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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

held in Lower Moor Village Hall on

Thursday 5th December 2019 at 7pm

Present: Cllrs T. Betteridge (Chair), P. Jeanes, Mrs A. Jeanes, D. Saunders and Mrs P. Stone.

Also present: J. Adams, Clerk; 8 members of the public

- **1. Apologies:** There were none.
- 2. Declarations of Interest: There were none.

The meeting was adjourned for Public Question Time Notes can be found at the end of these minutes.

- **3. Minutes:** The approval of the minutes of 28th November 2019 was deferred.
- **4.** To consider applications for co-option: There was one application to consider. The council voted to accept the application from Mrs Gillian Hall.
- 5. District and County Councillors reports: Cllr Tucker was not present.
- 6. Parish Councillors reports: Cllr Jeanes reported that he and Cllr Betteridge had attended the meeting at Throckmorton Parish regarding the SWDP consultation. It was proposed that the affected councils would submit a joint response and also their own individual responses. The councillors had seen the draft report which still had some work to be done before it would be ready for submission.

There was a great deal of concern at the meeting, with all councils present opposing the proposals. Some comparisons were presented:

- There were currently 3800 houses in Pershore
- When complete, the development at Throckmorton would have 6000 houses
- With these two combined, the number of houses would be similar to the size of Evesham

The development would contain doctors' surgeries and schools but these would not go ahead until 1000 houses were built and occupied, putting pressure on local services for the intervening years.

Cllr Saunders reported that there were still concerns over the apparent distress of dogs at the land behind Cherry Trees. In the meantime, a fence had gone up by the footpath. Cllr Saunders would email Environmental Health; Cllr Jeanes would supply contact details.

7. Progress reports

- a) Review of actions from previous meeting: The action points were reviewed.
- b) Playing Field and mowing: A third quote was awaited on the CCTV system for the field and then these would be brought to council for discussion. The length of the grass on the playing field was discussed it was long, and the footballers were having problems. Investigations had been made into getting it cut but the farm had sent their blades away for sharpening so could not help. The grasscutting contractor

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had declined to attempt it as the ground was too wet and the equipment would damage the surface. The memorial bench needed another coat of oil but it was a little late in the season now to do this.

- c) Play area: The gate had been repaired.
- d) Flood / Drainage: Cllr P. Jeanes reported that the council's contractor had dug out some drainage channels at Upper Moor to alleviate water accumulating during the recent heavy rain. The task would benefit from being done with machinery. Cllr Jeanes would send Cllr Betteridge a map and Cllr Betteridge would ask Wychavon who was responsible for the ditch and channels. Contact details for Springhill Farm regarding the Salters Lane ditch were being sought.
- e) Footpaths: Nothing to report.
- f) Village Hall: There had been discussions on merging the Village Hall committee and VEG. The next meeting had not yet been scheduled.
- g) Neighbourhood Watch: Cllr Stone reported that the electronic alerts were not a straightforward as hoped. However, slow progress was being made.
- h) Landfill Site: A new representative would need to be appointed following the resignation of Cllr Vaughan for the next agenda.
- i) Lengthsman: Nothing to report.
- j) Newsletter: Nothing to report.
- k) Report from NHB /S106 Group: The council's application for Section 106 funds for improvements to the football pitch had been submitted and it was hoped that it would reach the meeting of the Communities and Funding Advisory Panel on the 20th January. The Executive Board meeting would then take place on the 5th February.
- Report from the Village Events Group (VEG): A meeting was planned for next week. The new hall kitchen should be installed by the next Parish Council meeting in January. A supplier for the curtain would be sought. Cllr Saunders would arrange for the debris on the bonfire area to be cleared up and the council agreed to the purchase of rubble sacks.
- m) PACT: Nothing to report.

8. Planning

a) To discuss and comment on any current planning applications

(i)

19/02384/CU	9 Duffledown View, Wyre Piddle Bypass, Upper Moor, Pershore, WR10 2DE	Change of use of land for a gypsy caravan site with associated development - Variation of condition 2 of planning permission W/05/00505/CU to allow 4 caravans on plot 9 of which no more than 3 shall be static caravans/mobile home
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The council considered what response to make to the application. Although it was not favoured, there appeared to be no grounds to refuse the application that would not be overturned at appeal. The council resolved to make no comment on the application.

