

*Minutes of the Meeting of Wyese Group Parish Council held in The Village Hall, Moccas on  
Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2012 at 8pm.*

**In attendance**

Councillors, S. Whittall, J. Williams, L. Whittall, R. Dudman, O. Pugh, A. Rawstone,  
O. Whittall, D. Price, D. Roper and North Ward Councillor P. Price plus Parish Clerk Mrs A. M.  
Wright

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**1. Apologies**

Cllr J. Hughes  
CSO Fiona Witcher

**2. Declarations of Interest and Cllr J Williams to sign acceptance of office**

None declared at this point and Cllr J Williams signed the acceptance of office form and this was witnessed by the Clerk and retained for the file.

**3. To approve previous Minutes**

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> September 2012 were signed as a true and correct record of the meeting. There were no matters arising.

**4. Matters Arising from the Minutes**

The e mail address for the new Clerk had been printed in the Pump with a hyphen between the elements of the address where it went onto two lines. The Clerk would ask for the correct address to be re-printed on one line as [samoyedskye@aol.com](mailto:samoyedskye@aol.com)

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

North Ward Cllr Philip Price gave a resume of his report that had been e mailed in full. He mentioned the development of the Old Cattle Market site. Local news items included the Queens Award for Voluntary Services that had been awarded to Dorstone Front Room. The Lord Lieutenant of Herefordshire, the Countess of Darnley had presented the award and a joint coffee morning with Macmillan's had raised a significant collection towards Macmillan's work. Cllr Price welcomed the new landlords of the Yew Tree Pub in his report. The pub had recently changed hands after 26 years. Congratulations were also extended to the successful paralympians following their success in the recent games and there had been events and celebrations to celebrate their success and to welcome them home.

Chris Bull, the joint Chief Executive of the Council and the PCT would be leaving his post on 12<sup>th</sup> October. It was hoped that the appointment of a new Head of Paid Service will be agreed at the November Meeting of Council.

Mr Price answered questions from Councillors on Broadband delivery in the County and the recruitment of the new Head of Paid Service.

**6. Planning**

There had been one application and this was Ref. S122358/FH Church Cottage, Blakemere for a one and a half storey extension to side. There were no objections to the application from the Parish Council and they supported the application. The Clerk reiterated the importance of feeding back any comments in time for them to be returned to the Planning Department by the due date.

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

There will be an Information Meeting re Neighbourhood Plans at the Moccas Village Hall on Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> October. This will be an opportunity to find out more about what is involved and to ask questions about how the Plan can contribute to the Villages and the way forward. Councillors were asked to go back to their villages and publicise the evening and to invite people along to find

out what may be involved. There has been a questionnaire sent to all Councils, for completion, re the Neighbourhood Plan and this will be completed at the next meeting, after councillors have had the opportunity to attend the Information Evening.

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

It was suggested that an A3 printer may be a useful tool to have and there may be money from a Community Technology Grant for a computer and projector to aid the viewing of planning applications. The Clerk would find out prices of printers, laptops and projectors and then report back.

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

There are still two vacancies for councillors for Preston on Wye and one vacancy for Moccas. If anyone has a suggested nominee in mind please put their name forward. The necessary advertisements have been placed and the Council can now co-opt new councillors.

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

Following on from advice from the insurers, the Bredwardine War Memorial base had now been re-sited thanks to Dennis, Greg and Andrew. The base is down and the first section had been concreted on. The old base site would be filled with gravel. Mr Peglar, the monument mason, would be re-siting the remainder of the memorial in the next few weeks. Once complete, the monument would be blessed, following the 9.30am Service at Bredwardine, on 25<sup>th</sup> November.

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

There had been no response to requests for a new co-ordinator for the Lengthsman. The adverts would be reinserted into the Link and Pump. It was suggested that it might be a good idea for the Lengthsman to be invited to attend some of the Parish Council Meetings and this idea may be revisited. There was going to be a new pro-active approach by Amey in a "find and fix" initiative, where teams would actively find and fix issues as identified in an area base. The parishes would be in Area 3 under the administration of Paul Hill.

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

- Road collapsing at end of Old Rectory Drive, Moccas
- Road breaking up opposite The Castle Cottage
- Potholes and edge of road crumbling at end of Dorstone Hill towards Pentre Lane
- Tyberton, the road between the two pools is breaking up
- Preston on Wye, Lower House Farm, Hacton Lane, blocked drain causing water to lie at the end of road, making exit difficult for residents
- Bredwardine Bridge had been hit and stones on the wall damaged and two had been knocked into the river. Amey have one stone for safekeeping and the other two will be retrieved from the river when levels have fallen. Once all stones are retrieved the bridge will be repaired. There had been a delay in response but Bridge & Structures Manager was now dealing with the issue.

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

Nothing further to report

#### **14. Correspondence**

Questionnaire re Neighbourhood Planning to be completed at the next meeting  
HALC updates and a reminder of the HALC conference & AGM to be held at Brockington on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> October from 9.30am onwards

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

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

**Opening balance                    £ 15899.12**

*Receipts -                            £2100.00 (Precept Payment Part 1 2012/2013)*  
*Payments -                           Clerk £246.85, Clerk £851.36, Tax £46.00 and Tax £173.44*  
*Lengthsman £633.00, Lengthsman Admin £63.30, Chairman's*  
*Leaving gift £120.00, Aggregate for war memorial £144.14*

**Closing Balance                    £ 15750.71**

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

Bredwardine Memorial, update on Lengthsman, Neighbourhood Plan and prices for printer and computer/projector

**14. Next meeting**

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2012 in the Preston on Wye Village Hall 7.30pm

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.30pm.

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