

Minutes of the Annual Statutory Meeting of Wyese Group Parish Council held via Zoom Platform (during Covid 19 virus Lockdown) on Wednesday 8th July 2020 from 7.30pm

In attendance

Councillors J. Dale (Chair) J. Newsome (from 7.42 pm), A. Rawstorne, S. Russell, C. Chu and H. Light, O. Whittall (from 7.55 pm) plus Parish Clerk Mrs A. M. Wright. Also present for the meeting was Ward Cllr Jennie Hewitt (from 8.05 pm). The first Zoom session ran from 7.30 – 8.10 and the second from 8.15 to 8.55 pm.

Cllr Dale welcomed everyone to the Meeting.

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

No residents were present.

2. Apologies for absence

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

3. Declarations of Interest

There was one declaration of interest recorded. This was for Cllr S. Russell in relation to planning Application 201793, Land at Woodlands View, Blakemere.

4. To approve previous minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 10th June 2020

The minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council, held on 10th June 2020, were approved as a true and correct record of the meeting.

Thank you Robin Davies – mower for around 40 years

A very big “thank you” was recorded by those present, on behalf of the community, to Robin Davies who, for around forty years, had kept the village greens and verges neat and tidy in Preston on Wye. Thank you very much indeed to Robin and to all of the other mowers who keep the greens and parish areas mown and tidy on behalf of everyone.

5. Report of North Ward Councillor

Ward Cllr. Hewitt gave an update on matters in the Ward. She explained that there were no matters that affected the Wyese Group directly. The “SWOT” Analysis was being looked at to help identify any pockets of hardship within the community. Connectivity was important and more and more responses were being required to be made on line. Looking out for local need and being the “eyes and ears” of the community was also needed. There was also the requirement to reduce the carbon footprint and to achieve work/life balance. The Cabinet Member was still working on rural travel measures. The Ward Cllr advised that data collected was not supporting a bypass scheme. There was a discussion about regeneration, with bids in for grant funding, and signing up to a better deal for rural local authorities. The Maylord Orchard had been acquired by Herefordshire Council and may be a window of opportunity for small local business recovery. Encouragement would be given to tourism as people rethink their holiday options.

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

Two planning applications had been received.

APPLICATION NO & SITE ADDRESS: Planning Consultation - 201793 - Land at Woodlands View, Blakemere, Hereford, Herefordshire

DESCRIPTION: Outline application for a 3 bedroom dwelling.

GRID REF: OS 336350, 240967

APPLICATION TYPE: Outline

The Wyese Group PC discussed the application 201793 and commented that they broadly supported the application but would just like to comment that the visibility splay and access will need to be carefully considered due to access and exit onto a now 40 mph speed limit road. They would also want to make note regarding the presence of a public footpath at the location.

The second application, 201866, had only just been received on the day of the meeting and so would be re-circulated for any comments to be with the Clerk by 20th July.

APPLICATION NO & SITE ADDRESS: Planning Consultation - 201866 - 3 Ploughfields, Preston on Wye, Hereford, Herefordshire HR2 9LL

DESCRIPTION: First floor rear extension over existing ground floor rear extension. Addition of external wall insulation

GRID REF: OS 338365, 241639

APPLICATION TYPE: Full Householder

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

8.1) To report on highway issues

The road from Preston on Wye to Lulham required repairs. Outside Pope Place on the Preston on Wye to Blakemere Road the trench was sinking rapidly (badgers sett). It was noted that half of the road defect (deeper side) by the Red Lion Public House, Bredwardine had been repaired.

8.2) Speeding on the country lanes (correspondence re Tyberton refers)

Correspondence had been received asking for attention to speeding vehicles through Tyberton and the country lanes. The Clerk had contacted the Traffic Management Advisor of West Mercia Police Road Safety. The Traffic Management Advisor had advised that he would attend to assess the situation as soon as possible.

8.3) “Dangerous cycling” on the country lanes

There had been an increase in cycling activity. Again people are urged to take care and watch speed and other vehicles.

8.4) Tourism and parking in vicinity of Bredwardine Bridge

The fine weather had led to a huge number of people visiting the riverside at Bredwardine. It was stated that the area being occupied is actually private land and people technically are trespassing (information from councillor). The volume parking had caused concern for emergency access and for passage by farm vehicle traffic. The police had attended and people were observed to be in groups and were looking like they were respecting social distancing. The situation would be watched and people are urged **not** to block the access roads in case of emergency or other required passage. There may be consideration given to the use of “Be Covid Aware” signage.

9. Footpaths and Trees - update

Cllr Jeff Newsome had sent the Clerk a list of missing fingerposts and these had been logged with Balfour Beatty. Concerns were raised regarding people leaving gates open on public rights of way, due to possible fears of touching them and infection. Please remember to fasten gates and use gloves etc. or hand sanitiser if concerned. Balfour Beatty had confirmed that footpaths would not be

closed, due to Covid 19, “without due process.”

10. To receive update on defibrillator and look at sources of funding

London Hearts were offering £200.00 per village towards a defibrillator. The Blakemere defibrillator would be a battery operated one, new battery every five years, and would have a heated cabinet. The kiosk would be refurbished and painting and new glass, plus defibrillator signs were being obtained or had been quoted for. Defibrillator training would be redone, online. Thanks were recorded to David Morris who had cleared the vegetation from around the kiosk.

11. Correspondence – Refer to information sheet

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

Reminder survey to inform planning for future support to community groups

Affordable Housing in Herefordshire - We would like to hear your views

Covid Reopening.19.June.2020

DISCRETIONARY GRANT - EMAIL TO BUSINESSES, for your information

Letter of thanks from HM Lord-Lieutenant

Survey to inform planning for future support to community groups

HALC

HALC Information Corner & attachments

HALC Coronavirus Issue 3

Last Minute Training Bookings (Planning Overview)

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.

The bank balance was noted as £15792.41.

12.2) Payments were resolved to be paid as follows:

Mrs A Wright paid in accordance with contract

Donations of £20.00 each were made to the Village Halls at Moccas, Preston on Wye and

Bredwardine in lieu of an Internal Audit fee. (Send to OW, AR and HL)

Thank you to the Internal Auditor for examining the accounts.

12.3) To sign and approve Annual Governance Statement 2019 – 2020

The terms of the Annual Governance Statement 2019 - 2020 were approved and signed by the Chair.

12.4) To sign and approve Accounting Statement 2019 – 2020 and Exemption Certificate

The Accounting Statement and Exemption Certificate 2019 – 2020 were approved and signed by the Chair.

13. Neighbourhood Development Plan – to receive any update regarding possible revision programme and determine Steering Group provision

Ward Cllr Hewitt asked for Cllr Darbyshire to be contacted regarding the liaison with the Planning Agent concerning items relating to the construction of the ten proposed homes in Preston on Wye. Revision programme and Steering Group provision would be on next Agenda.

14. Matters raised by members for next Agenda

Defibrillator and funding options from London Hearts

NDP Steering Group and revision programme

Great Collaboration Zoom feedback from 16/07/20

Village Green at Blakemere – damage caused by vehicles also Preston on Wye

15. To confirm date of the next Ordinary Meeting as Wednesday 2nd September 2020 (venue or Zoom ID to be advised - dependent on lockdown etc.)

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as Wednesday 2nd September 2020 (from 8.00 pm) and would be via Zoom, unless advised otherwise. No Meeting in August.

The Meeting closed at 8.55 pm

SIGNED

DATED