - Moccas Court, Moccas, Hereford, Herefordshire HR2 9LH

DESCRIPTION: As 192914

GRID REF: OS 335820, 243494

APPLICATION TYPE: Listed Building Consent

The Parish Council considered the proposals made in applications 192914 and 192915 and were in support of the amendments made to permissions granted in applications 173139 and 173140.

APPLICATION NO & SITE ADDRESS: Planning Consultation - 193194 - Blakemere House, Blakemere, Hereford, Herefordshire HR2 9JZ

DESCRIPTION: Fell Ash tree due to severe dieback and decay at base of trunk.

GRID REF: OS 336252, 241191

APPLICATION TYPE: Works to trees covered by TPO

The Parish Council considered the tree works, as required in application 193194, and there were no objections to the felling of the diseased tree.

13. Update on ideas for Bredwardine Visitor Centre, kiosk and proposal for website

Cllr Darbyshire updated the meeting regarding plans in Bredwardine. The Parochial Church Council had agreed to support the process of setting up Wi-Fi and to progress a more comfy church building.

There was a high level specification for the website and actual examples were being produced for pricing purposes. There would be an application for Heritage Funding to fund the process. The Wyeside Group Parish Council could revise their input to the website and perhaps include a mission statement. Cllr Darbyshire and the Clerk would discuss this further between the meetings and a link to a specimen site would be sent to Cllr Darbyshire. The Kiosk in Bredwardine would be used, walks would be publicised on the website and there would be links to other villages for cycling and canoeing activities.

It was noted that there was a dog fouling issue in Tyberton. The Clerk would supply some appropriate signage to Cllr Smith.

14. Discussion on budget and precept for 2020 - 2021

It was agreed that the Finance Working Party would meet to discuss, Cllrs Dale, O. Whittall and D. Roper plus the Clerk. Clerk to arrange suitable date and time for all to meet at The Rectory, Moccas.

15. Matters raised by members for next Agenda

Dog waste bins, entrance gates, update on number 13 and budget/precept request for 2020 – 2021

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 6th November 2019 at The Village Hall, Moccas, at 7.30pm.

The Meeting closed at 10.02 pm

SIGNED

DATED