

*Minutes of the Annual Parish and Annual Statutory Council Meetings of Wyeside Group Parish Council, held at the Preston on Wye Village Hall, on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2022 from 8.00 pm*

**In attendance were:**

Councillors: D. Gurney, C. Chu (Chair), H Light, S. Russell, D Roper, A. Rawstorne, J Dale (from 8.07 pm), J Hughes, J Green and R Mitchell plus Parish Clerk Mrs A. M. Wright and Lengthsman Paul Wright. There were two members of the public present plus PCSO Pete Knight

Cllr Chu (Chair) welcomed everyone to the Meeting.

**Annual Group Parish Meeting**

**1. Annual Group Parish Meeting**

There were no topics raised during the Annual Group Meeting

The Annual Group Parish Meeting closed at 8.02 pm.

**Annual Group Statutory Parish Meeting**

**1. Election of Chair and receipt of acceptance of office**

Cllr Chu was nominated for Chair by Cllr Russell and seconded by Cllr Roper. Cllr Chu accepted the role.

**2. Election of Vice Chair and receipt of acceptance of office**

Cllr Mitchell was nominated by Cllr Green and seconded by Cllr Russell. Cllr Mitchell accepted the role.

**3. Apologies for absence**

There were apologies received from Cllr O Whittall. Cllr A Smith was not present.

**4. Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest recorded.

**5. To approve previous minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> April 2022**

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting, held on 6<sup>th</sup> April 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 due to family issues. The Parish Council expressed their condolences regarding her family situation.

**Golden Valley Police Team**

PCSO Pete Knight gave an update regarding local crime trends. Bank fraud scams were still an issue and people should be aware that the police will never ask anyone to withdraw money from their bank for safekeeping by the police.

Tarmac gangs were also doing the rounds and breaking trading laws by not observing written quotation and cooling off period law principles. Householders are advised to be aware and not get talked into tarmac jobs that they may not really want, and not without the opportunity to consider things properly. PCSO Knight advised that he could set individuals up on the Neighbourhood Alert Scheme web service. Just let PCSO Knight know your name, address, e mail and phone contact

details and he can then set you up. PCSO Knight can be contacted on e mail:  
[peter.knight@westmercia.police.uk](mailto:peter.knight@westmercia.police.uk)

#### **7. Lengthsman To advise of any works for the Lengthsman**

Washing and repositioning signs. General upkeep and clearance would be carried out.

#### **8. Roads**

##### **To report on highway issues – village roads and speeding concerns**

Some requests would be made for safety funding grant to look at some of the issues where speeding was an issue. The Chair, Cllr Russell and the Clerk would liaise regarding the topics to be put forward.

##### **Village green space at Blakemere – way forward**

Further discussion on the green space would take place at the Blakemere Village Meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> May 2022 and details would be fed back at the June 2022 PC Meeting. It was noted that care would need to be taken not to remove the green area and lead to possible lay-by stopping on the green space.

##### **Road signs – moving ahead**

Prices for new village name signs had been obtained. It was agreed that in the first instance the parish council would try to obtain some of the road safety funding grant allocation for safety signs plus road lining and, after seeing if this was successful, choices could be progressed as to which signs would be replaced.

#### **9. Footpaths and Tree Warden – To elect a Footpath Officer and Tree Warden and to report on footpaths and trees**

Cllr John Green was nominated for the roles of Footpath Officer and Tree Warden. Cllr Green accepted the roles. He reported that he was walking the paths and cutting back any overgrowth from stiles and pathways etc., as required, when seen to be obstructed. The Footpath Officer would check the steps over the hill path at Blakemere.

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

The contents of the sheet were noted and included:

##### **Herefordshire Council**

Talk Community Newsletters

Local Area Plan Consultation slide show

May road closures

New information on new reporting details for PROW:

##### **Herefordshire Council contact information**

- PROW - [PROW@herefordshire.gov.uk](mailto:PROW@herefordshire.gov.uk)
- PROW No – 01432 383550
- TRO - [TM@herefordshire.gov.uk](mailto:TM@herefordshire.gov.uk)

#### **Enquiry from Preston on Wye Village Hall Committee**

Preston on Wye – possible external cladding planning

There had been an enquiry about possible planning for the village hall at Preston on Wye for external cladding and painting in a new colour. The Parish Council were not trustees of the hall, or affiliated to the hall, and so would not be able to apply for planning on behalf of the hall management.

#### **Use of Bredwardine phone kiosk for Platinum Jubilee celebrations**

There had been an enquiry for possible decorating of the Bredwardine Kiosk for the Jubilee. The Parish Council agreed to the request.

## **11. Finance and Policies**

(11.1) **To approve accounts and note balances:** The bank balance was noted as £13843.50

### **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 May 2022

HMRC (tax) £103.40

Dr A C Maddison (web services) £200.00

BHIB Ltd. (Parish Council Insurance) £718.67

### (11.2) **To support local initiatives for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee (by application)**

The Parish Council had received an enquiry regarding support for the Jubilee celebrations and resolved that the PC would contribute up to £200, per group parish member village, upon presentation of an invoice/request. Maximum donation for the five parishes in total = £1000.00.

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

There were no new applications for consideration of comments.

## **13. Matters raised by members for next Agenda**

Usual items, and road signs, would be included.

## **14. To confirm date of the next Ordinary Meeting**

The date of the next meeting was to be confirmed.

**Footnote:** Next Meeting confirmed: **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> June at 8.00 pm** in the **Preston on Wye Village Hall**.

The Meeting closed at 9.30 pm

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