

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of Wyeside Group Parish Council, held via Zoom Platform (during Covid 19 virus pandemic), on Wednesday 1st September 2021 from 8.00 pm

In attendance on Zoom were:

Councillors: D. Gurney, C. Chu (Chair), O. Whittall (from 8.15 pm), J. Darbyshire, J. Dale, H. Light, J. Newsome (from Zoom session 2) and A Smith, plus Parish Clerk Mrs A. M. Wright. There were no members of the public present.

The first Zoom session ran from 8.00 – 8.40 and the second session from 8.45 to 9.21 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

Cllrs S. Russell, D. Roper and A. Rawstorne had sent their apologies. Cllr Hughes and Cllr Bowen were not present.

3. Declarations of Interest

There were two declarations of interest recorded. The first was for Cllr J Darbyshire in relation to planning application 212166 (amended). There was a correction to this item in the previous minutes, for July 2021, where the declarations of interest in the original application 212166 should read Cllr J Darbyshire and Cllr S Russell, not Cllr J Dale. Cllr John Dale declared an interest, this time, in the Agenda item 9 relating to the pipe installation for Willow Cottage.

4. To approve previous minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 7th July 2021

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting, held on 7th July 2021, were approved as a true and correct record of the meeting. There was one amendment to correct the declarations of interest item, as detailed at Agenda item number 3 above.

5. Report of North Ward Councillor

Ward Cllr. Hewitt was not in attendance.

6. Roads/Lengthsman To report on highway issues including Tyberton TRO update

The Tyberton Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) details of proposed amendments had been circulated. The Parish Council commented that the Tyberton TRO proposals looked “encouraging”. It would remain to be seen if the miles per hour analysis would prove to be an issue in achieving the changes. Cllr Darbyshire explained about the “saddling” process that was being carried out on the stream bridge near to the Red Lion Public House in Bredwardine. This was to strengthen the structure of the arches. The four way traffic lights were commented as being a frustration due to seemingly long delay intervals, although extremes of delay had not been noticed by another commenter. The reinforcement process involved the placing of a concrete saddle at the bridge and had to be done in stages with concrete curing in between each stage.

The Lengthsman would progress the filling of the car park holes at the Preston on Wye Village Hall car park.

A meeting for Cllr Whittall with the Locality Steward, to look at the Moccas culvert situation, would be chased up.

7. Footpaths and Tree Warden

Cllr Jeff Newsome joined the meeting in the second session. Cllr Newsome tendered his resignation

from the Parish Council. He would be moving from the area. The Parish Council expressed their thanks for all of his work on the parish council, including taking responsibility for footpaths and matters relating to trees.

Cllr Darbyshire briefly chaired the meeting while the Chair, Cllr Chu, had internet connectivity problems for a short interval.

The situation regarding a large veteran Beech tree on the approach road to Bredwardine Church was discussed. The tree appeared to be suffering from a fungal infection and felling had been advised. The Clerk would enquire about responsibility for the tree and who would be removing it. If there was support required regarding communications then the parish council would try to facilitate.

8. Correspondence – Refer to information sheet

The contents of the sheet were noted and included:

Herefordshire Council Various, as circulated including:

- Parish Council Summit 14 September 2021
- Information for budget consultation with parish councils South and West area
- Democratic Services Officers – job opportunities
- Talk Community Newsletter 20 August 2021
- Leaders Newsletter - August 21
- Talk Community Newsletter 30 July 2021
- Launch of the new Neighbourhood matters initiative
- Parish Council Summit June 21 - Summary of workshop notes
- **Talk Community Heatwave Update 20 July 2021**
- 5 year Housing Land Supply
- Bus survey
- Talk Community Newsletter 16 July 2021
- Property Flood Resilience (PFR) Recovery Support Scheme 2020

Also:

From Sue Furnival JP

Recruitment to the Magistracy – information

Bredwardine PCC

Note from Nigel Sellar of the Bredwardine PCC re Beech tree near church at Bredwardine

HALC

Information Corner 14-7-21

It was also commented that the appeal for the Woodland Farm planning application had been rejected by the Inspector.

9. Planning – to consider any applications with a view to comments

One application had been received for consideration of comments:

APPLICATION NO & SITE ADDRESS: Planning Consultation - 212166 - Land at Willow Brook House, Bredwardine Hill, Bredwardine

DESCRIPTION: Proposed dwelling and garage.

GRID REF: OS 332997, 244441

APPLICATION TYPE: Planning Permission (Amended)

The parish council discussed the application amendment which related to a boundary delineation question and to the repositioning of drainage pipes. The amended planning application had detailed the required alterations. The Parish Council resolved that there were no further comments.

There had also been an enquiry from a local resident regarding the laying of a water pipe connection for Willow Cottage in Preston on Wye. The Parish Council discussed the proposal and resolved that the Balfour Beatty Locality Steward would be advised and that, subject to there being no concerns from Highways, the parish council were in agreement with the proposal.

10. Finance and Policies To approve accounts and note balances

(10.1) To note bank balance: The bank balance was noted as £13900.55

(10.2) To resolve to accept payments, as per listing

Payments were resolved to be paid as follows:

Mrs A Wright paid in accordance with contract for September 2021

HMRC (Tax due for July - Sept) £157.40

11. Matters raised by members for next Agenda

Usual items would be included. Also further consideration of signs for the parishes. The existing signs required cleaning and a number required replacement. The village signs in several villages were past their best. There was still the positioning of possible "concealed entrance" signs to be discussed also. Concerns had been raised again about speed of traffic and the volume of this on the country roads, including traffic using the camping facilities at Byford. It was discussed as to whether some SLOW signs would be a good idea, also possibly a warning of children crossing at Tyberton near the bus stop? The Lengthsman would be asked to wash the existing signs and do an inventory of the most worn ones.

12. To confirm date of the next Ordinary Meeting as Wednesday 6th October from 8.00 pm

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as Wednesday 6th October 2021 from 8.00 pm and would be held on Zoom, unless notified otherwise.

Due to the confidential nature of the business of this agenda item, under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 (3) it is proposed to put forward a motion to exclude members of the public during discussion of this agenda item (number 13 only)

13. To discuss implementation of NJC pay scale increment for Clerk from 1/04/21.

The Parish Council resolved that the Clerk be paid the incremental point rise, on the NJC pay scale for local government employees, from 1/04/21.

The Meeting closed at 9.21 pm

SIGNED

DATED