

Minutes of the Meeting of Wyeside Group Parish Council, held via Zoom Platform (during Covid 19 virus pandemic), on Wednesday 2nd September 2020 from 8.00 pm

In attendance on Zoom were:

Councillors J. Dale (Chair), A. Rawstorne, S. Russell, C. Chu (from 8.25 pm) O. Whittall and A. Smith plus Parish Clerk Mrs A. M. Wright and one member of the public. The first Zoom session ran from 8.00 – 8.40 and the second session from 8.45 to 9.24 pm

Cllr Dale welcomed everyone to the Meeting.

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

One resident was present. No items were raised in the Open Session.

2. Apologies for absence

There were apologies received from Cllrs B. Bowen, J. Darbyshire, H Light, J. Newsome, W. Whittall, J. Hughes and D Roper plus Ward Cllr Jennie Hewitt.

3. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest recorded.

4. To approve previous minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 8th July 2020

The minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council, held on 8th July 2020, were approved as a true and correct record of the meeting.

5. Report of North Ward Councillor

Ward Cllr. Hewitt had circulated her report and sent her apologies for absence from the meeting.

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

There were no new applications for consideration of comments. The Parish Council were following up with the Ward Cllr regarding the footpath move outcome in Preston on Wye, this being in relation to the Ploughfields Planning Application for 10 homes.

7. Lengthsman To advise of works for the Lengthsman

General season requirements were identified. The situation with regard to the stile opposite Bridge Cottage, which was breaking up, and the footbridge over the stream which flows into the Wye at Bredwardine was noted. The footbridge had three rotting planks and overgrowth of vegetation. It was agreed that the Lengthsman would look at carrying out the repairs and would advise if there was something he could not do.

8. Roads To report on highway issues

8.1) To report on highway issues

Cllr O Whittall advised that a lot of the marked up potholes in Moccas had been repaired. There had been a big increase in people cycling over the summer months and they would have benefitted from the mended holes.

Matters raised for attention:

- The drains above “Sharkeys” at Temple Turn needed clearing
- Drains at Ash Meadow Farm (right hand side)
- Stockley Hill – water flowing down the road and not going into the ditches at the sides. Cones had been placed to mark the road that was subsiding with a four foot drop and tarmac seemingly in mid air with nothing under it where the road had been eroded.

- Badgers sett at Pope Place – road collapsing – dropped and sinking and uneven.
- Road between Preston on Wye and Lulham in need of surfacing repairs.

8.2) Speeding on the country lanes (correspondence re Tyberton refers) and consideration of village gates/other speed reduction measures and including any update on “dangerous cycling” on the country lanes.

Following on from contact with the Police Safety Advisor, a number of suggestions had been put forward. Speed Indicator Devices, stickers for wheelie bins, speed warning signs. Criteria for village gates could be explored (would need to be collapsible), a possibility could be to make more of the signage with flowerbeds etc. Road narrowing was also a possibility with appropriate white lining.

“Dangerous cycling” had included large numbers of cyclists travelling en masse posing a hazard to pedestrians and other road users. It was suggested that the PC ask the Police to give some safety advice (consideration for other road users) for cyclists in their bulletins. This idea would be explored.

8.3) To consider mowing and upkeep of Village Greens plus vehicle damage to Blakemere Green

It was reported that the mowing for the village greens in Preston on Wye had been resolved. Cllr Russell advised that lorries and large vehicles were churning up the grass on the green at Blakemere while performing U turns. It was agreed that a discussion meeting to look at options to protect the space would be arranged on location at the Blakemere Green between the Locality Steward and Cllrs Simon Russell, John Dale and Owen Whittall.

9. Footpaths and Trees - update

Cllr Jeff Newsome had sent his apologies.

10. To receive update on defibrillator and sources of funding

The kiosk had been repainted and refurbished and was “looking great”. The defibrillator and cabinet had been purchased and were awaiting installation by an electrician. An anonymous donation, plus money, raised by other benefactors, had seen the project completed. Once the defibrillator has been installed the code will be notified to the Ambulance Service and training will be organised. The PC noted “Well done Blakemere” for getting the defibrillator for the Village.

11. Correspondence – Refer to information sheet

- Car Park Charges Consultation
- Drainage Grant Scheme
- WISH update
- Local public health guidance for community centres
- Call for Sites 2020
- Parish summit slides and papers
- Annual Canvass 2020 – Update
- Stop Loan Sharks Online Training Seminars - book through Eventbrite
- Letter to Parish Councils from John Harrington (re road building)

HALC

HALC Information Corner including 3 e mails of attachments
The Great Collaboration Zero Carbon Herefordshire

It was noted that Moccas Village Hall was still “virtually closed”.

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 £12698.66

12.2) Payments were resolved to be paid as follows:

Mrs A Wright paid in accordance with contract

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

This item would be on the October Agenda.

14. Matters raised by members for next Agenda

Usual items and in addition: fly camping, Defibrillator, helping other colleagues to join in on Zoom.

NDP Steering Group and revision programme

Village Green at Blakemere – way forward

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COVID-19 Support Information: <https://zoom.us/docs/en-us/covid19.html>

F A Q - https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/articles/206175806-Top-Questions?flash_digest=322f62b9dde58212f60a97e4f238725b25f5b568

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15. To confirm date of the next Ordinary Meeting as Wednesday 7th October 2020 via Zoom unless advised otherwise.

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as Wednesday 7th October 2020 (from 8.00 pm) and would be via Zoom, unless advised otherwise.

The Meeting closed at 9.24 pm

SIGNED

DATED