

Minutes of the Extraordinary Parish Council Meeting of the Wyeside Group Parish Council held on Wednesday 24th November 2021 at 7.30pm via Zoom Platform during Covid 19 Pandemic.

In attendance

Councillors C Chu (Chair) O Whittall (from 7.47 pm), D Gurney, A Rawstone, J Darbyshire plus Parish Clerk Mrs A M Wright, Ward Jennie Hewitt and 2 members of the public were present. Cllr C Chu was in the Chair.

Apologies

The Chair welcomed everyone to the Extraordinary Parish Council Meeting. There were no apologies received.

Declarations of interest

There were no declarations declared.

1) Request for comments on the current Herefordshire Core Strategy (Local Area Plan) and the planned update - Survey Responses from Wyeside Group Parish Council and the Public:

- Feedback on problems/shortfalls within the current Core Strategy
- New Policies that could be included in the update of the Core Strategy
- Lack of facilities and services within Wyeside and impact on future development targets

The parish councillors and members of the public had an extended discussion on the points raised in part one. It was noted that village boundaries are quite an issue and are very important for people. The meeting discussed how the Neighbourhood Plan fixed the village boundaries and the village centre concept with contiguity to the centres as the key planning point. There were no plans to alter the boundaries but presenting the ideas around contiguity, to the planning department, in a non-ambiguous way was important.

The representation made to the Herefordshire Council can be viewed in full at the website address at the foot of this minute document. The survey response details the consolidation of comments that were approved by the full parish council before submission.

2) Wyeside Group Neighbourhood Development Plan Updates:

- New policies to address the Climate Emergency, particularly as it relates to agriculture (ideally cascading down from changes to National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) and the Core Strategy to support enforcement.)
- New NDP policy requirement to avoid light pollution and the “darker skies” within the five villages to bring it in line with current and historical practice.
- To consider changing village boundaries from “Contiguous to the centre of a village” to “boundaries drawn around village centres” included on settlement maps (following agreement with Herefordshire Council on dealing with scattered housing interspersed with fields within villages).

The meeting discussed how the Neighbourhood Plan may be reviewed in line with the three points detailed in topic 2. Matters such as minimising pollution levels in the River Wye, and watercourses, plus considering all aspects of environmental impact would be reviewed and improved as required. Infrastructure and facilities, plus transport links, were all important factors when considering any possible scope for changes to settlement growth within the group of parishes.

The pre-consultation statement would be populated and circulated for approval by the full parish council before submission. Full details of the submission can be read here:

<http://www.bredwardine-brobury.org.uk/>

The next Wyese Group Parish Council Meeting would be held on Wednesday 1st December from 7.30pm, via Zoom platform. All welcome.

The Extraordinary Meeting closed at 9.37 pm

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