

Minutes of the Meeting of Wyeside Group Parish Council, held via Zoom Platform (during Covid 19 virus pandemic), on Wednesday 3rd February 2021 from 7.30 pm

In attendance on Zoom were:

Councillors J. Dale (Chair), J. Darbyshire, C. Chu, S. Russell, O. Whittall, H. Light, D. Roper, A. Rawstorne and J Newsome, plus Parish Clerk Mrs A. M. Wright, there were no members of the public present

The first Zoom session ran from 7.30 – 8.10 and the second session 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

There were no members of the public present at the meeting. There was a request for a follow up on paint for the Preston on Wye kiosk. This would be progressed following the lifting of Covid 19 restrictions (lock down)

2. Apologies for absence

There were no apologies received. Cllrs B. Bowen, A. Smith and J. Hughes were not present.

3. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest recorded.

4. Co-option of new councillor (Moccas Parish)

There were no candidates presented. It was agreed that councillors would make enquiries of their contacts and an advertisement would go into the Link and Pump. Anyone interested in coming forward please contact your local councillor or the Clerk for more information.

5. To approve previous minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 2nd December 2020

The minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council, held on 2nd December 2020, were approved as a true and correct record of the meeting.

6. Report of North Ward Councillor

Ward Cllr. Hewitt was not present at the meeting. There was a discussion over the circulated report and the outcome of the road decisions and alternative transport suggestions. The Southern Link Road and Western Bypass plans had been cancelled. Other proposals were being put forward including a possible eastern river crossing. The parish councillors reminded that village safety in terms of stopping speeding was of paramount importance. This would be highlighted to the Ward Councillor.

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

There were new applications for consideration of comments:

APPLICATION NO & SITE ADDRESS: Planning Consultation - 204574 - Lynton, Preston-On-Wye, Hereford, Herefordshire HR2 9JX

DESCRIPTION: Proposed link and extension to garage.

GRID REF: OS 338381, 241569

APPLICATION TYPE: Full Householder

The Parish Council resolved that there were no objections to the proposals in application 204574.

APPLICATION NO & SITE ADDRESS: Planning Consultation - 204419 - Croft Cottage, Bredwardine, Hereford, Herefordshire HR3 6BZ

DESCRIPTION: Proposed erection of side and first floor extension and single storey summer room

GRID REF: OS 332932, 244442

APPLICATION TYPE: Full Householder

The Parish Council resolved that they were in support of the proposals in application 204419.

It was commented that possible flooding concerns at Knapp Farm, Bredwardine, following consent for planning (202791), were being followed up by the Ward Councillor.

8. Lengthsman To advise of works for the Lengthsman

General works as required. Ditches opposite the Public House in Preston on Wye required looking at. There were also flooding concerns in the vicinity of the Preston on Wye churchyard. This had been referred to Balfour Beatty for action regarding possible blockage of the culvert.

Further issues with ditches were commented going from the Preston on Wye Church towards Moccas. By the orchard and where the culvert crosses the road and drains to the river, the culvert was not taking the volume of water required? Query re possible collapse/debris. Also the road was breaking up in the area. An issue was described with big drop following soil removal at campsite, impact re millrace and river? Cllr Whittall to provide details (note - undertake site visit when practicable).

9. Roads and Greens

9.1) To report on highway, greens and related issues

Flooding reported at "Bullpit Corner". The drain required the removal of silt deposit.

10. Footpaths and Trees - update

Cllr Jeff Newsome advised that he had been out and checking the paths. The Public Realm Contractor needed to be reminded about the list of posts and markers that had been requested. Some way markers had been replaced. There had been some alterations made to footpaths outside the parish and the neighbouring parish were investigating. The bridge on the footpath between Preston on Wye and Bridge Sollers had been damaged and there appeared to be some "unofficial" footpath signs. The Footpath Officer also advised that there was some issue with footpath directions at Lower Bellamore and the path appeared to have been sprayed with "disinfectant." There were some repairs needed for local stiles in Preston on Wye and Cllrs Rawstorne, Dale and Newsome would confer regarding these.

11. Community Crisis and Community Resilience – to receive any update re Covid 19

The councillors advised that the community volunteers were working to assist and people were coping. People had made adjustments and arrangements to get what they required etc.

12. Correspondence – Refer to information sheet

The contents of the sheet were noted and included:

Talk Community Covid update 15/01/21

Talk Community Covid update 22/01/21

Keep Herefordshire Warm

Feedback on budget consultation

Census and tools for long-term loan

Flooding and recovery support

Bus shelter at end of Orchard Place in Bredwardine.

The Clerk had been contacted by a lady living in Orchard Place concerning the possible painting of the bus shelter at the end of Orchard Place, Bredwardine and turning it into an honesty shop. The Parish Council did discuss the suggestion but had to advise that they did not have jurisdiction over the shelter and could not, therefore, give consent for the painting or use as an honesty shop. The Parish Council also expressed some concern about the fact that the shelter may be required for people sheltering while waiting for the bus.

13. Finance and Policies

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

The bank balance was noted as £14556.79

13.2) Payments were resolved to be paid as follows:

Mrs A Wright paid in accordance with contract for February 2021

Wynet Internet Services for web £11.99

14. Neighbourhood Development Plan – to receive any update regarding possible revision programme (if applicable)

Cllr Darbyshire suggested that it might be a good idea to flag the Wyese Group Neighbourhood Development Plan with the Herefordshire Neighbourhood Planning Team to ensure that the PC are kept apprised of developments and the opportunity to look at revision as required.

15. Matters raised by members for next Agenda

Usual items would be included.

16. To confirm date of the next Ordinary Meeting as Wednesday 3rd March 2021 via Zoom unless advised otherwise.

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

The Meeting closed at 8.55 pm

SIGNED

DATED