

*Minutes of the Meeting of Wyese Group Parish Council, held via Zoom Platform (during Covid 19 virus pandemic), on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2020 from 7.30 pm*

**In attendance on Zoom were:**

Councillors J. Dale (Chair), A. Rawstone and J Newsome, plus Parish Clerk Mrs A. M. Wright and Ward Cllr Jennie Hewitt

The first Zoom session ran from 7.30 – 8.10 and the second session from 8.15 to 8.48 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, H. Light, D. Roper, C. Chu and O. Whittall. Cllrs A. Smith and J. Hughes were not present.

Cllr W. Whittall had tendered his resignation from the Parish Council. A “thank you” was recorded to Will for his work and time as councillor for Moccas within the Wyese Group.

**3. Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest recorded.

**4. To approve previous minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> October 2020**

The minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council, held on 7<sup>th</sup> October 2020, were approved as a true and correct record of the meeting.

It was commented that the public right of way in the vicinity of the Ploughfields planning application was being re-routed. Legal confirmation of the status of the public right of way was highlighted and the Ward Cllr Jennie Hewitt would look into this. The size of the drainage pipe on the same planning location was commented as being believed to be “inadequate” for the anticipated volume.

**5. Report of North Ward Councillor**

Ward Cllr. Hewitt had circulated her report.

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

There were no new applications for consideration of comments.

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

The Lengthsmen had carried out the Public Right Of Way foot bridge repairs at Bredwardine, cleared the overgrowth of vegetation on the same bridge and had fitted a new stile adjacent to the Bredwardine River Wye crossing bridge. They have also carried out grip and gully clearance around all of the five group parishes and cleared round the road signs. To continue with seasonal upkeep works as required.

**8. Roads and Greens**

**8.1) To report on highway, greens and related issues**

The damage being done to the Blakemere Green would be revisited. This would likely be when the forthcoming lockdown period had been lifted.

**8.2) Consideration of request for bus shelter at Moccas Cross – to gather thoughts**

It was agreed that feedback on this topic from Moccas councillors was required and it would be carried forward to a later agenda.

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

Cllr Jeff Newsome advised that he knew of a number of places where finger posts and way markers were missing, the latter because there were no posts to fix them to. Cllr Newsome would send a full list of requirements to the Clerk to begin the process of replacement etc. Cllr Newsome advised that he was working on a footpath issue from Preston on Wye to Lower Chilstone, Madley.

### **10. Community Crisis and Community Resilience**

The Clerk had have tracked down the Community Resilience Form and Information relating to completion of the document. These had been circulated and would be kept “in sight”.

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

Hereford Transport Strategy: The papers for General Scrutiny meeting on 9 November which will consider the Hereford Transport Strategy are now published at:

<http://councillors.herefordshire.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CIId=809&MIId=7972&Ver=4>

- Road closures and highways works
- Covid19 Community Leaders update
- Licensing Policy 2020-2025 Consultation and covid signs in city and market towns
- Covid-19 recovery - visitor economy

### **Civic Voice**

- Civic Voice's White Paper Webinars and further updates

### **Herefordshire Wildlife Trust**

Work at Court Wood and Wern Wood nature reserves this winter

### **Notice Boards and Information placed inside**

A resident had drawn the council’s attention to a leaflet that had been placed inside (three of) the parish notice boards. The leaflet was believed to contain information that may have not been fully factual. The Clerk had removed the leaflets and retained a copy for reference. The source of the information was not entirely clear, but the content was directed at the Covid 19 pandemic situation. The resident expressed concern about possible misinformation being published in a parish board. The primary purpose of the boards is to advise of parish council business and it was agreed that a watching brief would be kept on any other material as may be placed inside. Whilst it was not the Parish Council’s responsibility to confirm or deny material, it was agreed that any leaflet thought to contain unhelpful material would be taken out. Any leaflet found to be out of date would also be removed and also if there were not to be sufficient room for parish council information excess notices would also be removed.

### **12. Finance and Policies**

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

The bank balance was noted as £16976.08

#### **12.2) Payments were resolved to be paid as follows:**

Mrs A Wright paid in accordance with contract

Longfield Services (Lengthsman)	£261.50
Cobb’s Tree & Estate Services (Lengthsman)	£240.00

### **13. Neighbourhood Development Plan – to receive any update regarding possible revision programme**

This item would be ongoing with a view to liaison with Cllr Darbyshire.

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

Usual items would be included.

**15. To confirm date of the next Ordinary Meeting as Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2020 via Zoom unless advised otherwise.**

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2020 from 7.30 pm and would be via Zoom, unless advised otherwise.

The Meeting closed at 8.48 pm

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