

***Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of Wyese Group Parish Council, held at the Preston on Wye Village Hall, on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2024 from 7.45 pm***

**In attendance were:**

Councillors: D. Gurney, R. Mitchell, J. Lycett Green (in the Chair), D. Hughes, H. Light, P. Gorringe, O. Whittall, A. Rawstorne, J Hughes, A. Smith, P. Pugh and D. Roper. Parish Clerk Mrs A. M. Wright and Ward Cllr Philip Price plus two members of the public

Cllr John Lycett Green (Chair) welcomed everyone to the Meeting.

**1. Open Session with any parishioners**

A resident present highlighted two issues with local flooding. Both instances fell within the Madley Parish. The first was described as the “Lulham Lake” and the other as the “Shenmore Lake”. Water was lying on the highway at both locations. The Clerk would raise awareness with the Madley Parish Clerk. The Ward Cllr explained that extra funding was being made available for helping local contractors to deal with road and flooding issues where clearance of ditches, grips and gullies was required.

**2. Apologies for absence**

There were apologies received from Cllr J. Dale.

**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> February 2024**

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting, held on 7<sup>th</sup> February 2024, were approved as a true and correct record of the meeting.

**5. Report of North Ward Councillor**

Ward Cllr. Philip Price updated the meeting about recent Herefordshire Council matters. He explained that due to the cancellation of the HS2 project there was more funding available from the government for maintenance of existing roads £106 million and for new roads infrastructure £101 million. There was a requirement to get the necessary contracts in place with a priority being to sort out the drainage issues and get water off the highways. Ward Cllr Price would be meeting with the director to discuss the fact that whole “link” was “not functioning properly” in terms of getting the highways fit for purpose. Changes were needed to bureaucracy to enable reactive and proactive working. There was a long discussion about the possible bypass, southern link road and proposed river crossing(s). Plans would be presented to get these roads back on the agenda for construction.

**6. Roads/Lengthsman**

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

The water lying on the roads at Lulham and Shenmore would be reported to the Madley Parish Clerk.

Dorestone Hill road surface was advised to be falling apart and was in need of repairs. The request for a survey of traffic usage on the road had been turned down by the Police Traffic Management Adviser. More details at Agenda Item 8. A private survey could be commissioned but there would be a question as to the value of the data in terms of the use of it?

There was a query about the yellow lines at, and around, the vicinity of Bredwardine Bridge. It did not appear that all of the anticipated yellow lines had been painted, i.e. up the Letton Road appeared to be missing? The lines opposite Brobury House were now extended. The Clerk would check up on the situation.

**(6.2) To discuss update on the vacancy for a lengthsmen and grant funding opportunities**

Cllr Lycett Green and Ward Cllr Price again mentioned that there may be a possible candidate for the position of lengthsmen and that they would discuss the role with the person. It would be up to the contractor to set his rates for the job and the parish council could then purchase time and activity accordingly, and apply for grant funding.

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

The footpath officer and Tree Warden, Cllr John Lycett Green, advised that there had been an outreach from the Public Rights of Way Team and that he would be attending a 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

Reply received from Ian Connolly regarding traffic census for Pentre Lane, as requested.

*“Hello Alison,*

*I’m sorry to say we’re not in a position to do a traffic volume survey on Pentre Lane. We have a limited amount of equipment which is used to take speed data as part of our investigations into potential enforcement sites. We have a large number of requests for speed data and we struggle to respond to them in a timely manner so we aren’t in a position to use the equipment for traffic volume surveys.*

*There are a number of private companies who can do this, though obviously they will charge for the service. I can’t recommend a specific company but if you do a “google” search for traffic survey companies it will come up with a number of options.*

*Sorry I can’t help on this occasion.*

*Regards*

*Ian”*

**Ian Connolly**

**Traffic Management Advisor | Road Safety Team | West Mercia Police**

Leominster Police Station, Enterprise Way, Leominster, HR6 0LZ

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

There were no new planning consultations for discussion with a view to comments at the meeting.

**10. Finance and Policies**

**(10.1) To note bank balance:** The bank balance was noted as £12909.91

**(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 March 2024

HMRC (tax) - £98.80

Information Commissioner (ICO) 2024 – 2025      £40.00

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

Usual items would be included. Lengthsman appointment and grant funding options

**12. To confirm date of the next Meetings as Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2024 from 7.45 pm**

The date of the next ordinary meeting was confirmed as Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2024 and this would be held at the Preston on Wye Village Hall from 7.45 pm.

**Future Meeting dates for 2024** – May 8th, June 5th, July 3rd, no meeting in August, September 4th, October 2nd, November 6<sup>th</sup> and December 4<sup>th</sup>

The Meeting closed at 8.52 pm

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