

# Hill & Moor Parish Council

## Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting (extraordinary) held in Lower Moor Parish Rooms on

**Thursday, 12th August, 2010.**

Present: Mr N Butler, Mr M Hayes, Ms A Buckley, Mrs M English.  
Clerk: Mrs C Morris.

*The meeting opened at 7.30pm and was adjourned for an open forum discussion on planning applications. See attached note.  
The meeting re-opened at 8.40pm.*

**1. To consider apologies for absence.**

Cllr Oldfield and Cllr Cohen sent their apologies and they were accepted.

**2. To consider: a) Declarations of Interest (Personal & Prejudicial) and b) Any changes to be notified to the Register of Interest and Gifts & Hospitality.** None

**3. Minutes: Minutes of the meeting on 1st July 2010 to be confirmed and signed.**

The minutes were signed by the chairman as a true record of proceedings.

**4. To consider planning applications:**

**W10/01610/PN Glasshouse development, Spring Hill Farm. Retrospective application to extend the size of the glasshouse development, increase the size of reservoir, provision of loading bay, rotation and relocation of on-site caravan, revised internal road layout, revised planting and landscaping scheme and proposed new roundabout access.**

After hearing from local residents, the council decided to write back to the planning department to object to the application on the following grounds:

- That the retrospective application should be separate to the new roundabout access as it is unrelated to the plan alterations.
- That the drainage plans are not adequate – a local civil engineer has pointed out that if the reservoir overflows, water will come onto the A44 and be drained down into Salters Lane. The drainage pipe planned to take water under the railway embankment had not yet been connected.
- That there was no evidence of need for the roundabout at present, as the alternative entrance was required to keep construction traffic from the site and now construction has ceased. The PC was informed that an anaerobic digester was planned for the site, which would generate more traffic movements, but as there are no plans for that to be considered, then a roundabout is not justified for the movements of vehicles to the site at present.
- That there was no evidence that the roundabout would improve traffic flow in the parish – the PC would like the county council to study a model scheme as parishioners are concerned that the planned roundabout could make matters worse for entering and exiting Salters Lane, with backing up of traffic and increasing speed of vehicles accelerating away from it.

Clerk to circulate a letter of response before sending it to Wychavon. **Action Clerk**

**W10/01853/PN Johnville, Salters Lane, Lower Moor. Two-storey extension to the rear. Relocation of driveway to run alongside Earlsdon. Removal of existing driveway, removal of existing single-storey rear extension.**

The council had no objection, to the plan, as long as an adequate drain culvert, the same size or larger, was reinstated across the driveway.

Action Clerk

**C10/01920/OL The Firs, Throckmorton Road, Lower Moor. Install a new transformer H-Pole within the existing overhead line to enable the removal of one span of HV overhead line and the upgrade of the existing LV overhead line.**

No Objection.

Action Clerk

**Late application. Dealt with under delegated powers:**

**10/01544: Duffledown Farm, Wyre Bypass. Creation of an earth bank to reduce the acoustic impact of the bypass on the site.**

No objection on condition that local drainage is not affected.

Action Clerk

The clerk also reported that the Wychavon enforcement department had looked into an issue which had been reported concerning Fir Tree Cottage in Blacksmiths Lane. Hardstanding material had been delivered, it was stated, so that an outstanding building project could be started on the site.

**5. Finance: To approve accounts for payment and note any receipts and consider any issues arising between main meetings.**

The following accounts were approved for payment:

544	N Power Ltd	Street light power	£425.58
545	GBD (Evesham) Ltd	Mowing June	£345.45
546	Clement Keys	External Audit	£158.63
547	Wychavon Sport	Wychavon Games	£ 59.00
548	GBD (Evesham) Ltd	Mowing July	£332.35
			<u>£1,321.01</u>

The clerk reported that the external audit had been returned with no issues.

Chairman to display notices advertising end of audit.

Action Cllr Butler

**6. To consider any other items considered urgent between meetings.**

It was noted officially that the clerk had handed in her notice after the July meeting. The job was being advertised on notice boards and it was hoped an interview would be set up before the next meeting.

Action Clerk/Cllrs

There was no objection to a Marie Curie Cancer Care banner being fixed to the playground fence advertising a women's driving day in September, as long as it was removed promptly after the event.

Action Clerk

It was noted that a fault had been reported with street lamp no 10 in Church Lane, Lower Moor, which was being obscured by foliage. Cllr Hayes agreed to look into the matter in the first instance.

Action Cllr Hayes

**7. Reports from councillors/ county and district councillor and correspondence.**

Cllr Hayes reported that:

- He was in the process of submitting an application for a Severn Trent grant to pay for a new playground gate.
- He had spoken with a county worker who was clearing a ditch along the main road in Upper Moor. A mysterious water pipe had been discovered and it was hoped that more about local

drainage systems would be revealed.

Cllr English reported about her attendance of the parish plan meeting. It was agreed that the subject should be raised at the next parish council meeting to consider a way forward.

Cllr Butler reported that the youth football team was using the playing field and had made an initial payment. He had got permission for the use of the cricket club mower for the any extra cuts of the football pitch in return for a tank of fuel. The council agreed that this was a good idea and agreed that Cllr Butler should be reimbursed for the cost of a fuel container and fuel.

**8. Items for next agenda and to affirm the date of the next meeting.**

It was agreed to put the next meeting back to September 9<sup>th</sup> if possible. Clerk to arrange.

Action Clerk

**The meeting closed at 9.50pm.**

.....(chairman)

.....(date)

*C. Morris* - Mrs C Morris. Clerk

Notes from the public session:

Seven people attended the meeting to give their views on the latest plans for the glasshouse development. They discussed the plans, the latest developments and expressed their frustrations that the company had broken many conditions of its planning permission and that the district council had not taken action to stop it. They expressed concerns about drainage of the site and were against the plans for the roundabout on the main road and discussed screening and the poor state of Salters Lane. The councillors heard their views and then held their own discussion in session.