

*Minutes of the Meeting of Wyese Group Parish Council held in The Odd House, Blakemere on
Wednesday 5th September 2012 at 8pm.*

In attendance

New Clerk, Mrs Wright, was in the Chair following the resignation of Councillor M. Prosser.
Councillors, J. Hughes, S. Whittall, J. Williams, L. Whittall, R. Dudman, O. Pugh
North Ward Councillor P. Price
2 Visitors present being D. Bowen and M. Prosser
The Clerk welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1. Election of Chair

The Clerk invited nominations for the position of Chair. Cllr. L. Whittall proposed and Cllr. J. Williams seconded Cllr. S. Whittall. Cllr. Whittall was happy to accept the office and signed the declaration of acceptance accordingly. The new Chair then asked for nominations for the role she had just vacated, namely Vice Chair. Cllr. L. Whittall proposed and Cllr. J. Hughes seconded Cllr. J. Williams. Cllr. Williams accepted the role of Vice Chair. Grateful thanks were extended to the outgoing Chair, Mike Prosser, for all of his work over the years and special mention was made in regard to all of his work with the Lengthsman, which had been very much appreciated. Mike had kindly agreed to continue with the role of co-ordinator for the Lengthsman whilst a replacement was sought. Grateful thanks were also recorded for the outgoing Clerk, Dilys Bowen.

2. Apologies

Cllrs A. Rawstone, O. Whittall, D. Price, D. Roper
CSO Fiona Witcher

3. Declarations of Interest

None declared at this point

4. To approve previous Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 11th July 2012 were signed as a true and correct record of the meeting. There were no matters arising.

5. Report of North Ward County Councillor

Cllr Price gave a ward update and summarised his report. He spoke of the funding issues faced by the Herefordshire Council going forward. He highlighted the exam success achieved by pupils at one of the ward's schools, Fairfield, being the best results achieved in Herefordshire. There was an update on the High Town build and also the racecourse where there would be no racing next year, regardless of how negotiations turned out. There was also some information about the Riding for the Disabled initiative who would be moving to a new location. Cllr Price would retain the domain name for the Wyese Group and Dilys would keep the clerk@wyesideparishcouncil.co.uk E mail address and forward items, if received, to the new Clerk who would be using samoyedskye@aol.com.

6. Planning

There is a website address for viewing planning decisions. It is as follows:-
<http://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/docs/planningdecisions> this web address can be used by all to look at details relating to planning applications and decisions. Cllr Price explained that comprehensive details could be viewed on the web, including all comments and letters sent in about applications whilst they were in the planning process. The Clerk would check any planning decisions that had been notified, via application, for the five parishes and report the outcomes.

Planning Application No S122173/FH Cherry Orchard, Blakemere. Timber framed garage with office and storage loft above. Cllr O. Pugh declared an interest. It was resolved that the Parish Council would support the application. Clerk to e mail response as the deadline is 6/09/12.

7. To adopt Code of Conduct as approved by Herefordshire Council

It was resolved to adopt the new Code of Conduct, as adopted by Herefordshire Council on 20/07/12, with no additions or omissions. Prop by Cllr Williams and sec by Cllr Dudman.

8. To resolve cost on re-siting Bredwardine War Memorial

Two options for the re-siting of the War Memorial had been identified. The first would be to use a Stone mason such as Peglars who had provided a quotation to do this of £1488.00 and the second to use a DIY method, with only the materials chargeable, at approximately £300.00. After discussion, it was resolved that the Clerk would contact the Insurers to see if they had an opinion as to the outcomes regarding both options and then, when their view was known, a decision as to who would move the Memorial would be taken.

9. Roads

Mike Prosser had spoken to the Lengthsman who had identified a gully blockage at Lower Bodcote by Bodcote Lodge. The problem would require a jetter lorry and traffic lights would be needed to facilitate safe access. Clerk to advise Amey in this regard.

There had been some issues re satellite navigation and vehicles being driven to the wrong address when looking for Lower Bellamore. A sign will be erected detailing the correct direction to Lower Bellamore.

Some of the grips had been flattened and the Lengthsman would clear these once the harvest was finished.

There were some potholes in Pentre Lane over towards Dorstone (above Pentre Farm and the Bodcote turn). Clerk to advise Amey re this.

10. Footpaths

It was reported that fingerpost BL2 had taken a knock and required repairs. Clerk to advise Jonathan Roger at Amey as Council are no longer in the P3 Footpaths Scheme.

11. Correspondence

The resignation of Mike Prosser as Chair had been received. Thanks were again extended to him for all of his contributions to the Parish Council. There was also a huge thank you to the outgoing Clerk, Dilys Bowen, who was leaving after nearly nine years in the role.

Village mowing payments had been distributed via Parish Councillors from each Parish Council within the group.

A quotation had been received from Peglars in regard to re-siting the War Memorial (for details see number 8).

Information re Planning Decisions and these could now be viewed at the Planning address as in number 6.

The Annual Return had been finalised and an account received from Mazars.

Information received re the HALC Conference and AGM to be held at Brockington on Saturday 13th October from 9.30am.

12. To approve accounts

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

Opening balance	£ 15670.41
<i>Receipts -</i>	<i>22p/24p (Bank Interest July/August) £812.25 (Lengthsman Allowance)</i>
<i>Payments -</i>	<i>£440.00 (Village mowing) £144.00 (Mazars Audit fee)</i>

Closing Balance £ 15899.12

13. Matters raised by members for next Agenda

Bredwardine Memorial, update on Lengthsman, Neighbourhood Plan

14. Next meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Wednesday 3rd October 2012 in Moccas Village Hall 8pm

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.15pm.

SIGNED

DATED