

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of Wyeside Group Parish Council, held at the Preston on Wye Village Hall, on Tuesday 7th June 22 from 8.00 pm

In attendance were:

Councillors: D. Gurney, C. Chu (Chair), O. Whittall, D Roper, A. Rawstorne, J Dale, S Russell, J Hughes, A Smith and R Mitchell plus Parish Clerk Mrs A. M. Wright and three members of the public.

Cllr Chu (Chair) welcomed everyone to the Meeting.

1. Open Session with any parishioners

There were no topics raised by residents during the Open Session. The councillors recorded their thanks to the parties responsible for refurbishing the phone box and the community in respect of their efforts for the celebration of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, and the arrangement of events.

2. Apologies for absence and resignation of councillor

There were apologies received from Cllrs J Green and H Light.

3. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest recorded.

4. To approve previous minutes of the Annual Parish and Annual Statutory Council Meetings held on 4th May 2022

The Minutes of the Annual Parish and Annual Statutory Council Meetings, held on 4th May 2022, were approved as a true and correct record of the meetings.

5. Report of North Ward Councillor

Ward Cllr. Hewitt had sent her apologies. Cllr John Harrington was deputising for Cllr Hewitt and had been invited to attend the meeting, if he were available.

6. Roads/Lengthsman

6.1) To report on highway issues

It was reported that some dumped tyres had been removed from Lulham. A burst in the mains at Old Court Farm near the bridge was being rectified. A broken stile was reported at the bottom of Pentre Lane. Concern was expressed at the sheer volume of traffic using Pentre Lane it was enquired as to whether a traffic count should be taken and the road considered for upgrading (surfacing and provision of passing places) due to the safety, usage and capacity issues. The Hay road, through Clifford, was in need of attention.

It was agreed that the Clerk would chase up regarding the Tyberton Traffic Regulation Order amendment to the 30 mph zone.

6.2) To look at work for the Lengthsman

Stile to be mended at Pentre Lane, plus any other seasonal requirements

6.3) To consider any feedback from the village meetings (as held) in relation to roads and signs etc.

The feedback from the Blakemere Parish Meeting had produced the following points:

- 1) Consideration of the future for the small grass triangle, which was often being damaged and run over by large vehicles at the Blakemere Green. Cllr Russell was looking at options. Suggestion had been made to asphalt over it.
- 2) Request for a reduction in the speed limit through the Blakemere Village bends to 30 mph. The

situation would be taken up with Ian Connolly, Traffic Safety Advisor to the West Mercia Police, in the first instance. (Drive through to be arranged)

3) Generalised flooding was noted and the situation of continuing road erosion by the badgers' sett close to the property known as "Pope Place" on the Preston to Blakemere Road.

4) Training and refresher training would be arranged for defibrillator use. Cllr Chu leading on co-ordination of in-person training.

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

The footpath officer, Cllr John Green, had sent his apologies.

8. Correspondence – Refer to information sheet

The contents of the sheet were noted and included:

Talk Community updates

Road closures June

Local Area Plan consultation – this was discussed and councillors were encouraged to feed back their views to the discussion. Place Shaping Consultation Local Plan 2021 – 2041 – go to:

<https://hlp.commonplace.is/> to find out more.

Preston on Wye Village Hall

Request for donation towards Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations

Village Safety Grant – details of WGPC log

Log request for Wyese Group Parish Council:

Locality Steward: Paul Norris

Parish Council: Wyese Group

Contact details: Alison Wright (Clerk) 01981 250860

Safety Initiative: White lines and signs

Location: In Blakemere Village and on Pentre Lane, Bredwardine plus Tyberton near bus pick up point and Preston on Wye - canoes and camping - speeding issues on road between Moccas and POW

Benefit: Blakemere: Clear demarcation of road priorities and road narrowing, prevention of side of road and verge erosion/potential for collision. **Preston on Wye:** riverside users canoe and camping, risk re speeding and concealed entrances, SLOW signs would be helpful. **Bredwardine:** Risk of vehicles overturning on Pentre Lane/collision risk. Warning of gradient, narrow lanes etc. **Tyberton,** sign to say children crossing near to bus pick up point (highway safety for children).

What is needed;

1. Solid white lines either side of the carriage way, with the centre white lines DELETED (as has been carried out at Peterchurch).
2. This to include full carriage way width SLOW markings at both ends of the two sections we are asking for (as has been done at Stoney Street).

Where it is needed:

Through the bends adjacent to the Village Green and to include the property entrance of 'Woodlands View'.

1. Starting just before the property entrance of 'The Plough' and through towards Tyberton and terminating around the bend just past 'The Asparagus Patch'.

The reasoning for these sections are;

To encourage safer driving and awareness to the 11/12 property entrances/exits that would included within these two zones. ALL of these exits have limited vision when pulling out

1. To help guide traffic away from the verges mostly on the bend opposite the Village Green, as this is a major pinch point with the wall on the inside of the bend being damaged/pushed over.
2. To encompass the bend with turn off for Preston on Wye. When vehicles are turning right for Preston on Wye, there are frequently 'near misses' when vehicles are approaching from Moccas and neither can see one another.
3. Also to help keep traffic off the verge immediately adjacent to the Holiday Let at 'The Plough'. Again a major pinch point that is seeing the verge being eroded thus putting the Holiday Let at risk of damage.

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

There were no new applications for consideration of comments.

10. Finance and Policies

(10.1) **To note bank balance:** The bank balance was noted as £16629.06

(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 June 2022

HMRC (tax) £106.20

Longfield Services (Lengthsman) £97.50

Preston on Wye (Jubilee donation) - £200.00

The councillors asked for one payment, reimbursement for materials used for the Preston on Wye kiosk refurbishment, to be deferred pending some questions about kiosk upgrades and details in the historic minutes.

10.3) **To sign Exemption Certificate for accounts 2021 – 2022**

The Exemption Certificate for accounts 2021 – 2022 was approved by the council and signed by the chair

10.4) **To sign and approve Annual Governance Statement 2021 – 2022**

The Annual Governance Statement 2021 – 2022 was approved by the council and signed by the chair

10.5) **To sign and approve Accounting Statement 2021 - 2022**

The Accounting Statement 2021 – 2022 was approved by the council and signed by the chair

11. Matters raised by members for next Agenda

Usual items would be included. Update regarding kiosk upgrades.

12. To confirm date of the next Meeting as Wednesday 6th July 2022 from 8.00 pm

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as Wednesday 6th July 2022 and this would be held at the Preston on Wye Village Hall from 8.00pm.

The Meeting closed at 9.25 pm

SIGNED

DATED