

*Minutes of the Meeting of Wyeside Group Parish Council, held via Zoom Platform (during Covid 19 virus pandemic), on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2020 from 8.00 pm*

**In attendance on Zoom were:**

Councillors J. Dale (Chair), A. Rawstone, J Newsome, H. Light, D. Roper, C. Chu, O. Whittall and A. Smith plus Parish Clerk Mrs A. M. Wright. The first Zoom session ran from 8.00 – 9.00 and the second session from 9.04 to 9.44 pm

Cllr Dale welcomed everyone to the Meeting.

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

No items were raised in the Open Session.

**2. Apologies for absence**

There were apologies received from Cllrs B. Bowen, S Russell, J. Darbyshire, W. Whittall, J. Hughes 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 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2020**

The minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council, held on 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2020, were approved as a true and correct record of the meeting.

**5. Report of North Ward Councillor**

Ward Cllr. Hewitt had sent her apologies for absence from the meeting. The comments made in the local publication, in response to the Ward Cllr's recent report, were brought to the attention of the parish council. These had been placed by a local resident who had been the previous Ward Cllr.

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

There were no new applications for consideration of comments.

Cllr Rawstone advised that the location of the footpath at the Ploughfield development had been altered in line with representations. The councillors noted that the specifications regarding contiguous development credentials in the adopted Wyeside Group Neighbour Development Plan did not appear to have been followed in the consideration of two recent planning applications. This had occurred in the case of a bungalow near to Blakemere Church and also a property that had been proposed that was contiguous to Tyberton Church. It was alleged that in the first instance the Planning Officer opinion was at differs to the NDP and in the second the Conservation Officer's opinion had appeared to have taken precedence. The parish council expressed concern about the parameters around contiguity to the village centres, within the NDP, being given due weight. It was agreed that Cllr Darbyshire would be asked to look at the relevant policies and statements, concerning contiguity in the NDP, when it was appropriate for him to be asked to undertake this request.

**7. Lengthsman To advise of works for the Lengthsman**

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 brought forward and Cllr Light agreed to contact the landowner regarding access arrangements for the repairs etc. to be carried out, as previously agreed. Seasonal works would also be carried out.

## **8. Roads To report on highway issues**

### **8.1) To report on highway issues**

Replies had been received from Balfour Beatty concerning the previous matters raised. The Locality Steward had raised jobs for actions and given recommendations.

Byecross – culvert by the orchard and overflowing ditch. The Lengthsmen would be asked to contact Cllr Whittall for details.

The issue of the culvert that was blocked near to the ERS site and four new homes towards Woodbury Lane was again commented. Balfour Beatty had passed back to the landowners the responsibility for the clearance but there were still issues under the road that were believed to be Highway responsibility? This aspect would be referred back to Balfour Beatty. A further site visit would likely be required with the Locality Steward to discuss.

### **8.2) Speeding on the country lanes (correspondence re Tyberton refers) further update from Highways Safety including any update re “dangerous cycling” on the country lanes.**

The Police had published some information but this was more geared towards cyclists and their safety on the roads whereas consideration for other road users and safety for pedestrians etc. had been the ultimate focus of the recent request. It was agreed that the Clerk would go back to the Police to see if they could provide more advice and maybe this could be in conjunction with approaches to local cycling clubs to raise awareness.

There was still the request waiting for the speed limit and signage for Tyberton, coming from Moccas direction, to be moved out to encompass all of the residences and to where the village entrance name signage was placed.

The idea of the possible use of Speed Indicator devices and village entrance markers (structures/signs etc.) would be looked at for viability with the Locality Steward and possibly also the Police Traffic Management Adviser.

### **8.3) To consider response to message regarding damage to Blakemere Green and way forward**

The erosion of the grass at Blakemere Green would be subject of a site visit to look at options following bollard placing being ruled out. Date for site visit to be arranged with Locality Steward.

### **8.4) To discuss issues with “fly camping”**

There had been reports of casual camps being set up on the tennis courts at Preston on Wye and on the “beach” at Old Court Farm. Any instances of this “fly camping” should be reported to the Police on phone number **101**.

## **9. Footpaths and Trees - update**

Cllr Jeff Newsome would look into producing an inventory of stiles and posts requiring attention. A vertical post support was required for the stile near Bredwardine Church to help enable users to climb over.

## **10. To receive update on defibrillator and kiosk**

The defibrillator was up and running and had been registered. Ring **999** to be given the code to unlock the unit. Training on usage and compiling of a register of those trained to be undertaken. Link for copy to training, for all who are interested, is as follows:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?time\\_continue=8&v=1v\\_tM6eUGaU&feature=emb\\_logo](https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=8&v=1v_tM6eUGaU&feature=emb_logo)

## **11. Correspondence – Refer to information sheet**

- Ward Cllr: Lack of covid secure school transport provision in the Golden Valley
- You're invited to Community Crisis Response (Repeating Event - 9 Oct 2020)
- Review of current arrangements for dealing with code of conduct complaints
- Notification of parish precept payment

**Civic Voice**

- Civic Voice's White Paper Webinars

**12. Finance and Policies****12.1) To approve accounts and note balances (please see Finance 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

**12.3) To begin discussion regarding Precept request for 2021 – 2022**

The Parish Council discussed the precept request for 2021 – 2022 and resolved to keep the amount identical to that of 2020 – 2021 i.e. £9720.00. The request would be submitted by the Clerk.

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

This item would be ongoing. The Clerk would resend the councillors the link to the Planning White Paper Consultation as set up by the Government.

**14. Matters raised by members for next Agenda**

Usual items and in addition:

Community Crisis webnex – crisis plans. Resilience Plan form for community use to be requested.

Community Resilience – the importance of this – reference community leaders?

Possible consideration of bus shelter at Moccas Cross? – to gather thoughts

**15. To confirm date of the next Ordinary Meeting as Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2020 via Zoom unless advised otherwise.**

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2020 (from 8.00 pm) and would be via Zoom, unless advised otherwise.

Due to the confidential nature of the business of this agenda item, under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 (3) it is proposed to put forward a motion to exclude members of the public during discussion of this agenda item

**16. To discuss implementation of NJC Pay Award and increment for Clerk from 1/04/20.**

The Parish Council resolved that the NJC Pay Award plus increment should be awarded to the Clerk from 1/04/2020.

The Meeting closed at 9.44 pm

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