

*Minutes of the Annual Statutory Meeting of Wyeside Group Parish Council, held via Zoom Platform (during Covid 19 virus pandemic), on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2021 from 7.30 pm*

**In attendance on Zoom were:**

Councillors J. Dale, D. Gurney, C. Chu (elected as Chair), A. Rawstorne, O. Whittall, B. Bowen, S. Russell (elected as Vice Chair), and J Newsome, plus Parish Clerk Mrs A. M. Wright. There was one member of the public present.

The first Zoom session ran from 7.30 – 8.10 and the second session from 8.15 to 8.41 pm

Cllr Dale (outgoing Chair) welcomed everyone to the Meeting.

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

There were no topics raised during the Open Session.

**2. Election of Chair and receipt of acceptance of office**

Cllr Chu was nominated for Chair by Cllr Russell and seconded by Cllr Dale. Cllr Chu accepted the role and gave thanks to Cllr Dale for his time as Chair, which had spanned a number of years.

**3. Election of Vice Chair and receipt of acceptance of office**

Cllr Russell was nominated by Cllr Dale and seconded by Cllr Newsome. Cllr Russell accepted the role.

**4. Apologies for absence**

Cllr D Roper had sent his apologies. Cllrs Darbyshire, Smith, Light and Hughes were not present.

**5. Declarations of Interest**

There were declarations of interest recorded for Cllrs Russell and Chu who had both contributed statements of support in regard to the Woodlands View Appeal against the refusal of planning permission.

**6. To approve previous minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> April 2021**

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council, held on 7<sup>th</sup> April 2021, were approved as a true and correct record of the meeting.

**7. Report of North Ward Councillor**

Ward Cllr. Hewitt had sent her apologies. The Ward Cllr had circulated times of her availability for contact to the parish council.

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

General works as required.

**9. Roads to report on highway issues**

- Pothole at the end of the drive to Huntley Court
- Road past New Court Farm, Preston on Wye was breaking up
- Culvert in the centre of Moccas had not been cleared. Cllr Whittall prepared to attend viewing and explain details to the Locality Steward.
- Bullpit Corner – still unresolved drainage and flooding issues on the corner – sludge had been cleared from the storm drain but further attention would be required to keep it clear.
- The wall opposite the green in Blakemere was gradually being pushed over by large

- vehicles into the field
- Some Oak tree branches were advised as hanging and likely to drop in Moccas (Blakemere side of the Cross). Cllr Whittall would investigate.

#### **10. Footpaths To elect a Footpath Officer and Tree Warden and to report on footpaths**

Cllr Jeff Newsome was re-elected as Footpath Officer and Tree Warden. Cllr Newsome advised that the Council had replaced a sign that had already existed and taken two old signs away on the local paths. A couple of stiles in Preston on Wye required attention and Cllr Rawstorne would liaise. Cllr Rawstorne raised the issue of the severely potholed village green area outside the Preston on Wye Hall. There was a discussion concerning possible repair ideas. The area would be looked at and options considered to try to improve the area by repairing the holes/surfacing etc.

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

The contents of the sheet were noted and included:

Talk Community Covid Update - 19/04/21

Minerals and Waste Local Plan Pre-Submission Consultation ends on 24 May 2021 – a question was asked as to “who was the High Sherriff”?

High Court dismisses claim for continuation of remote meetings – this issue gave rise to some discussion. The situation would be evaluated, as to future meeting options, to mitigate risk of transmission of the virus. Preston on Hall was available. Options such as meeting outside in fine weather could be considered.

#### **HALC**

Information Corner

**Knife Angel (Hereford) Project** – tackling knife and aggressive crime through training and awareness – request for support with funding the workshops received. (referred to June Meeting)

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

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

The bank balance was noted as £13000.91

**Payments were resolved to be paid as follows:**

Mrs A Wright paid in accordance with contract for May 2021

HM Revenues and Customs (tax) £32.40

BHIB Ltd. (Parish Council Insurance) £650.50

##### **12.2) To approve exemption form for accounting statements and appoint internal auditor for end of year accounts 2020 – 2021.**

The actual exemption would be approved at the June Meeting.

The internal auditor was confirmed, as in previous years.

#### **13. Matters raised by members for next Agenda**

Usual items would be included. Also grants for road repairs, signs etc. To instigate ways to try to promote more careful driving around the parish roads and Ward Cllr to be requested to, hopefully, attend the next meeting. Cllr Rawstorne advised that directional signage for Preston on Wye Church was being considered by the PCC.

#### **14. To confirm date of the next Ordinary Meeting as Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2021 (venue or method to be advised in line with prevailing advice.**

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2021 from 8.00 pm and would be confirmed as to venue or method.

The Meeting closed at 8.41 pm

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