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19/02562/OUT	Protheroughs Farm, Hill Furze,	Dwelling, Badgers Set Farm (Removal of
	Fladbury, Pershore, WR10 2NB	condition 5 to reference 80/00995)

The Parish Council had no objection to the application.

b) Wychavon District Council Decisions:

19/02093/HP	6 Haigh Villas, Throckmorton Road, Lower Moor, Pershore,	Two storey side and rear extension to create annexe accommodation
	WR10 2PW	

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Parish Council response: No objection. Wychavon decision: Approved.

19/01698/HP	The Sheiling, Bridge Street, Lower Moor, Pershore, WR10 2PL	Proposed First Floor Extension
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Parish Council response: No objection. Wychavon decision: Approved.

c) To note or discuss Planning Correspondence, Information and Issues: There were none.

9. Finance

a) To report on the financial situation of the Parish Council and to approve cheques for payment

Income since last report

Date	Received from	Details	Total £
11/11/2019	Lloyds Bank	Bank Interest	0.45
24/10/2019	Hill and Moor Parish Council	From closed Barclays a/c	8,402.73

Cheques for approval

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Date	Рауее	Detail	£ inc VAT
14/10/2019	Avonround Tree Surgery	Repair fencing; supply/ fit gate play area	350.00
31/10/2019	Smart Cut	Grass 16/10/19	235.46
28/11/2019	Gary Andrews	Christmas tree	75.00
28/11/2019	Bishampton and Throckmorton Parish Council	Donation to planning consultant re objection to Throck. Airfield proposals on SWDP	700.00
30/11/2019	X2 Connect	Supply of parts for phone box	382.80
30/11/2019	J. Adams	Salary Nov '19	256.59
30/11/2019	J. Adams	Phone/computer Nov '19	17.50
31/10/2019	T. Hodges	Lengthsman work Oct 2019	179.62
30/11/2019	T. Hodges	Lengthsman work Nov 2019	93.33
Oct/Nov 2019	S. Strange	Clear drains and gutters Upper Moor	72.00
28/11/2019	S. Strange	Put up /decorate Christmas tree 3.5hrs	42.00
Current account - L	loyds		
A/c 01865441			
Balance as at 28/12	1/19	29,594.72	
Current account - B A/c 93119491 Balance as at 28/1 1	,	0.00	
Savings account - Ll A/c 07578509 Balance as at 28/1 1		10,033.44	

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(£10,000 Flood Alleviation)

Total cash assets

<u>39,628.16</u>

It was resolved to approve the items for online payment.

- **10.To discuss training of Community First Responders:** The request had come from the defibrillator training where some people in the village had expressed interest in becoming Community First Responders. The council decided to gauge interest via the next newsletter and the Village Information Day.
- **11. Correspondence for Information:** The following correspondence had been received and circulated:
 - Notification of a new speeding initiative to address persistent speeders by focussing on lifestyle issues
 - Notification of the Wychavon Area CALC meeting
 - An email from a Parish Council concerning the SWDP
 - An email from a resident concerning cuttings in a ditch that needed clearing
- **12. Clerk's report:** Four residents had attended the recent defibrillator refresher training. There had been no response yet from highways regarding upgrading the Cherry Orchard drain, or the request that drain covers tarmacked down to be made accessible so that they could be cleared.
- 13. Summary of Councillors' agreed actions: The list would be circulated round in due course.
- 14. Date of next meeting and items for next agenda: The next meeting would take place on Thursday 16th January 2020. Items for next agenda: additional dog waste bin; lengthsman's contract; co-option applications; precept and budget; quarterly report; the Village Information Day; update on CCTV; to appoint a new representative to attend meetings concerning the landfill site.

The meeting was closed at 9pm.

Public Questions

A resident attended regarding a planning application that her family had submitted. There had been slow progress and advice from the District Council was confusing. Cllr Tucker was assisting in the hope of a successful outcome.

A resident asked if a new dog waste bin could be placed at the corner of Church Street and the footpath to Boggs Lane. This would be put on the next agenda.

It appeared the path had gone a bit spongey in places and was shedding. Cllr Jeanes said that there was little that could practically be done other than wait for it to dry out a bit. The council had not been in a financial position to put in a tarmac path which would have stood up to the winter weather better. Cllr Betteridge agreed to walk the path to check for any areas that needed topping up to prevent water pooling.

A disturbance in the village was briefly mentioned. Cllr Jeanes had spoken to the police who confirmed that they had attended and there was no risk to residents.

A resident asked about the odorous ditch; it had overflowed in the recent wet weather and flooded foulsmelling water into the garden and shed of a nearby property. Cllr Jeanes reported that he had reported it to the Environment Agency. He had also spoken to Environmental Health at Worcestershire Regulatory Services. Further updates were awaited.