

Minutes of the Meeting of Wyeside Group Parish Council, held via Zoom Platform (during Covid 19 virus pandemic), on Wednesday 2nd December 2020 from 7.30 pm

In attendance on Zoom were:

Councillors J. Dale (Chair), J. Darbyshire, C. Chu, S. Russell A. Rawstone and J Newsome, plus Parish Clerk Mrs A. M. Wright and three members of the public

The first Zoom session ran from 7.30 – 8.10 and the second session from 8.15 to 8.46 pm

Cllr Dale welcomed everyone to the Meeting.

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

One item was mentioned in the Open Session. This was for the planning next to the Jubilee Chapel in Preston on Wye. This was discussed under the planning item number 6.

2. Apologies for absence

There were apologies received from Cllrs B. Bowen, H. Light, O. Whittall and A. Smith. Cllrs D. Roper and J. Hughes were not present.

3. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest recorded.

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

The minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council, held on 4th November 2020, were approved as a true and correct record of the meeting. Cllr Rawstone reiterated that the Parish Council/Clerk would check the notice board contents periodically. Any information or content considered to be inappropriate would be taken out of the boards.

5. Report of North Ward Councillor

Ward Cllr. Hewitt was not present at the meeting.

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

There were new applications for consideration of comments.

Planning Consultation – 203800 – Moccas Court, Moccas, Hereford for proposed amendment to the location of a generator unit from visible external location to beneath an existing covered area. This was for listed building consent.

The parish council had no objections to the repositioning of the generator.

APPLICATION NO & SITE ADDRESS: Planning Consultation - 203866 - Former Baptist Chapel, Preston on-Wye, Herefordshire, HR2 9JU

DESCRIPTION: Proposed variation of a condition 2 of planning permission 171995/F (Proposed change of use of chapel to a dwelling and associated works including a detached garage, alterations to the existing access and construction of a detached dwelling and garage) To change the approved plans to allow for reduced site width.

GRID REF: OS 338512, 241589

APPLICATION TYPE: Planning Permission

The parish council heard representation from members of the public and the councillors. It was resolved to respond to the consultation as follows:

“The Wyese Parish Council has considered the application 203866. The Parish Council has concerns about the style of the building which is not in conformity to the relevant section of the Wyese Group Neighbourhood Development Plan which states (relevant portion shown in red):

"Policy WH01 – New Housing Development

Permission will be granted over the period 1 April 2017 until 31 March 2031 for the development of around 33 dwellings. All new housing development should reflect the size, role and function of the village in which it is situated on land which is contiguous with the existing village centre; that is on a site which immediately adjoins the centre as shown on the Policies Maps or is within or abuts a group of existing buildings which are contiguous with the centre when the plan was made or updated.

In addition, proposals for new housing should reflect the character of the village and surrounding environment and relate directly to the existing built form in the immediate vicinity. Also, in so far as it is reasonably practicable and viable, any development for three or more houses should be laid out in the form of an organic cluster built off a new access lane avoiding the use of a cul-de-sac, with pedestrian links/ pathways to the rest of the village."

It is believed that any dwelling design should be in sympathy with the village vernacular. The proposed dwelling is very "modern" in design.

There are also concerns that have been raised with regard to the property boundary, with the neighbouring property to the left when standing looking at the frontage from the phone kiosk. The Parish Council would urge the planning authority to pay close attention to any boundary issues as may be presented by neighbouring residents. There is also a concern as to the overlooking and overbearing stature of the proposed dwelling within the plot in relation to neighbouring residents. The planning authority is urged to note the situation with regard to existing boundary fences, hedging and trees to ensure that no encroachment onto neighbouring land, or fence line, should occur in the granting of any potential planning consent.”

Cllr Newsome advised that he believed he had seen a further local planning notice and he would check and advise if this was a different application.

7. Lengthsman To advise of works for the Lengthsman

To follow instructions from the Locality Steward regarding clearance works at Moccas.

May I ask that the Parish have the Lengthsman check the gullies and grips along the A4352 and clear them of leaves and mud please.

I have a number redug and cleared but some in particular near Moccas cross need a quick scrape off.”

8. Roads and Greens

8.1) To report on highway, greens and related issues

Large vehicles were driving on the dry stone walling opposite the green in Blakemere and pushing the wall over. Cllr Russell declared an interest as the owner of the wall was his landlord. There was an issue with the white lining on the centre of the road (worn away) going out though Blakemere and Moccas. The trench outside the Red Lion Public House in Bredwardine was again subsiding.

9. Footpaths and Trees - update

Cllr Jeff Newsome had produced a list of requirements for posts and markers that would need to be completed. Cllr Newsome would forward topical information as received on trees and national planting week etc. There were still many Ash trees dying. Cllr Newsome advised that he had cleared some stiles, where overgrown, as required.

10. Community Crisis and Community Resilience

The paperwork on this topic had been considered and the view was taken that a community system relating to taking care of the relevant needs had been instigated and was working. The ideas explored had been covered by community effort and team work.

11. Correspondence – Refer to information sheet

- Hereford Transport Strategy Review
- Weekly Covid update 27/11/20
- 3 items including Licensing Policy draft - summary of change
- ROAD CLOSURES - NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2020 - 20.11.2020

The following dates for the Wyese Group Parish Council Meetings had been allocated. All Meetings will be via Zoom, due to the current Covid 19 pandemic, and start at 7.30 PM or 8.00 PM as indicated. **No meetings in January or August 2021.**

Wyese Group PC Meetings 2021

February 3 from 7.30, March 3 from 7.30, April 7 from 8.00, May 5 from 8.00, June 2 from 8.00, July 7 from 8.00, Sept 1 from 8.00, Oct 6 from 8.00, Nov 3 from 7.30, Dec 1 from 7.30

12. Finance and Policies

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

The bank balance was noted as £16461.83

12.2) Payments were resolved to be paid as follows:

Mrs A Wright paid in accordance with contract for December 2020 and January 2021

It was also agreed that a £50.00 donation would be made for village Christmas lights in Preston on Wye, following a written request.

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

Cllr Darbyshire updated the meeting regarding the Neighbourhood Development Plan. There would be various types of growth going forward depending on varying factors. Digital transformation with computerisation of the whole planning procedure would make things very visual. Growth would be principally for cities, towns and high growth areas. It was noted that the group of five parishes would likely sit within the categories of “Renewal” or “Protection”. The Planning White Paper was about concepts and the consultation was set to debate the concepts. The position taken by Herefordshire Council would need to be known so that the local Neighbourhood Development Plan could then link in with the Core Strategy (local area plan) of Herefordshire Council and the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF). Determination of where the five parishes sat in terms of renewal, protection or growth would follow a rolling program of reviews which would tie in with decisions taken at levels above parish level. Environmental aspects would need to be considered in respect of approach to housing numbers. The parish council would maintain links with the Neighbourhood Planning Department to stay informed.

14. Matters raised by members for next Agenda

Usual items would be included.

15. To confirm date of the next Ordinary Meeting as Wednesday 3rd February via Zoom unless advised otherwise. No meeting in January 2021

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as Wednesday 3rd February 2021 from 7.30 pm and would be via Zoom, unless advised otherwise.

The Meeting closed at 8.46 pm

SIGNED

DATED