

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of Wyeside Group Parish Council, held at the Preston on Wye Village Hall, on Wednesday 9th November 22 from 8.00 pm

In attendance were:

Councillors: C. Chu (Chair), J. Dale, J. Green, A. Rawstorne, S. Russell, A. Smith, D. Roper, J. Hughes, D. Gurney, D Hughes and R. Mitchell plus Parish Clerk Mrs A. M. Wright, Lengthsman Paul Wright and two members of the public. Also in attendance were Ward Cllr Jennie Hewitt, PCSO Pete Knight and PC Jeff Rouse

Cllr Chu (Chair) welcomed everyone to the Meeting.

1. Open Session with any parishioners

No matters were raised by residents. PCSO Pete Knight and PC Jeff Rouse updated the meeting in regard to recent criminal activities. There had been a theft of a landrover and a number of tool thefts. There was also a discussion about problems with poaching and vehicles driving across farmland after dark. There had also been people seen “snooping” around 11.00 pm at night near a local stud farm. There had also been reports of attempted dog abduction in the Clyro area. The police asked that any incidents concerning these types of activities be reported by **phoning on 101 for non urgent reporting or 999 for urgent reporting**. They also informed those present about a property marking service for tools, where they will come to you and security mark your tools free of charge. Contact the local officers for details with this service on:

goldenvalley.snt@westmercia.police.uk

PC Jeff Rouse advised that a new officer had been recruited to fill Fiona Witcher’s vacant PCSO post. He also advised that PCSO Pete Knight would be taking up a six month secondment to the Ledbury area. The parish council thanked PCSO Knight for all of his help and service for the Golden Valley area. The police representatives left the meeting at 8.09 pm.

2. Apologies for absence

There were apologies received from Cllr O. Whittall and Cllr H. Light.

3. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest recorded.

4. To approve previous minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 5th October 2022

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting, held on 5th October 2022, were approved as a true and correct record of the meeting.

5. Report of North Ward Councillor

Ward Cllr. Hewitt had sent her report. She was in attendance at the meeting, from 8.23 pm, and updated regarding matters relating to 106 funding and also broadband. It was suggested that any specific difficulties with broadband provision should be identified and reported to the Ward Cllr, who would communicate the issues. The TRO (Traffic Regulation Order) for Tyberton had been approved, for the 30 mph zone to be extended out beyond the habitation, but the signs had still not been erected. Ward Cllr Hewitt had been chasing this action up. The speed reduction for the Moccas TRO was being progressed, via a consultation, and a site meeting would be held later in November. Two Wyeside Group Parish Council councillors, so far, and the Ward Cllr would be attending the site meeting. The Clerk would book the parish councillors places.

6. Roads/Lengthsman

(6.1) To report on highway issues

The drains between Preston on Wye and Blakemere near the first property on the left near the

Blakemere end of the road were in need of clearance. The drains on the main B4352 near “Woodlands View” also required clearing out. There were also blocked drains on Stockley Hill and ongoing issues at Pope’s Place, due to the badger sett and road subsidence/blockage by mud etc.

(6.2) To look at work for the Lengthsman

The Lengthsman had brought a stile kit and steps, to the meeting, for installation by a local landowner. A further stile and cross steps would be delivered to Cllr Roper in Tyberton for installation.

(6.3) To update on any road safety initiatives and TRO

The Chair, Cllr C. Chu advised that the village wish list for lines and TRO was still a matter for progression and sending to the Highways Officer, Simon Hobbs. The TRO situation, for Tyberton and Moccas, had been updated under the Ward Cllr’s Report, agenda item 5.

(6.4) **Dog fouling** – an appeal for people to pick up after their pets had been published in the local newsletters. The problem was an ongoing one. There could be an option for dog waste bins, if this was thought to be a good idea? Bins were reducing the problem in other parishes. The Lengthsman had some signage, warning about fouling and picking up, which he would pass to Cllr Russell for installation along a fouling problem route.

7. 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. This included a footpath on Merbach Hill. A new stile kit was being delivered on the evening of the meeting and another would be delivered for Tyberton. Way markers were required. The Lengthsman would supply some for Cllr Green and anyone else who needed them (bring them to December PC meeting).

8. Correspondence – Refer to information sheet

The contents of the sheet were noted and included:

Herefordshire Council Various, as circulated including:

Talk Community bulletins

Parish recharges for May 2023 Elections

Section 106 Portfolio of works delivery update

HALC

Information Corner

Training

Pay Award for Local Government Officers

HALC Annual General Meeting 17/11/22

CPRE

Herefordshire AGM – 19/11/22 – Kindle Centre from 1.00 PM

Alan Maddison – new Bredwardine Notice Board

Dr Maddison had kindly offered to make a new notice board, for Bredwardine, for the cost of the materials. The parish council asked the clerk to thank him for this offer and to obtain an estimate as to the cost.

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

There were no comments made.

10. Finance and Policies

(10.1) **To note bank balance:** The bank balance was noted as £17435.64

(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 November 2022

HMRC (tax) - £106.20

A Smith (tree guard refurbishment) - £72.00

S Russell (paint for tree guard) - £19.99

(10.3) To consider requests for support with churchyard mowing costs, Moccas and Tyberton

The parish council, acknowledging the legal position, made a donation of £150.00, each, towards the Moccas and Tyberton mowing.

(10.4) To determine parish precept request for 2023 - 2024

Cllr Rawstone stated that he felt there should be a budget to consider for looking at the precept requirement. This was agreed and the Clerk would send figures to Cllr Rawstone who would look at the budget, based on the previous year's known income and expenditure. Precept request to be determined at the December 2022 Meeting.

11. To update on debris and leaves etc. at Preston on Wye Green

Cllr Rawstone advised that the leaves debris had been cleared from the green, the day before the parish council meeting. The parish council would keep a watching brief to remind on clearance for future years, as required. The tree guard for Blakemere had been refurbished, thank you to Cllrs Smith and Russell.

12. Matters raised by members for next Agenda

Usual items would be included. Precept for 2023 – 2024 and budget. Pay award under NJC regulations for Clerk from 1/04/22, broad band update and replacement pads for the Blakemere defibrillator. A “thank you” was recorded for Cllr Chu for arranging the defibrillator training.

13. To confirm date of the next Meeting as Wednesday 7th December 2022 from 7.45 pm

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as Wednesday 7th December 2022 and this would be held at the Preston on Wye Village Hall from the **earlier time of 7.45 pm.**

The Meeting closed at 9.06 pm

SIGNED

DATED