

Hill and Moor Parish Council

Newsletter

Spring 2021

As we once more move into Spring none of us could have imagined that we would now be looking back at over 12 months of COVID restrictions. Thankfully the vaccine rollout has been quite remarkable and with cases coming down, we should all soon be able to look forward to things returning closer to normal. Whilst we are clearly not there yet the outlook is certainly looking brighter.

One benefit of staying local is that I have rediscovered some of the lovely walks that we have right on our doorstep, including along the River Avon and the lakes up by Throckmorton. The lakes in particular are well worth a visit if you haven't ventured that way. It is also good to see that the village field continues to be well used and we hope you are enjoying the amenities we have been able to provide. As a reminder these are detailed elsewhere in this newsletter.

You may be aware from previous newsletters of the plan to build a new town of up to 6,000 houses at Throckmorton together with associated infrastructure. This will have a profound effect on our small rural community and will see the creation of an urban conurbation almost the size of Evesham. The final public consultation for this will take place in the autumn and will be our last opportunity to express our views on the proposal before it is submitted to the Planning Inspector. We are continuing to work with neighbouring Parishes to express our objections to this and we will be in touch later this year to share details of our plans and what you can do, if like us, you are against this scheme. In the meantime, though we would

welcome hearing from anyone who has expertise in the environmental, economic or social aspects of a scheme of this nature.

Finally, we are regularly asked who incidents or problems around the village should be reported to. This can be very confusing and so to help we have included a guide with this newsletter and we would encourage you to use this to report any issues you have. We have said this before but the more people report things the more likely it is that action will be taken.

Cllr Tony Betteridge
Chair of Hill & Moor Parish Council

Where your money goes

Each year, the parish council sets its 'Parish Precept' which is the portion of your council tax that is allocated to the Parish Council. In addition to this, over the last few years the Council has been allocated grants from housing developments and also been active in applying for grants. As a result, we have been able to put in place a number of improved and new facilities in the village.

Hill & Moor Parish Improvements since 2016

- Electricity Supply to the playing field
- Defibrillator purchase
- Phone box purchase and refurbishment
 - Outside water tap installation village hall
 - Perimeter walking path to the playing field
 - Basket swing
 - Timber Trail equipment
 - New tree planting

- 2 Memorial benches
- 3 Picnic benches and 2 other standard benches on the playing field
- Path lighting from car park to village hall steps
- Wild flower and bulb planting on the playing field
- New goal posts & mobile goal posts for juniors
- New flooring to the children's play area
- Extensions to the fence on the play area
 - Playing field fence rails
 - New mower for the playing field
 - New container for football kit storage
 - Provision of Smartwater Licences
 - Litter Picking Equipment Provision
 - Extra Dog bin provision
 - Christmas Tree Lights purchase and annual purchase of Christmas Tree
 - Football pitch scarification, seeding, draining, sanding and rolling

This year's parish precept has been increased due to rising costs. The Open Spaces budget appeared to be being almost entirely spent on maintenance, and had no spare capacity for the cost of mower fuel, so the Playing Field budget for 2021/22 was increased to account for this.

The Staffing budget was also increased to meet the cost of payments to the pension scheme. In addition: Admin Costs (for accounting software now being used) and the Asset Maintenance and Purchase Asset reserves. Overall, this results in an increase of £4.52 per year for a Band D household.

Old Photographs of Lower Moor



The photo above shows Maytree Road, Lower Moor circa 1910.

Do you have any old photos that we could print in future newsletters? If so, contact the Parish Clerk and we'd be delighted to publish them in future editions or on our Facebook page.

Allotments Available For Rent

Allotments are available in Lower Moor to rent for £15 per year with an initial registration fee of £5.

If you are interested or would like more details, please contact Maurice Hayes on 01386 861967.

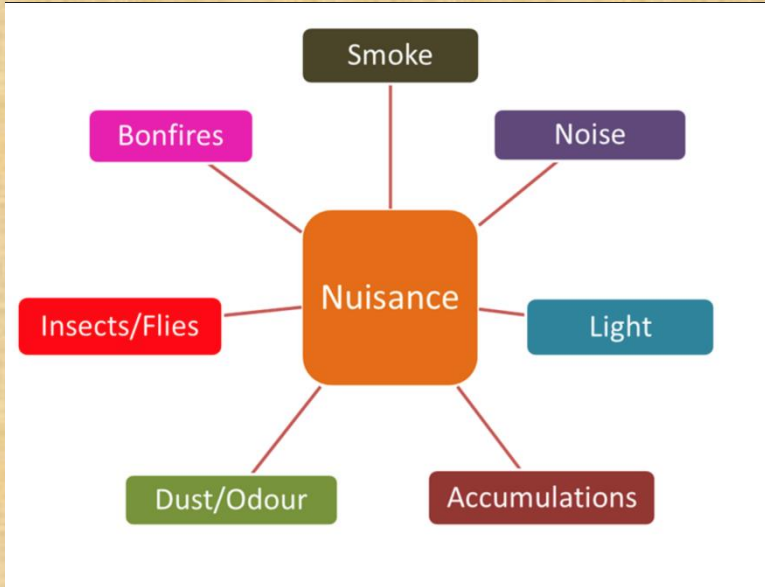


How to report a problem

There are many problems that people may wish to report but which organisation deals with which problem?

The following tells you which agency to contact in various situations.

1.



For any of the above, contact Worcester Regulatory Services
Tel: 01905 822799 or enquiries@worcsregservices.gov.uk

2.

