

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of Wyeside Group Parish Council, held via Zoom Platform (during Covid 19 virus pandemic), on Wednesday 2nd February 2022 from 7.30 pm

In attendance on Zoom were:

Councillors: D. Gurney, C. Chu (Chair), O. Whittall, J. Darbyshire, H. Light, A. Smith, D. Roper, A. Rawstorne and R Mitchell plus Parish Clerk Mrs A. M. Wright and Ward Cllr Jennie Hewitt. There were two 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 9.26 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 Councillor (1 x vacancy – Moccas)

No new candidates were presented for co-option. There may be someone interested for the next meeting.

3. Apologies for absence

Apologies received from Cllr J Hughes, Cllr S Russell and Cllr J Dale.

4. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest recorded.

5. To approve previous minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 24th November 2021 (Extraordinary) and 1st December 2021 (Ordinary)

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meetings, held on 24th November 2021 (Extraordinary) and 1st December 2021 (Ordinary), were both approved as true and correct records of the meetings.

6. Report of North Ward Councillor

Ward Cllr. Hewitt was in attendance on Zoom. The Ward Cllr gave an update regarding Golden Valley North Ward issues. Traffic calming at Cusop, very high levels of student absence due to Covid 19 infection at Fairfield and ongoing issues for water quality and phosphate contamination of the River Wye were all discussed. There were general questions for sewerage contamination across the county as a result of increased development. An important consultation on spatial options matters in relation to future development plans for the county was underway. Parish Councils were being encouraged to have their say on proposals and to contribute to ideas. The new Core Strategy (Local Area Plan) would take planning and ideas for the county up to 2041.

7. Roads/Lengthsman/Kiosks

7.1) To report on highway issues

There had been a number of overturned vehicles reported on Pentre Lane, five in the last twelve months. Some of these had been delivery vehicles, cutting through from Dorestone to Bredwardine, possibly? Vehicles were believed to be travelling “too fast for the road” and sometimes seeming to have to take evasive action when vehicles emerged from what was described as a “dark tunnel” of plants, trees etc. from the opposite direction of travel. Cllr Light was in liaison with the Local Policing Team. Thought would be given to possible warning signage and any other appropriate measures. It was commented that the local roads and lanes were being used as rat runs and short cuts and the lanes were simply not suitable to accommodate the volumes of traffic doing this.

There was going to be a reintroduction of grant funding to assist with the Lengthsman Scheme. There was still an ongoing issue with the Moccas culvert near to the new houses. When there was high rainfall the road would flood as the drainage near Bycross (Moccas side) was thought to be blocked. The ditch enters the culvert at a 90 degree angle. It was agreed that the local councillors would look at this.

7.2) To consider refurbishment of Preston on Wye Kiosk (grant funded?) and possible adoption of Moccas Kiosk

Requests had been received from the community with a plan to refurbish the Preston on Wye Kiosk. It was agreed that if the community applied for the grant funding, filling in the forms to carry this out, the parish council would act as the applicant and submit the application as the owner of the kiosk.

The Moccas Kiosk was discussed. There was no direct plan to create something for the Moccas Kiosk and adoption would have to be considered at Local Authority and BT level. It was agreed that Cllr Whittall, for Moccas, would find out if there was a genuine local wish to adopt the kiosk, and do something with it, before any more enquiries were commenced. It was commented that there were already book swap, defibrillator and food bank facilities provided at the Village Hall.

7.3) To look at options for children and young people, including play facilities

Cllr Chu advised that the idea to look at this had come from the Parish Summit. Consideration would be given to producing a questionnaire for distribution around the community to find out what people would like to see. This would likely be circulated via the schools to ensure capturing the younger audience. There did used to be a youth club in Moccas and the Young Farmers Movement was also an option for young people. The Bredwardine Village Hall Committee were putting some ideas together on the topic of youth, and young people's activities, and Cllr Light would keep in touch with how things were being progressed.

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

Cllr Chu introduced a prospective candidate. Another candidate also attended the meeting, following an introduction by Cllr Rawstorne. The way in which the roles could be shared would be explored as joint officers. Ward Cllr Hewitt would look into what assistance and materials were available to assist both Tree and Footpath Wardens at County level.

9. Correspondence – Refer to information sheet

The contents of the sheet were noted and included:

Rob Hemblade - Proposed Dedication of Footpath - Preston on Wye
Spatial options consultation

Phone Kiosks

Information re Moccas Kiosk 500200 and Preston on Wye with request to refurbish the kiosk at Preston and possibly adopt the Moccas one (more details about this at item 7.2)

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

There were new applications for consideration of comments:

Rowley Place, Moccas

There were changes proposed for the planning at Rowlestone Farm, Moccas. The Ward Cllr asked for any comments to be forwarded to her, as required.

11. Finance and Policies To approve accounts and note balances

(11.1) To note bank balance: The bank balance was noted as £15269.29

(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 February 2022	
WyeHost Limited (domain name)	£11.99

The Village Mowers Honoraria for 2021 were agreed and payments would be arranged.

11.3) To consider PC meeting arrangements for 2022 and onwards

It was agreed that the Meeting would be on Zoom for March 2022, due to the pandemic and it would be considered to go to the Preston on Wye Hall for April?

11.4) To note any updates to the Local Area Plan and the Neighbourhood Development Plan

This item was deferred for a later meeting.

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. Also Queen’s Platinum Jubilee, Kiosks and fly- tipping issues

12. To confirm date of the next Ordinary Meeting as Wednesday 2nd March from 7.30 pm

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as Wednesday 2nd March 2022 from 7.30 pm and would be held on Zoom, unless notified otherwise.

The Meeting closed at 9.26 pm

SIGNED

DATED