

Minutes of the Meeting of Wyese Group Parish Council held in The Village Hall, Preston on Wye, on Wednesday 5th December 2012 at 7.30pm.

In attendance

Councillors, J. Williams, L. Whittall, A. Rawstorne, O. Whittall, D. Price, J Hughes D. Roper plus Parish Clerk Mrs A. M. Wright and 5 members of the public (two of which were co-opted as Councillors during the meeting Cllr's J Newsome and J. Dale

The Vice Chair Cllr Williams was in the Chair in the absence of Cllr. S Whittall. The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

There followed a brief open session and introductions to two prospective, and later confirmed, councillors were made and also the new Lengthsman co-ordinator was welcomed.

1. Apologies

Cllr R Dudman, Cllr S Whittall, Cllr O Pugh, Ward Cllr P Price

2. Declarations of Interest

None declared at this point.

3. To approve previous Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting, held on 7th November 2012, were signed as a true and correct record of the meeting. There was one comment in relation to the exact map detail of the Preston, Lulham, Madley footpath that is to be cleared by Amey. The Clerk would reiterate the details and send the map, as supplied by Cllr Rawstorne, to Jonathan Roger at Amey.

4. Appointment of new Lengthsman Co-ordinator

The new Lengthsman Co-ordinator was appointed, and an agreement signed, for an initial period of six months. The new Co-ordinator is Mr Russell Montague and he was given a quantity of area maps to assist him with the task of co-ordinating the activities as required. The Agreement contains a detailed list of the responsibilities for the Lengthsman. The Council thanked Russel for taking on the role and are now looking forward to a productive working relationship with him.

5. Report of North Ward County Councillor

North Ward Cllr, Philip Price, was not present but had given his apologies and said that a Ward update will follow.

6. Precept

It was resolved that the Precept should be increased from £4700.00 per annum to £6500.00. There had not been an increase for a number of years and the current amount was now thought inadequate to carry out the requirements. The Clerk would submit an application for £6500.00 and this was proposed by Cllr. Williams and seconded by Cllr. L Whittall. Carried unanimously

7. Planning

Notification received 1) Site: Land on North side of C1191 road, Preston on Wye
Description: Construction of a new farmhouse and agricultural building Application No S122863/F Grid Ref: OS338964, 241340. The Council resolved to support the application. The Huntley Court application had not been formally notified to the Parish Council and no comment had been returned.

8. Neighbourhood Plan – Next steps

The designated area form was completed by Cllr Williams and the Clerk and will be sent in to Samantha Banks to register our intention to progress and define the area to be covered by the

Neighbourhood Plan. Cllr Rawstorne very kindly offered his expertise to help to co-ordinate matters relating to the Neighbourhood Plan going forward.

9. A3 Printer

It was resolved that an A3 Printer, to the value of between £400 and £500, should be purchased. Cllr Williams to arrange this and ask for the invoice to be made out to the Parish Council.

10. Parish Councillor - to co-opt new Councillor(s) and discuss vacancies

Two new Councillors, for Preston on Wye Parish, were co-opted and they are Jeffrey Newsome and John Dale. Cllr Newsome was proposed by Cllr Rawstorne and seconded by Cllr Williams. Cllr Dale proposed by Cllr O Whittall and seconded by Cllr Price. Councillors warmly welcome them both to the Wyeside Group. Declarations of Interest and Acceptance of Office forms will be completed by the next meeting.

11. Update on costings re repairs and re-siting of the Bredwardine War Memorial

The new memorial has now been blessed. The field gate and fence will be sorted out in the spring. Cllr Price has kindly sown seeds around the monument and it is hoped that these will flower and decorate the area. An amended account for the works by Peglars has been received for £9717.60.

12. Lengthsman To advise works for the Lengthsman

There are issues requiring attention on Pentre Lane, gullies need clearing. Also the lay-by between Preston and Lulham, by the pig farm, requires drainage provision to prevent water pooling there. Russell will be looking at further requirements and liasing with Colin Hancorn, the Lengthsman to work through the issues as identified

13. Roads To report on highway issues

Stockley Hill The road sides have collapsed and have been “signed” off but the debris remains. There is a sunken drain cover at Longlease by a track near Turners Boat BD19B Bredwardine. This is a danger as wheels are likely to go right down the hole. Grit bins at Stockley Hill and also Pentre Hill need checking for grit levels and refilling in time for the winter weather.

14. Footpaths To report on footpath issues and update on P4C Footpath scheme

To contact Jonathan Roger as per details at Item 3 re Preston, Lulham, Madley Footpath clearance

15. Correspondence

Information was given re the Your Community – Your Say Meeting to be held at Brockington on Thursday 13th December at 7.00pm. There would be an opportunity to feed back thoughts on the meetings and also to hear about finance matters from David Powell of Herefordshire Council. Anyone who was interested in attending was asked to advise the Clerk who would book a place for them.

16. To approve accounts

It was resolved to approve the accounts and payments as detailed here.

Opening balance	£ 6008.95	
	<i>Receipts</i>	<i>£0.00</i>
	<i>Payments</i>	<i>Clerk £169.61 Tax £34.00,</i>
Closing Balance	£ 5805.34	

17. Matters raised by members for next Agenda

Neighbourhood Plan, Donations for the five parishes Churchyard maintenance

14. Next meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Wednesday 6th February 2013 in the Odd House, Blakemere at 7.30pm

Meeting closed 8.27pm

SIGNED

DATED