Dog Fouling - **Graffiti And Fly Posting** - Litter - **Problem with a litter or dog bin** - Fly Tipping - Abandoned Vehicles - **Dead Animals** - Report a planning enforcement issue - **Missed bin collections**

For any of the above, contact Wychavon District Council
01386 565000 or service@wychavon.gov.uk
or online via their website

3.

Bridges and Structures	Drainage and Flooding	Grit Bins	Gritting
Improvements to walking, cycling, bus or disabled access	Mud, Oil or Spillage	Other Road or Pavement Issues	Overgrown Shrubbery
Pothole	Public Rights of Way	Street Lights	Track a Previous Highways Report
Traffic Lights			

For any of the above, contact Worcestershire County Council

01905 765765

Or via the Report It tab on their website.

4.

Pollution to water or land	Poaching or illegal fishing
Unusual or bad smells that may indicate pollution	Collapsed or badly damaged river or canal banks
Dead fish or fish gasping for air	Unusual changes in river flow
Rivers blocked by a vehicle or fallen tree causing risk of flooding	Flooding from any river, stream, canal, natural spring or the sea

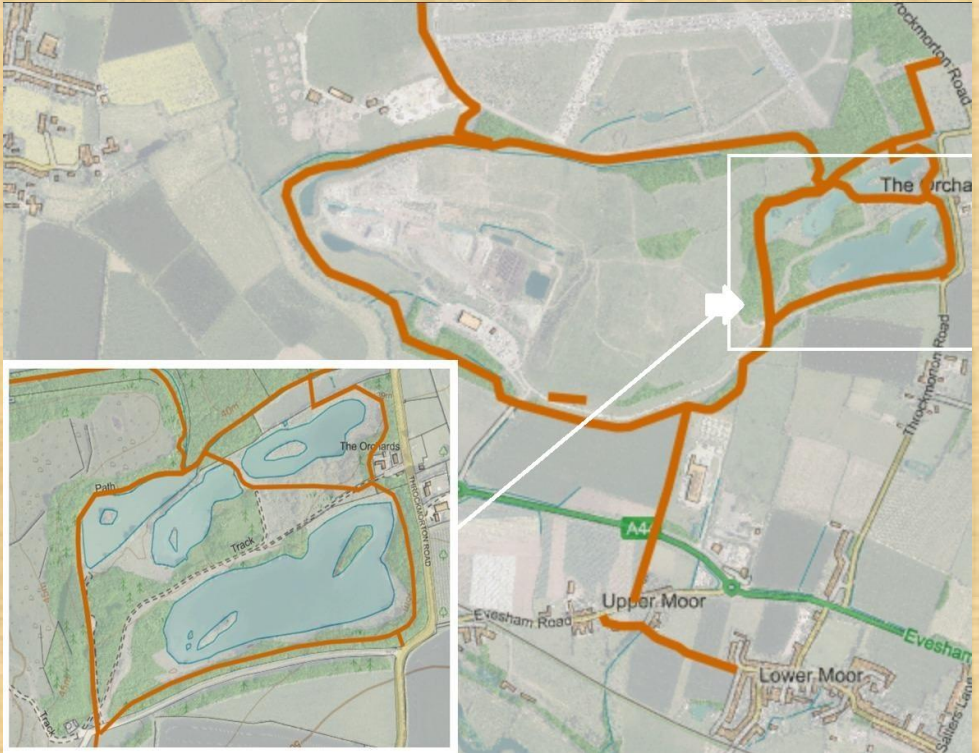
For any of the above, contact the Environment Agency

Incident Hotline: 0800 80 70 60

Walks in the Parish

If you haven't discovered the walk around the lakes yet, take an afternoon to explore it this spring or summer. The walk around the lakes themselves is approximately 2km. A map is shown below.

For more walks, a map of all the Public Rights of Way in Hill and Moor parish can be found on the notice board at Cherry Orchard / Manor Road junction.



Concerned about suspicious emails?

At last! There is now one email address you can report suspicious emails to.

If you receive an email which you're not quite sure about, forward it to the Suspicious Email Reporting Service (SERS) at report@phishing.gov.uk

Your Parish Councillors

Councillors

Cllr Tony Betteridge (Chair)	07927 653457	tony.betteridge@outlook.com
Cllr Paul Jeanes (Vice-Chair)	01386 860934	paulalijeanes@gmail.com
Cllr Mrs Alison Jeanes	01386 860934	paulalijeanes@gmail.com
Cllr David Saunders	07977 499643	david@dssalesmanagement.com
Cllr Mrs Pat Stone	01386 860806	patystone@icloud.com

Vacancy – to apply, please get in touch.

District & County Councillor

Cllr Mrs Liz Tucker 01386 462441 ltucker@worcestershire.gov.uk

Parish Clerk

Mrs Jo Adams

Tel / Text / WhatsApp: 07795 608892, landline 01386 554305

Email: hillandmoor@yahoo.co.uk

Write to: The Clerk, Hill and Moor Parish Council, 43A High Street, Pershore, WR10 1EU

Please feel free to contact one of the Councillors or the Clerk if you have any questions, queries or concerns about local issues and they will try to help.

Meetings take place on the first Thursday of the month at 7pm usually at Lower Moor Village Hall, Cherry Orchard Road although they have been taking place via Zoom in recent times. You can still attend – email the clerk or any councillor for the meeting link. You can ask questions at Public Questions as usual.

For agendas and minutes of meetings, you can visit our website – just Google “Hill and Moor Parish Council” and click on the top link.

If you would like updates on local events and issues, planning applications and bus services, please join our mailing list – send an email to the Clerk at hillandmoor@yahoo.co.uk

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