

Minutes of the Annual Statutory Meeting of Wyeside Group Parish Council held via Zoom Platform (during Covid 19 virus Lockdown) on Wednesday 6th May 2020 at 7.30pm

In attendance

Councillors J. Dale, J. Newsome (for part), A. Rawstorne (in the Chair), H. Light, J. Darbyshire, S. Russell, C. Chu and O. Whittall plus Parish Clerk Mrs A. M. Wright, Lengthsman Paul Wright and two members of the public. Also present for the meeting was Ward Cllr Jennie Hewitt.

Cllr Rawstorne welcomed everyone to the Meeting. Thank you to Cheryl Russell for arranging the Zoom Meeting.

The Parish Council recorded a huge **VOTE OF THANKS** to all the volunteers who had kept those who were sheltering, and unable to go out for necessities, supplied with food and medicines during the lockdown period. Thank you all so much for caring and helping your fellow residents. Your help is very much valued and appreciated.

1. Open Session with any parishioners who have joined the Zoom Meeting

Matters raised were lack of availability for home deliveries for sheltering persons. Issues had been experienced with data base registration not picking up vulnerable people because of multi address entries and this was also a concern. There did need to be joined up NHS data for shielding information. The Ward Cllr would take up the issue with the Community Broker. A resident was happy to assist the Ward Cllr in finding out more and also including liaison with the National Cancer Research Institute.

There had been a testing for Virus Covid 19 arrangement set up in Merton Meadow car park in Hereford, for those booking a test, but this had disappeared and there was uncertainty around what had happened. The Ward Cllr would try to find out more information.

2. Election of Chair and receipt of acceptance of office

Cllr John Dale was proposed by Cllr O Whittall and seconded by Cllr Light. Cllr Rawstorne remained in the Chair for the Meeting. Cllr Dale accepted the role. Thanks were recorded to John for his previous and ongoing chairmanship.

3. Election of Vice Chair and receipt of acceptance of office

Cllr Simon Russell was proposed by Cllr Chu and seconded by Cllr Rawstorne. Cllr Simon Russell accepted the role.

4. Apologies for absence

There were apologies received from Cllr B Bowen. Cllrs W Whittall, J Hughes, D Roper and A Smith were not present on Zoom.

5. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest recorded.

6. To approve previous minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 4th March 2020

The minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council, held on 4th March 2020, were approved as a true and correct record of the meeting.

7. Report of North Ward Councillor

Ward Cllr. Hewitt gave an update regarding matters relating to Herefordshire Council, support for adult social care and for vulnerable children during the Covid 19 lockdown. Municipal waste sites would be open from Saturday 9th May. There was a discussion on how local planning developments

would need to link into the revised Core Strategy. A task and finish group were looking at Climate Emergency issues.

8. Lengthsman To advise of works for the Lengthsman

Grips would be cleared and visibility splays trimmed.

9. Roads To report on highway issues

The road surface between Blakemere and Preston on Wye was in a poor condition.

Water was constantly lying in the road by Steerfield Cottage and the road was sinking outside Pope Place due, possibly, to badgers sett.

Potholes noted in Moccas. Some had been marked up. New potholes observed near to the Old Rectory, Moccas.

Verges – needed cutting urgently.

10. Footpaths To elect a Footpath Officer and Tree Warden and to report on footpaths

Cllr Jeff Newsome nominated to remain as Tree Warden and Footpath Officer. Thank you to Cllr Newsome. Cllr Rawstone drew the council's attention to the Tyberton Lakes (Duchy owned) as to have a look these lakes ahead of planned refurbishment.

11. Correspondence – Refer to information sheet

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

- Latest on local funding Covid 19 linked and extended Rural Services Delivery Grant deadline
- Remote meetings video/audio platforms and Fastershire 'Keep Connected' grant reminder
- Review of Neighbourhood Plans guidance note
- Neighbourhood Planning Material Weight and Review of made Neighbourhood Plans Guidance Notes
- Update RE: Funding for essential items such as face masks, gloves and ID badges
- River Wye and Lugg NFM Project Newsletter: April 2020
- Stop Loan Sharks Social Media Resources - Covid19
- Letter to local councils - regulatory changes as a result of Covid 19

West Mercia Police had advised that a number of quad bikes had been stolen during lockdown. These had been parked in seemingly secure locations at Bredwardine, Staunton on Wye and "Weston". There was a reminder to all to lock things away and to be vigilant.

Cllr Whittall left the Zoom meeting at 9.19 pm

12. Finance and Policies

12.1 To approve accounts and note balances (please see Finance Sheet)

The accounts and payments were approved as per the published sheet.

Mrs A Wright paid in accordance with contract

BHIB Ltd (Parish Council Insurance 2020 – 2021) £643.60

12.2 To approve exemption form for accounting statements and appoint internal auditor for end of year accounts 2019 – 2020

The accounts declaration for external audit was approved and the internal auditor would be approached as in previous years.

13. Matters raised by members for next Agenda

- Concern over Blakemere Green being "cut up" by large vehicles

- Defibrillator update for Blakemere.
- Neighbourhood Development Plan update
- Covid 19 tactics
- GEPOC (General powers of competence)
- Grant funding

14. To confirm date of the next Ordinary Meeting as Wednesday 10th June 2020 (venue or Zoom ID to be advised - dependent on lockdown etc.)

The Meeting closed at 9.30 pm

SIGNED

DATED