

Minutes of the Annual Statutory Meeting of Wyese Group Parish Council held via Zoom Platform (during Covid 19 virus Lockdown) on Wednesday 10th June 2020 at 7.30pm

In attendance

Councillors J. Newsome, A. Rawstorne, J. Darbyshire, S. Russell (in the Chair), C. Chu and D. Roper plus Parish Clerk Mrs A. M. Wright and one member of the public. Also present for the meeting was Ward Cllr Jennie Hewitt.

Cllr Russell welcomed everyone to the Meeting.

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

A resident present expressed concern about the number of homes in planning applications that had been passed for the village of Preston on Wye. The numbers appeared to be contra to the specifications laid out in the Neighbourhood Plan which had a target of 39 dwellings for the whole Wyese Group of villages for the plan period to 2031. The plan was criteria based and with no sites specifically identified. The Ward Councillor explained that when the five year land supply obligation on the planning authority was not met then these arguments would invalidate the specifications as laid out in the Neighbourhood Development Plan. She advised that pre-voting was arranged by Committee and that “unsustainable developments” were getting through. The parish council noted the concerns of the resident concerning privacy issues for their property due to potential for overlooking from the new development.

2. Apologies for absence

There were apologies received from Cllr W. Whittall, J. Dale and H. Light. Cllrs O. Whittall, J. Hughes and A. Smith were not present on Zoom.

3. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest recorded.

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

The minutes of the Annual Statutory Meeting of the Parish Council, held on 6th May 2020, were approved as a true and correct record of the meeting.

5. Report of North Ward Councillor

Ward Cllr. Hewitt gave an update on matters in the Ward and highlighted an idea to try to get a Golden Valley wide dialogue going with representation from all parishes in the Golden Valley North and South areas. This would be to find common themes, discuss approaches and share views in relation to such matters as resilience for food, transport, employment and the economy. It would be the aim to get other stakeholders on board, for example Doctors’ surgeries etc. The Covid 19 virus had brought everyone together and this could be built upon. It was felt that it would be a good idea to start small with perhaps two representatives from each parish in Golden Valley North. This would go on the July Agenda. It was also noted that there was requirement to re-group the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group to look at NDP revision in line with the emerging Core Strategy and with direct links into the Climate Emergency declaration. This would also be for the July 2020 Agenda.

6. To consider response to Planning Applications, as notified, and then determined by Herefordshire Council

APPLICATION NO & SITE ADDRESS: Planning Consultation - 201327 - Land adjacent to

Ploughfields, Preston-on-Wye, Herefordshire, HR2 9LL

DESCRIPTION: Application for approval of reserved matters following outline approval. (190416) - Proposed development for the erection of 10 dwellings

APPLICANT(S): Mr Julian Williams

GRID REF: OS 338340, 241663

APPLICATION TYPE: Approval of Reserved Matters

(With particular reference to correspondence received concerning Public Right Of Way and sewerage/drainage management matters)

Application 201327, and also 201315, for reserved matters on land adjacent to Ploughfields were discussed in conjunction with comments heard during the Open Session. It was explained that this was for the points of detail (approval of reserved matters) on the outline application, which had already been given planning consent. It was agreed that the Parish Council would be objecting to proposals for the reserved matters in relation to the Public Right of Way and the sewerage plant issues. It was also agreed that Cllr Darbyshire would speak with the developer, on behalf of the Parish Council and the residents, about the areas of concern. The Parish Council fully supported this approach. A comments response would be compiled and submitted to the Planning Authority.

7. Lengthsman To advise of works for the Lengthsman

General season requirements were identified and also to clean round signs etc.

8. Roads To report on highway issues

Defects were noted as follows:

- Drain cover shifted in Blakemere Village on B4352 (near phone kiosk).
- Bredwardine Hill - landscape and road issue - The situation involves the road that comes down Bredwardine Hill where rain water comes down the centre of the road and onto land at the commencement of a hillside property (identified). Resultant erosion has led to a situation where there is a circa 40 foot drop off the highway where the embankment has gone and the fencing is suspended in the air. There is a concern that vehicles could leave the road and plunge over the edge down the precipice that borders the roadside edge.
- Road surface breaking up between Preston on Wye and Lulham – Preston on Wye end in a very bad state
- Query raised regarding provision of “height sticks” for measurement of flood water depth which could be appropriate to assist in areas liable to flooding

9. Footpaths and Trees - update

Cllr Jeff Newsome noted missing fingerpost for Bodcot Lane to Bredwardine path. Cllr Newsome would e mail the clerk with other missing post information. Cllr Newsome explained about up and coming tree strategies being launched in July; the England Tree Strategy and Tree Futures Grant Funding for young people.

10. Correspondence – Refer to information sheet

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

- Funding for trees for Parish Councils - The Tree Council Branching Out Fund is now open!
- Volunteer Survey
- Short Breaks Capital Funding - Round 2
- Local food/deliveries and warmer homes update
- Planning for phased returns to schools for some pupils from 1 June
- FLOODING – Ongoing support to you and the community
- Safeguarding Corona virus (COVID-19) Information Bulletin
- Talk Community Covid-19 Response Opening Times

11. Finance and Policies**11.1) To approve accounts and note balances (please see Finance Sheet)**

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

The bank balance was noted as £15792.41.

Payments were resolved to be paid as follows:

Mrs A Wright paid in accordance with contract	
Dr Alan Maddison (website services)	£200.00
Herefordshire Council (May 2019 Election recharges)	£259.55

12. Matters raised by members for next Agenda

Defibrillator and funding options

NDP Steering Group

Golden Valley - dialogue for all parishes and stakeholders

The issue of cyclists riding at great speed around the country lanes was raised. A plea was made for all road users to look out for one another and to consider also those on foot when using the narrow lanes.

13. To confirm date of the next Ordinary Meeting as Wednesday 8th July 2020 (venue or Zoom ID to be advised - dependent on lockdown etc.)

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as Wednesday 8th July 2020 and would be via Zoom, unless advised otherwise.

The Meeting closed at 8.09 pm

SIGNED

DATED