

*Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of Wyeside Group Parish Council, held via Zoom Platform (during Covid 19 virus pandemic), on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2021 from 7.30 pm*

**In attendance on Zoom were:**

Councillors: D. Gurney, C. Chu (Chair), J. Darbyshire, H. Light, S. Russell, D. Roper, A. Rawstorne (from 7.52 pm), J Dale and new councillor R Mitchell (co-opted) plus Parish Clerk Mrs A. M. Wright and Ward Cllr Jennie Hewitt. There were no members of the public present.

The first Zoom session ran from 7.30 – 8.10, the second session from 8.15 to 8.55 and the third from 9.00 to 9.37 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. Co-option of Councillors (2 x vacancies – Preston on Wye and Moccas)**

A new candidate was presented for co-option. This was Rich Mitchell and he was duly co-opted as councillor for Preston on Wye replacing Cllr Jeff Newsome. Introductions and welcome to Rich.

**3. Apologies for absence**

Cllr Hughes and Cllr O Whittall had sent their apologies. Cllr A Smith was not present.

**4. Declarations of Interest**

There were declarations of interest recorded for planning consultation 214074 - Vicarage Meadow and also for village green mowing honoraria from Cllr Russell.

**5. To approve previous minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2021**

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting, held on 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2021, were approved as a true and correct record of the meeting.

**6. Report of North Ward Councillor**

Ward Cllr. Hewitt was in attendance on Zoom. The Ward Cllr gave an update regarding seeking of clarification for a planning application for Rowley's Place.

The Ward Cllr highlighted that the Section 106 monies designated for improvements in local areas following planning developments was in a "huge mess". There were undelivered promises and the record keeping for the history of the monies had "not been kept properly?" A briefing would be coming and outside help was being sought to sort out the situation.

Talk Community was the vehicle through which the Government will deliver integrated family hubs along the "Sure Start" model. There were facilities on offer at Peterchurch and these were not currently being made use of by Wyeside Councillors. Perhaps there could be an outreach bus service? There were a variety of services that could link into the hubs, including screening for dyslexia. Surveys would be held to find out what people would like to see included and criteria for the hub. There could be a central package of provisions linking in with various services. The Church over at Bridge Sollars has a Community Hub. The Ward Cllr would circulate information links.

**7. Roads/Lengthsman To report on highway issues including any wish to purchase new signs**

The Leaders Report had been circulated. There were details about grants coming into play for Lengthsman Services.

The beech tree trunk, that had been felled, near to Bredwardine Church was still on the ground. Cllr

Darbyshire would liaise with the Bredwardine PCCV representative. Cllr S Russell kindly agreed to clear the felled trunk in return for retention of the timber. This would be confirmed with the PCC. A replacement for the tree would be on the Agenda for the February 2022 Meeting and also the replacement signs would be too.

The road by Pope Place between Preston on Wye and Blakemere was in a very bad state with the badger sett causing subsidence and large holes. Concerns about the situation would be reiterated.

#### **8. Footpaths and Tree Warden – To appoint new officer(s) and report of footpaths and trees**

Cllr Chu would talk to a prospective candidate.

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

The contents of the sheet were noted and included:

Talk Community Newsletter 12 November

Talk Community Newsletter 19 November

Talk Community Newsletter - Herefordshire Citizens Climate Assembly (HCCA)

Parish Council Summit Invitation

#### **Rural Parish Response**

Core Strategy (Local Area Response) Hereford Council's pre-consultation regarding the revised strategy – draft response circulated.

#### **HALC**

Bulletin and information received.

#### **10. Planning – to consider any applications with a view to comments**

There were new applications for consideration of comments:

**APPLICATION NO & SITE ADDRESS:** Planning Consultation - 214074 - Vicarage Meadow, Blakemere, Hereford, Herefordshire HR2 9PY

**DESCRIPTION:** Proposed single storey side and rear extensions.

**GRID REF:** OS 336240, 241054

**APPLICATION TYPE:** Full Householder

The Wyeside Group Parish Council considered all aspects of the application 214074 and resolved to comment as follows:

“The Wyeside Group has discussed the application 214074 and would comment that whilst there are no objections to the proposals, the PC would like to see consideration given to safety on the highway in regard to any changes to the access arrangements that may arise due to the remodelling of the building footprint. There would appear to be need for further clarification about any changes to the access that may bring entry closer to the bend in the road with potential issues for visibility. The PC would also point out that the wish for a darker skies policy in the village should be considered in review of any new lighting proposals.”

#### **11. Finance and Policies To approve accounts and note balances**

(11.1) To note bank balance: The bank balance was noted as £16782.56

(11.2) 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 December 2021 and January 2022 (no meeting)

HMRC (Tax) £163.20

It was also agreed for the Village Mowers Honoraria to be paid before the end of the financial year (February). The greens would continue to be cut and not left to go back to meadow plants as had been suggested for one of the greens.

**11.3) To consider PC meeting arrangements for 2022 and onwards**

The Meeting would be on Zoom for February 2022 and would be reassessed each month.

**11.4) To confirm response to Core Strategy, Local Area Plan, initial consultation**

An extraordinary PC meeting had been held on the 24<sup>th</sup> November 2021 to discuss the response to the pre-consultation document for the Rural Parish Response to the revision of the Local Area Plan (Core Strategy). The draft response had been circulated and revised and would now be approved by full council for submission to the Herefordshire Council pre-consultation process. The PC would be seeking improvement in controls and access but aiming to limit exposure of the villages to a lot of additional development. The pre-consultation paper would be submitted.

**11.5) To progress review of the Wyeside Neighbourhood Development Plan**

Cllr Darbyshire outlined the idea of sending out a “straw man” principle to build a review prospectus of the NDP in liaison with the Ward Cllr and neighbouring villages. Review of the NDP copies could take place electronically, going forward, as required, with the opportunity being given for each village community to decide what they want to see in the NDP, in relation to any areas identified for revision. The formal review would probably commence in the summer of 2022.

**12. Matters raised by members for next Agenda**

Usual items would be included. PC ongoing meeting arrangements, replacement tree for Bredwardine and possible replacement village signs. Start looking at availability/provision of play facilities etc. for younger people and children. Check out phone kiosk at Moccas (01981 500200) – could this be adopted and used as a community resource?

**12. To confirm date of the next Ordinary Meeting as Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> December from 7.30 pm**

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2022 from 7.30 pm and would be held on Zoom, unless notified otherwise. No meeting in January 2022.

The Meeting closed at 9.37 pm

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