

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

In attendance on Zoom were:

Councillors: D. Gurney, C. Chu (Chair), O. Whittall, J. Darbyshire, H. Light, A. Rawstorne, S Russell, J Dale, J Green (co-opted) and R Mitchell 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 8.55 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)

A new candidate was presented for co-option. He was Mr John Green. Welcome to the new councillor for Moccas parish.

3. Apologies for absence

There were no apologies. Cllr J Hughes, Cllr D Roper and A Smith were not present.

4. Declarations of Interest

There was one declaration of interest recorded. This was for Cllr Simon Russell in relation to planning application 220488 for Blakemere House (as a contractor for the applicant).

5. To approve previous minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 2nd February 2022 (Ordinary)

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting, held on 2nd February 2022 were approved as a true and correct record of the meeting.

6. Report of North Ward Councillor

Ward Cllr. Hewitt had sent her apologies.

7. Roads/Lengthsman/Kiosks

7.1) To report on highway issues and consider issues with fly-tipping

Pentre Lane was being eroded and washed away by downpours of rain.

Bredwardine Hill was also showing signs of areas of erosion with ruts in places up to a foot deep.

The road between Moccas and Preston on Wye had reported blocked drainage by the orchard which was leading to the road flooding and Preston could be potentially cut off because of the water lying. Blakemere Road – about 50 yards from the junction and near to the “Plough” – road became a lake because the gully was blocked.

Fly Tipping

There had been instances of fly tipping around the parish. The number to contact, to report fly tipping, is Herefordshire Council on: **01432 261800**.

7.2) To update on consideration of refurbishment of Preston on Wye Kiosk and possible adoption of Moccas Kiosk

The Preston on Wye Kiosk grant application for funds to upgrade it would be completed by the Hall Committee and then sent to the Clerk for submission.

Following consideration of the facilities already available via the Moccas Village Hall it was

decided that there would not be an application to adopt the Moccas phone kiosk as it was felt that “all bases were currently covered.”

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

Cllr Darbyshire advised that the Bredwardine Village Hall Committee was looking at potential land options for a play area. Cllr Darbyshire had put the enquirer in touch with play area contacts within the council plus some other contacts who had undertaken play area projects were available of requested.

7.4) To consider possible tree planting for the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee

The residual Beech Tree stump near to the Bredwardine Church may need to be removed to help deter any disease spread. The Representative of the Bredwardine PCC had been advised by Cllr Darbyshire to contact the Tree Officer at Herefordshire Council for advice on this. The consideration of any new trees (Jubilee planting) for the avenue leading to the church would be left in abeyance awaiting feedback from the Tree Officer.

Cllr Whittall was looking at possible Jubilee tree planting options for Moccas Village.

8. Footpaths and Tree Warden – To report on footpaths and trees

No update this time

9. Correspondence – Refer to information sheet

The contents of the sheet were noted and included:

Spatial awareness consultation

Talk Community

Herefordshire Greener Footprints Survey and Pledge

Road closures March

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

There were two new applications for consideration of comments:

APPLICATION NO & SITE ADDRESS: Planning Consultation - 220488 - Blakemere House, Blakemere, Hereford, Herefordshire HR2 9JZ

DESCRIPTION: Erection of single storey, oak framed orangery and cloakroom extension.

GRID REF: OS 336241, 241220

APPLICATION TYPE: Full Householder

The Parish Council considered the application 220488 and resolved to support the application.

APPLICATION NO & SITE ADDRESS: Planning Consultation - 220134 - Bye Cross, Moccas, Hereford, Herefordshire HR2 9LJ

DESCRIPTION: Demolish existing car port extension to utility room and construct new car port.

GRID REF: OS 337405, 242514

APPLICATION TYPE: Full Householder

The Parish Council considered the application 220134 and resolved to support the application.

11. Finance and Policies - To approve accounts and note balances

(11.1) **To note bank balance:** The bank balance was noted as £15064.49

(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 March 2022
HALC Subscription for 2022 – 2023 - £616.05
Information Commissioner (ICO) - £40.00

11.3) To consider PC meeting arrangements for further into 2022

It was agreed that the PC Meeting would move to the Preston on Wye Village Hall for April. The Booking Secretary kindly confirmed availability while the meeting was in progress.

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

Cllr Whittall had attended the Spatial Consultation Meeting. Concerns were raised over the absence of information about supporting employment and also green building issues. Cllr Darbyshire had reviewed all the documents and presentation and also noted that it did not touch on employment requirements which would be needed to inform decisions about justification for numbers of houses to be built. There was a discussion about the importance of the consideration of infrastructure and employment factors when determining locations for housing stock expansion. Cllr Darbyshire had drafted a strategy paper, in conjunction with the Ward Cllr and with input from the Clerk, which would be circulated to the North Ward Councils for their consideration by the Jennie Hewitt the Ward Cllr covering the North Ward area.

12. Matters raised by members for next Agenda

Usual items would be included. Prices for possible replacement village signs to be obtained, 3 x village name signs for Moccas, 2 x name signs for Blakemere, with hopefully something to encourage careful driving if possible, and also a new name sign for Tyberton. All signs to replace the broken, faded and worn out ones.

13. To confirm date of the next Ordinary Meeting as Wednesday 6th April 2022 from 8.00 pm

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as Wednesday 6th April 2022 from 8.00 pm and would be held at the Preston on Wye Village Hall, unless notified otherwise.

The Meeting closed at 8.55 pm

SIGNED

DATED