

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of Wyeside Group Parish Council, held via Zoom Platform (during Covid 19 virus pandemic), on Wednesday 2nd June 2021 from 8.00 pm

In attendance on Zoom were:

Councillors: D. Gurney, C. Chu (Chair), A. Rawstorne, O. Whittall, D. Roper, J. Darbyshire, H. Light and J Newsome, plus Parish Clerk Mrs A. M. Wright. There were two members of the public present.

The first Zoom session ran from 8.00 – 8.40 and the second session from 8.45 to 9.17 pm

Cllr Chu (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. Apologies for absence

Cllr B. Bowen, J. Dale and S. Russell had sent their apologies. Cllrs Smith and Hughes were not present.

3. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest recorded.

4. To approve previous minutes of the Annual Statutory Parish Council Meeting held on 5th May 2021

The Minutes of the Annual Statutory Parish Council Meeting, held on 5th May 2021, were approved as a true and correct record of the meeting.

5. Report of North Ward Councillor

Ward Cllr. Hewitt was not in attendance. Concern over the Ward Cllr, and representation, was expressed by the members present. The Chair of the Parish Council would make contact with the Ward Cllr.

6. Lengthsman To advise of works for the Lengthsman

General works as required. Grips and gullies

7. Roads to report on highway issues (including car park at Preston on Wye)

The situation regarding the potholes and uneven nature of the car park outside the Preston on Wye Village Hall was discussed. The idea of tarmac was dismissed on cost grounds. It was resolved that the Parish Council would pay to have some aggregate “whacker” plate applied into the worst of the holes, by the Lengthsmen, to try to level the ground up.

The Clerk was asked to find out the timeframe for local verge trimming.

8. Footpaths and Tree Warden - to report on footpaths and trees

Cllr Jeff Newsome was awaiting a call from the Lengthsmen to discuss the new way marker posts for where required on the footpaths. The Green Canopy Tree planting scheme (Queen’s Platinum Jubilee 2022) was discussed and tree planting would be carried out where possible. The Ash stock was still going downhill due to the Ash die-back disease. Initiatives were seeing new trees planted into gaps in hedgerows.

9. Correspondence – Refer to information sheet

The contents of the sheet were noted and included:

Herefordshire Council Various, as circulated including:

Talk Community Covid Update – 21/05/21

Talk Community Covid Update – 28/05/21

Section 106 Town/Parish Wish List

The Queen's Green Canopy in Herefordshire launch – tree planting initiative

ONS Census 2021 Thank you to Herefordshire Parish Councils

A personal message from Paul Walker, New Chief Executive Herefordshire Council

HALC

Clarification on the rule of six for PC meetings

HALC Information Corner 10-5-21

PCC Town and Parish Council Survey**Internal Audit**

This had been completed. Thanks were recorded to Mr Entwisle for once again carrying out the internal audit.

Knife Angel (Hereford) Project – tackling knife and aggressive crime through training and awareness – request for support with funding the workshops received. A donation was agreed after consideration of the merits of the project.

Blakemere PCC

Request for donation towards mowing expenses (this was moved to a later Agenda)

Preston on Wye – Ploughfields Development – Street Lighting consultation

The Parish Council had been asked to comment on proposals for street lighting at the new Ploughfields Development in Preston on Wye. The Parish Council resolved that they were not in favour of street lighting and that a “darker skies” policy was desirable within the village. This would be communicated to the consultation process.

Golden Valley Policing Team

The team had sent their bulletin and advised of the retirement of PCSO Fiona Witcher. It was resolved that the Clerk would write to Fiona to thank her for her service, and to wish her well for the future, on behalf of the Wyese Group Parish Council.

Charter for Parish and the Police

PC Jeff Rouse had asked for items to incorporate into a new Charter for the Parish and the Police. The top three concerns that would be highlighted were noted as speeding on the country lanes, thefts from outbuildings etc. and poaching. Safety around Bredwardine Bridge around harvest season would also be commented. There was also the comment to be aware about the issues around “dog napping”.

10. Finance and Policies To approve accounts and note balances

The bank balance was noted as £17048.57

Payments were resolved to be paid as follows:

Mrs A Wright paid in accordance with contract for June 2021

HM Revenues and Customs (tax)	£78.80
Dr A C Maddison (web services)	£200.00
Moccas Village Hall (donation in lieu of audit fee)	£20.00

Preston on Wye Village Hall (donation in lieu of audit fee)	£20.00
Bredwardine Village Hall (donation in lieu of audit fee)	£20.00
The Knife Angel Hereford (donation)	£150.00

- (10.1) To sign Exemption Certificate for accounts 2020 – 2021
 The Exemption Certificate for 2020 – 2021 was approved and signed
- (10.2) To sign and approve Annual Governance Statement 2020 – 2021
 The Annual Governance Statement 2020 – 2021 was approved and signed
- (10.3) To sign and approve Accounting Statement 2020 - 2021
 The Accounting Statement 2020 – 2021 was approved and signed

11. Matters raised by members for next Agenda

Usual items would be included. Also upkeep of parish churchyards. Consideration for replacement notice board for Bredwardine.

12. To confirm date of the next Ordinary Meeting as Wednesday 7th July from 8.00 pm

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as Wednesday 2nd June 2021 from 8.00 pm and would be held on Zoom unless notified otherwise.

The Meeting closed at 9.17 pm

SIGNED

DATED