

*Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of Wyeside Group Parish Council, held at the Preston on Wye Village Hall, on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> October 22 from 8.00 pm*

**In attendance were:**

Councillors: C. Chu (Chair), J. Dale, J. Green, A. Rawstorne, H. Light, S. Russell, A. Smith, D. Roper, J. Hughes, D. Gurney, D Hughes (co-opted) and R. Mitchell plus Parish Clerk Mrs A. M. Wright, Lengthsman Paul Wright and three members of the public (one co-opted).

Cllr Chu (Chair) welcomed everyone to the Meeting.

**1. Open Session with any parishioners**

No matters were raised.

**2. Co-option of a new councillor for Bredwardine**

There was one candidate present at the meeting. David Hughes was co-opted as councillor for Bredwardine. He signed his acceptance paper and the Clerk would send the Registrable Interest Form to him for completion and return to the Monitoring Officer.

**3. Apologies for absence**

There were apologies received from Cllr O. Whittall.

**4. Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest recorded.

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

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

**6. Report of North Ward Councillor**

Ward Cllr. Hewitt was not present at the meeting. The Clerk had spoken with the Ward Cllr. The parish council asked the Clerk to convey their best wishes to the Ward Cllr. The Clerk would also respond to the Ward Cllr regarding recent correspondence concerning broad band availability. There were still properties within the group of villages who were not in receipt of “decent levels” of reception.

**7. Roads/Lengthsman**

**(7.1) To report on highway issues**

Road subsidence at bend in road at Lulham (Madley Parish)

**(7.2) To look at work for the Lengthsman**

The stile at the bottom of Pentre Lane had been replaced. Seasonal requirements would be carried out for clearing grips and gullies etc.

**(7.3) To update on any road safety initiatives and TRO**

The Chair, Cllr C. Chu, commented again on the need to set out parish “wants” regarding painted lines and any restrictions. The requirement to keep the parishes looking as tidy and lived in as possible was reiterated also as this helps to indicate habitation and hopefully will slow people down. Ward Cllr Hewitt had chased up the implementation of the Tyberton Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) following the approval to move the 30 mph zone, and the Bredwardine proposals for parking restrictions, around the bridge, had been confirmed as acceptable, in their draft format, by the Wyeside Group Parish Council.

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

The footpath officer, Cllr John Green updated that he was continuing to walk the paths and trim back overgrowth around stiles etc. A new stile kit was required in Preston on Wye and the Lengthsman would arrange delivery of this to Cllr Mitchell.

Following comments in the September minutes, Cllr Russell said that the Black Poplar tree, on the Blakemere Green, should probably be looked at, for a health review check, in two to three years time.

## **Dog fouling**

It was noted that there had been an increase in dog fouling with failure to pick up. A reminder leaflet about this would be sent for publication in the village magazines. **Please pick up after your pets.**

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

The contents of the sheet were noted and included:

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

Talk Community bulletins

Launch of new #iwill Fund

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

There was one application noted, for a garage at a property in Tyberton, but there were no comments made.

## **11. Finance and Policies**

(11.1) **To note bank balance:** The bank balance was noted as £13848.44

(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 October 2022

HMRC (tax) £84.80

Longfield Services (Lengthsman) £113.75

(11.3) **To consider requests for support with churchyard mowing costs – Preston on Wye**

The parish council, acknowledging the legal position, made a donation of £150.00 towards the Preston on Wye mowing.

(11.4) **To begin consideration of parish precept request for 2023 - 2024**

The Parish Council resolved to give thought to the precept requirements with a view to deciding on the request for 2023 – 2024 at the November parish council meeting.

## **12. To consider debris and leaves etc. at Preston on Wye Green and painting of tree guard at Blakemere Green**

A Preston on Wye councillor advised that there was a large quantity of fallen leaves on the green, near to some of the Stonewater Housing properties. He had contacted Stonewater Housing about the large deposit of Sycamore leaves at the location, with the aim of getting them removed to prevent blockages to the local drainage network. So far the attempts to resolve this had not been responded to. It was resolved that the Clerk would write to Stonewater Housing and try to get the leaves picked up.

The tree guard at Blakemere was in need of refurbishment that is, painting it and fitting new legs. It was resolved that the parish council would pay for the tree guard to be repaired and painted, up to a ceiling cost of £100.00.

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

Usual items would be included. Precept for 2023 – 2024.

**14. To confirm date of the next Meeting as Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2022 from 8.00 pm**

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2022 and this would be held at the Preston on Wye Village Hall from 8.00pm.

The Meeting closed at 8.47 pm

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