

Minutes of the Meeting of Wyese Group Parish Council held in The Village Hall, Preston on Wye, on Wednesday 4th December 2019 at 7.30pm

In attendance

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

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest recorded.

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 6th November 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. Cllr Chu had attended the Climate Meeting “Great Collaboration” and would update the meeting.

5. Roads: Lengthsman works and road issues for reporting to Balfour Beatty

White lining, speed limit and speeding concerns in Blakemere were reiterated. A request to start the process of a speed review and lining was made with the Ward Cllr at the November 2019 Meeting. There were access and exit issues at a number of Blakemere properties. The speed limit was currently 40 mph and the possibility of reducing this to 30 mph would be looked into further. A query about potholes in Hacton Lane, Preston on Wye, would be followed up and options for looking at the repairs investigated.

The uneven road surface outside the Red Lion Public House at Bredwardine was again noted. The 30 mph signage at Tyberton, coming from the Moccas direction, were believed to be incorrectly placed.

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

The Tree Warden and Footpath Officer, Cllr Newsome advised that Elm Trees were now formally mentioned as a good replacement for Ash Trees removed due to Ash Die Back.

7. Correspondence – Refer to information sheet

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

- Core Strategy and Neighbourhood Planning review meeting - Additional date.
- Salt for parishes
- Review of Polling Districts, Polling Places and Polling Stations
- Invitations to councillors - The Great Collaboration (Climate Emergency initiative). Cllr Chu attended a meeting on this and will report back at the meeting
- Ward Cllr has sent her report along with a copy of the Leader’s Report on wider Herefordshire Council initiatives and matters relating to countywide issues.

Also:

HALC

- Notification of papers relating to the HALC Conference & AGM held on Saturday 23/11/19

Budget and Precept

The Precept request for 2020 – 2021 had been submitted to Herefordshire Council.

The Council noted information to be Winter Ready:

Know your free emergency numbers - in a power cut dial 105 or, for a gas emergency, dial 0800 111999.

- Prepare your home – keep a torch handy and get your appliances serviced by a Gas Safe registered engineer to prevent carbon monoxide poisoning. Vulnerable households can get extra support by signing up to the Priority Services Register. Contact your gas or electricity network to find out more. Visit www.energynetworks.org to find out who your network operator is.
- Priority Services Register – join a free service provided by network operators and suppliers to customers in need.

Also the opportunity to obtain a Safe and Well Check:**What is a Safe and Well Check?**

A Safe and Well Check is a **FREE** home safety visit that is tailored to an individual's needs.

The visit includes a home safety check to help reduce the risk of fire in the home, including the checking and fitting of smoke alarms where required. This includes alarms suitable for those with a hearing impairment and giving advice on a fire escape plan.

It will also identify any health and care needs that require signposting to local services to help ensure safety and wellbeing.

A Safe and Well Check maximises the opportunity to help individuals stay safe and independent and include advice on the following:

- Fire safety in the home
- Falls prevention
- Winter Warmth
- Social Isolation and loneliness
- Crime prevention
- Smoking

How can I arrange a Visit?

Contact the Fire and Police Community Risk team via their on-line form (Link Below) or call **0800 032 1155** for advice.

<http://www.hwfire.org.uk/safety-and-advice/home-safety/safe-and-well-check/request-a-safe-and-well-check/>

8. Finance and Policies

8.1) To approve balance and payments. It was resolved to approve the accounts and payments as detailed here:

Mrs A Wright (salary for December and January paid in accordance with contract)	
BT Payphones (adoption fee for Blakemere kiosk)	£1.00
Moccas Village Hall (hall hire)	£46.75

Bank Statement balance at December 2019 Meeting: £15739.82

8.2) To consider funding of defibrillator battery for Bredwardine (written request required)

No request had been received to date.

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

The Blakemere kiosk contract for purchase would be signed and the purchase fee submitted. The defibrillator funding was being collated and there would be a further fund raising event on December 30th 2019 – Italian Night at Preston on Wye Village Hall from 7.00 pm. There would be a bar, raffle with prizes and a film plus an Italian Meal. Tickets were £12.00 from Cllr Carol Chu.

10. Update on “Great Collaboration”- Climate Change Initiatives

Cllr Chu had attended a meeting on climate change and would circulate information obtained in the form of slides. Cllr Chu updated the meeting regarding initiatives that were being investigated in aspects such as homes, cars, land use and ways of creating different energy sources were being explored. Funding was being obtained to supply electric charging points. Energy efficient ways of building new homes, such as passive method, were being implemented and people were looking at ways to make older homes more energy efficient too. Communities would be looking at “green” energy buying initiatives. The Parish Council thanked Cllr Chu for taking the time out to attend the workshop and to report back. More information would be coming.

11. Planning

There were no new applications for consideration this time.

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

Cllr Darbyshire had sent his apologies so this topic would be updated at a future meeting.

13. Core Strategy and Neighbourhood Planning review meeting plus Questionnaire on NDP to complete (if and as required)

Cllr Darbyshire had sent round a proposal regarding a change to the NDP which would be amended by Cllr Darbyshire, if agreed by the Parish Council, and then sent for approval by the Parish Council before submission in late January 2020.

14. Matters raised by members for next Agenda

All usual matters to be on the Agenda plus Climate Emergency and village mowing honorarium payments (councillors to please check those eligible in their parish area)

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

The next Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council would be held on Wednesday 5th February 2020 at The Village Hall, Moccas, at 7.30pm. There would be no Wyese Group Parish Council Meeting in January 2020.

The Meeting closed at 8.45 pm

SIGNED

DATED