

Hill & Moor Parish Council

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Minutes of the Extraordinary Parish Council Meeting

held in Lower Moor Village Hall on

Thursday 28th November 2019 at 7pm

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

Also present: J. Adams, Clerk; County and District Cllr E. Tucker

- 1. Apologies:** Apologies had been received from Cllr S. Vaughan.
- 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:** It was agreed that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting of the 7th November 2019 were a true and accurate record.

- 4. To discuss the recategorisation of Lower Moor from a category 3 settlement to a category 2 settlement**

A survey called VFRTS (the Village Facilities and Rural Transport Study) had been circulated some considerable time ago which asked for detail on parish facilities such as village halls, post offices etc. From this information, the villages were graded according to their facilities and their sustainability. Occasionally, the methodology changed between surveys, so villages moved up and down the list according to what was newly deemed important.

The result was that Lower Moor has been upgraded from a category 3 to a 2 due to its (admittedly sporadic) bus service. The implication of the recategorisation was that settlements with higher rankings were more likely to attract development due to their sustainability. This did seem slightly incongruous with the SWDP proposals that allocated a large new settlement at Throckmorton.

The Parish Council had been contacted by another council who asked if Hill and Moor wished to be included in a joint response objecting to the recategorisation. The council confirmed their interest but would await the draft response.

- 5. To discuss the proposals in the SWDPR Preferred Options consultation document**

Cllr Betteridge confirmed that the proposals in the document would put 2000 houses on Throckmorton airfield and surrounding land from 2031 and a further 4000 houses by 2041. The councillors considered the maps provided that showed the land that had been made available which included the whole of the airfield and the land in between Throckmorton and Bishampton. The protected 'corridor' around Wyre had also been removed, showing potential development to the north of Wyre, the full extent from the Wyre roundabout to the Upper Moor roundabout encompassing about a dozen agricultural fields. Questions were asked as to what would be done about the area which had been used for disposal of bovine carcasses following the foot and mouth outbreak in 2001 should the area be developed. The council strongly objected to the proposals for Throckmorton and the surrounding area.

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6. To discuss a request from Bishampton and Throckmorton Parish Council regarding the SWDPR

Bishampton and Throckmorton Parish Council had asked if Hill and Moor Parish Council would contribute financially to the employment of a planning consultant to draft an objection to the SWDP proposals. Cllrs Betteridge and P. Jeanes would attend meetings with Bishampton and Throckmorton, and the neighbouring councils, to discuss the work and the resulting report. It was agreed that £700 would be put towards the cost and that Hill and Moor Parish Council would support the response submitted based on the planning consultant's report and also submit its own separate response. Cllr Betteridge would work on the Parish Council's individual response.

The meeting was closed at 8.20pm.

Public Questions

There were none.

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