

Minutes of the Meeting of Wyese Group Parish Council held in The Village Hall, Moccas, on Wednesday 6th November 2019 at 8.00pm

In attendance

Councillors J. Dale (Chair), O. Whittall, J. Darbyshire, J. Newsome, B. Bowen, A. Rawstorne, C. Chu, J. Hughes and A. Smith plus Lengthsman Paul Wright, Parish Clerk Mrs A. M. Wright, Ward Cllr Jennie Hewitt and two members of the public. Also present for the first part of the meeting was PCSO Pete Knight

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. PCSO Pete Knight updated the meeting regarding local crime trends and changes to the policing team. PC Roger Bradley had retired and been replaced by PC Jeff Rouse, who had transferred from Leominster. There had been a significant theft incident from a property in Bredwardine but generally the patch was pretty quiet crime wise. The offer of free property marking was still available and Smart Water kits were also available for forensic marking of property. The “Stop that Thief” security system was also available with not for profit pricing through the NFU. The system uses beam alarms and has proved very successful in deterring and detecting intruder activity. A three week trial of the system could be available and householders can self refer on the internet at <https://www.stophatthief.co.uk/> PCSO Knight left the meeting at 7.40 pm.

1. Apologies for absence

There were apologies received from Cllrs W. Whittall, S. Russell and H. Light. Cllr D. Roper was not present.

2. Declarations of Interest

There were two declarations of interest recorded. These were for Cllr Chu in relation to planning applications 193425 and 193554 for Well Cottage, Blakemere and Cllr Dale in relation to planning application 193361 for Pope Place, Blakemere.

3. To approve previous minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 9th October 2019

The minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council, held on 9th October 2019, were signed as a true and correct record of the meeting.

4. Report of North Ward Councillor

Ward Cllr. Hewitt had sent her report. She summarised the key points including an update on flooding issues and measures to help combat this. Phosphate levels in the rivers were too high and this was compromising land supply and building targets. Monitoring would be required and data obtained of flooding issues generally.

The Ward Cllr was holding surgeries in various locations including Cusop and the Dorestone Front Room. If the Wyese Group wish to try this also – let the Ward Cllr know.

Climate Emergency initiatives were being stepped up and a focused meeting for the Golden Valley would be requested. Cllr Hewitt and Cllr Chu would attend the meeting as currently arranged and advertised.

The Rotherwas Shell Store was to become a business start up hub.

The next phase of Fastershire would be focussing on the “hard to reach” category areas for roll out of broadband.

The Ward Cllr would take forward the requests for Ward Cllr led Traffic Regulation Orders on speeding in Moccas (past the cross) and double white lines to deter overtaking at the location.

5. Lengthsman - To advise of works for the Lengthsman

The lengthsman would be checking grips and gullies and carrying out seasonal works. Hacton Lane in Preston on Wye was experiencing flooding and blocked ditches.

6. Roads - To report on highway issues

The ongoing referrals were noted and with particular reference to the utility repair near the Red Lion Public House in Bredwardine where the dip in the road was getting progressively worse. Potholes were reported in Hacton Lane, Preston on Wye.

In relation to Blakemere, it was commented that hedging procedures were leaving sharp and thorn filled debris on the highway and this was proving a hazard for walkers and pets. The Parish Council were sympathetic to the problem but it was explained that due to time frames for hedge cutting, in relation to nesting etc., more mature growth was having to be removed leading to an increase in thorns etc.

The Ward Cllr would look into why an incorrect sign in the Hereford city (regarding the new road and directions from the "Steels" roundabout) which had not been amended in spite of advisory information about the error being given over a year previously.

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

The Tree Warden and Footpath Officer, Cllr Newsome advised regarding the Tree Warden AGM which he had attended. Disease resistant Elm Trees were available to help replace dying Ash trees (the Elms were similar to the ones that had died in the 1970's but were disease free). These trees were available from Tony Norman who was located just west of Pembridge. Tony could be contacted via: tony@theleen.co.uk The trees would be available mid November and into December 2019.

