

*Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of Wyeside Group Parish Council, held at the Preston on Wye Village Hall, on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> July 22 from 8.00 pm*

**In attendance were:**

Councillors: C. Chu (Chair), J Dale, J Green (from 8.20 pm) and R Mitchell plus Parish Clerk Mrs A. M. Wright, Lengthsman Paul Wright and one member of the public. PC Jeff Rouse was also present for the first part of the meeting.

Cllr Chu (Chair) welcomed everyone to the Meeting.

**1. Open Session with any parishioners**

PC Jeff Rouse was in attendance at the meeting. He advised that no crimes had been reported recently for the Wyeside Group of parishes. He explained about the keeping in touch e mail system via Neighbourhood Matters.

Contact either PC Jeff Rouse on e mail: [jeff.rouse@westmercia.pnn.police.uk](mailto:jeff.rouse@westmercia.pnn.police.uk)

or PCSO Pete Knight on e mail: [peter.knight@westmercia.police.uk](mailto:peter.knight@westmercia.police.uk) in order to sign up and receive update bulletins. There were still a number of scams going on and also leaflet drops for traders who may not be what they appear. If there were any doubts, forward any leaflets to the police to check out whether they are genuine.

**2. Apologies for absence and resignation of councillor**

There were apologies received from Cllrs A Rawstorne, O Whittall, D Gurney and S Russell. Cllrs J Hughes, A Smith, H Light and D Roper were not present.

**3. Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest recorded.

**4. To approve previous minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> June 2022**

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting, held on 7<sup>th</sup> June 2022, were approved as a true and correct record of the meeting.

**5. Report of North Ward Councillor**

Ward Cllr. Hewitt had sent her apologies. Cllr John Harrington was deputising for Cllr Hewitt.

**6. Roads/Lengthsman**

**6.1) To report on highway issues**

The Clerk had reported issues with the drainage systems and seasonal flooding around the Moccas Deer Park, and the property known as Coach House, to Balfour Beatty following correspondence from a resident.

The Clerk and two councillors had attended a road marking and parking safety meeting with the Traffic Regulation Order Team, and also Staunton plus Brobury council members, on location at Bredwardine Bridge. Road marking proposals would follow, for consideration, once drawn up.

**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 input for road safety meeting on 18/07/22.**

The road safety tour was booked for the 18<sup>th</sup> July 2022. Ian Connolly from the West Mercia Police and Simon Hobbs from the Herefordshire Highways Department would go on tour to look at the roads, and speeding issues, with the Clerk and Chair plus possibly another council member. The grass triangle, at Blakemere Green, proposal in regard to possible tarmac overlay, had brought

forward quotes which were not viable for progression in regard to the parish council budget. The triangle situation would be taken back to the village meeting.

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

The footpath officer, Cllr John Green, had walked the paths and cut back overgrowth around some stiles etc. His observations indicated that some footpaths were being maintained and others required attention. He had cleared the steps at Blakemere, as discussed previously. There was a missing footpath sign at Lulham, this would be checked by the Lengthsman to see if it had been removed or just knocked down (Madley Parish).

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

The contents of the sheet were noted and included:

**Herefordshire Council** Various, as circulated including:

Talk Community bulletins

Election Canvassing

#### **Moccas Village Hall**

Request for donation towards Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations

#### **Bredwardine Village Hall**

Request for donation towards Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations

The request for support from Blakemere for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations would be followed up by Cllr Chu. The Black Poplar tree, on the Blakemere Green, would be moved to a new location at the appropriate time and would be replaced by a Rowan tree. The fruit trees for the Jubilee commemoration in Preston on Wye would be followed up in the autumn. Cllr Chu advised that commemorative plaques were available for the trees, once planted.

### **9. Planning – to consider any applications with a view to comments and then determination by Herefordshire Council**

There were new applications for consideration of comments, with both relating to the same application.

**APPLICATION NO & SITE ADDRESS:** Planning Consultation - 221969 - New House Farm, Moccas, Hereford, Herefordshire HR2 9LA

**DESCRIPTION:** Conversion and alterations to an existing Dutch barn to create an enclosed swimming pool with ancillary facilities.

**GRID REF:** OS 335698, 242262

**APPLICATION TYPE:** Listed Building Consent and Full Householder

The Parish Council resolved to comment in support of the application 221969.

### **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 July and August 2022

HMRC (tax) £84.80 and £106.20

Mrs D Bowen (kiosk materials) - £594.71

Bredwardine Village Hall (Jubilee donation) - £200.00

Moccas Village Hall (Jubilee donation) - £200.00

**(10.3) To update regarding kiosk refurbishments**

The councillors had previously asked for the kiosk payment to be deferred pending some questions about kiosk upgrades and details in the historic minutes. The minutes had been checked and the councillors discussed the situation. The councillors resolved to make the reimbursement payment, for the kiosk materials, exceptionally, as a “one off”, on the understanding that all payments, for any project, must be submitted for approval before spending on materials took place going forward. The kiosk had been upgraded as a labour provided goodwill project and thanks were recorded to those who carried out the work.

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

Usual items would be included. Co-option of council member for Bredwardine. Road safety tour feedback.

**12. To confirm date of the next Meeting as Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2022 from 8.00 pm**

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2022 and this would be held at the Preston on Wye Village Hall from 8.00pm. No meeting in August.

The Meeting closed at 8.50 pm

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