

*Minutes of the Meeting of Wyeside Group Parish Council held in The Village Hall, Preston on Wye, on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2012 at 8pm.*

**In attendance**

Councillors, S. Whittall, J. Williams, L. Whittall, R. Dudman, O. Pugh, A. Rawstorne, O. Whittall, D. Price, J Hughes D. Roper and North Ward Councillor P. Price plus Parish Clerk Mrs A. M. Wright and 5 members of the public

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

There followed a brief open session and two persons addressed the Parish Council in regard to their planning application, for a farmhouse and agricultural building, on land on the north side of the C1191 Road in Preston on Wye. The buildings would be to serve their outdoor pig rearing business on the site.

**1. Apologies**

Cllr D. Roper  
CSO Fiona Witcher

**2. Declarations of Interest**

None declared at this point.

**3. To approve previous Minutes**

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2012 were signed as a true and correct record of the meeting.

**4. Matters Arising from the Minutes**

The Clerk had found out details of A3 printers.

**5. Report of North Ward County Councillor**

North Ward Cllr, Philip Price, gave an update of activities at County level, including information about children's safeguarding and the new standard that was being introduced, the development in High Town and the cattle market site and also an update on the recruitment of a new Chief Executive as Head of Paid Service.

**6. Planning**

One application had been received and was spoken of in the open session. Application Number S122863/F for a farmhouse and agricultural building on land on the north side of the C1191 Road in Preston on Wye. The planning papers were passed to Cllr Rawstorne for consideration, and comment, on behalf of Preston on Wye Parish. It was mentioned that an application had been received for Huntley Court in Preston on Wye, but at the time of the meeting nothing had been sent to the Parish Clerk on the matter. The Clerk would enquire as to what this was.

**7. Neighbourhood Plan (Information Meeting Weds 31/10/12 Moccas Village Hall)**

The meeting had been a success with 33 people in attendance. Samantha Banks, of the Local Authority Neighbourhood Planning Team, had given information to those gathered about Neighbourhood Planning and what it meant for Parishes to undertake the exercise. Cllr Hughes arrived at this point.

After discussion at the Information Meeting it was noted that two thirds of those attending thought that a Neighbourhood Plan should be progressed, but no hands were raised when volunteers were sought to take the idea forward. It was agreed that the designated area for the Plan should embrace the entire Wyeside Group of five parishes, Bredwardine, Blakemere, Moccas, Tyberton and Preston on Wye. A Steering Group would be required and would work to progress the Plan in conjunction

with the Parish Council. Grant money would be available to assist with the cost of the Plan, but would need to be applied for. The Neighbourhood Plan awareness Questionnaire was completed and Cllr Price explained about the Core Strategy and the Local Development Framework and how the Neighbourhood Plan fitted in terms of Parishes setting their Planning objectives out in what would become a legal reference document. There was an in depth discussion on the needs of the rural community, as opposed to that of the urban community, and concerns were expressed in regard to the amount of work that the Plan may entail and the fact that it would still need to be accepted by at least 50% of those voting, at the end of the project, for it to be ratified. After the discussion a vote was taken and the Councillors resolved unanimously to progress to the next steps of creating the Neighbourhood Plan. The Clerk would contact Samantha Banks and advise her of this.

#### **8. A3 Size Printer (to consider options)**

The Clerk had found out details of A3 printers and had passed web site information to the Chair and Vice Chair. The prices range was very variable and depended on specification. The Vice Chair would look further at the options and requirements.

#### **9. Parish Councillor Vacancies (Moccas x 1 and Preston on Wye x 2)**

It was announced that a new Councillor had been found for Preston on Wye, a Mr Geoff Newshome. He would join the Council at the next meeting, in December.

#### **10. Update on the re-siting of Bredwardine War Memorial**

The memorial was all installed. Some landscaping would take place around the site in terms of a small wall and bulb planting.

#### **11. Lengthsman To advise works for the Lengthsman plus co-ordinator vacancy**

The Clerk and Chair had been unable to contact the Lengthsman. The "Find It and Fix it" Teams from Amey were to be working in conjunction with the Lengthsman scheme. This was a new contract and would be under review. A lead in respect of a new co-ordinator was being followed up and it was hoped that the person would be willing to take on the role.

#### **12. Roads To report on highway issues**

Pot hole outside Beggars Barn, Tyberton near to where the phone box was previously. Collapsed drain at Long Leese, outside house at Pentre Farm gate. Big pot holes 200yds south of the Red Lion at Town House Farm on road going towards Moccas, edge of road collapsing with many potholes.

#### **13. Footpaths To report on footpath issues**

The Point - a bridleway running between Preston and Lulham going towards Madley is overgrown. Clerk to advise Jonathan Roger.

#### **14. Correspondence**

Letter received containing information from Rob Hemblade at HC re Footpaths and Bridleways – Preston on Wye Parish and Paths for Communities (P4C) scheme, for two years from April 2012, to improve access in the countryside. Clerk to find out subsidy details from Will Steel.

Query via e mail re 448 bus service and missing bus. Call to Yeomans detailed occurrence that led to service disruption, as reported by resident.

#### **15. To approve accounts**

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

<b>Opening balance</b>	£ 16676.22	
	<i>Receipts</i>	£0.25 (Bank Interest)
	<i>Payments</i>	Clerk £213.67, Tax £42.60, Peglars Monument Mason £10,257.60, D. Price (aggregate) £114.40

*Moccas Village Hall £15.50 and £23.75*

**Closing Balance**                      £ 6008.95

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

Neighbourhood Plan, P4C Footpath Scheme funding, Precept, dates of next year's meetings.

**14. Next meeting**

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2012 in the Preston on Wye Village Hall 7.30pm

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DATED .....