Cllr Newsome had also attended the Balfour Beatty Public Rights of Way Meeting recently. Slides and Notes of the meeting had been circulated for information.

A new footpath gate (in stock) would be delivered by the Lengthsman to Cllr Hughes for Bredwardine.

Dog fouling signs would be delivered to Cllr Smith for Tyberton.

8. Correspondence – Refer to information sheet

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

- Parish Summit workshop notes and h.Trees Week information
- Invitations to councillors - The Great Collaboration – Climate Emergency
- Hereford Transport Package and South Wye Transport Package decision
- Review of Polling Districts, Polling Places and Polling Stations
- Core Strategy and Neighbourhood Planning review Workshop evening
- Herefordshire Council Fostering Project

Also:

HALC

- Notification of HALC Conference & AGM 09-30 - 15-00 on Saturday 23/11/19

9. 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)	
Web Master (website services)	£200.00

Bank Statement balance at November 2019 Meeting: £16156.99

9.2) To confirm budget and precept request for 2020 – 2021

The Parish Council considered the budget and precept request for 2020 – 2021 and resolved to request the same amount as 2019 – 2020 - as reasonable reserves were in hand. The precept would therefore be £9720.00 for 2020 – 2021 and the Clerk would advise the Herefordshire Council Finance Team accordingly.

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

Fund raising for the defibrillator was ongoing and there would be an Italian meal evening at the Preston on Wye Village Hall on 30th December 2019 from 7.00 until 10.00 pm. The event would include a two course Italian meal and free non-alcoholic beverage. There would also be a bar for guests to purchase other drinks. The tickets were £12.00 and were available from Cllr Chu (see parish notice boards and village magazines for more details).

11. Planning

There were new applications for consideration this time:

APPLICATION NO & SITE ADDRESS: Planning consultation - 193425 – Well Cottage, Blakemere, Herefordshire, HR2 9PY

DESCRIPTION: Application for variation of condition 2 of planning permission 191763 (Proposed single storey extension and alterations to the existing annexe including the addition of external insulation). To allow changes to the approved scheme

APPLICATION TYPE: Full Householder

APPLICATION NO & SITE ADDRESS: Planning Consultation - 193554 - Well Cottage, Blakemere, Herefordshire, HR2 9PY

DESCRIPTION: Application for variation of condition 2 of planning permission 191764 (Proposed single storey extension and alterations to the existing annexe including the addition of external insulation). To allow changes to the approved scheme

APPLICATION TYPE: Listed Building Consent

Cllr Chu declared an interest in applications 193425 and 193554. Both applications related to a measurement change that had previously been found to be incorrect. The Parish Council considered the applications and resolved to comment in support of the proposals.

APPLICATION NO & SITE ADDRESS: Planning Consultation - 193361 Pope Place, Blakemere, Herefordshire HR2 9JX

DESCRIPTION: To construct a walled garden and greenhouse

APPLICATION TYPE: Full Householder

Cllr Dale declared an interest as a neighbour of the property. The Parish Council considered the proposals in application 193361 and resolved to support the proposals while making reference to the height of the proposed wall adjacent to the bridleway.

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

Cllr Darbyshire updated the meeting regarding plans in Bredwardine. Quotes were being sought to build the new website. Specimen screens had been sent off for review. Options for links to other web sites and information were being considered, probably not weather updates but local flood warning information was suggested. New sofas were to be purchased for the Visitors Centre. The kiosk would be used for information. Models of the new site should be available early in the New Year 2020 and with a view to going live in the new financial year 2020.

13. Matters raised by members for next Agenda

All usual matters to be on the Agenda plus speeding in Blakemere and defibrillator at Bredwardine (battery funding), double white lining and speed limit in Moccas

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 4th December 2019 at The Village Hall, Preston on Wye, at 7.30pm.

The Meeting closed at 8.37 pm

SIGNED

DATED