

# Hill & Moor Parish Council

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## Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

held in Lower Moor Village Hall on

**Thursday 16th January 2020 at 7pm**

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

Also present: J. Adams, Clerk; Mr M. Taylor, Parish Paths Warden; 2 additional members of the public

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

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***The meeting was adjourned for Public Question Time***

*Notes can be found at the end of these minutes.*

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- 3. Minutes:** It was agreed that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting of the 5th December 2019 were a true and accurate record.
- 4. To consider applications for co-option:** There was one application to consider. The council voted to accept the application from Ms Pippa King who was duly co-opted onto the council and joined the meeting.
- 5. District and County Councillors reports:** Cllr Tucker was not present.
- 6. Parish Councillors reports:** Cllr Jeanes reported that he had met up with Barry Barnes of WCC and they had walked around to assess drains in the village. Mr Barnes agreed to arrange for the tarmacked-down drains to be released and to identify the owner of the land at Upper Moor that had flooded during the recent wet weather. The ditches in the location needed clearing and perhaps 3 or 4 concrete grips put in. The Bridge Street drain would be put on the list for repair. There was some discussion as to whether or not the Cherry Orchard drain functioned correctly. Mr Barnes would monitor it.

Dogs on land behind Cherry Trees: Cllr Saunders had been unable to speak to the Environmental Health officer but had left messages.

### **7. Progress reports**

- Review of actions from previous meeting: The action points were reviewed.
- Playing Field and mowing: Quotations had been received for the purchase of a mower and it was decided to discuss these formally at the next meeting. However, the councillors were positive about the benefits as there had been many complaints during the year over the state of the grass, and the increased footfall due to the path had brought these into sharper focus.
- Play area: A brief discussion took place on playground inspections. These would be formalised.
- Flood / Drainage: Ditch on the A44; there was no update. Cllr P. Jeanes would chase the Environment Agency.
- Footpaths: There was more rubbish on the path between Maytree Road and the A44 – Cllr Betteridge would alert Wychavon. Cllr Hall noted the remains of four fires that had taken place at points along the footpath.

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- f) Village Hall: The installation of the new kitchen was in progress. The village hall committee was now down to only three people. A meeting was planned for the 21<sup>st</sup> January.
- g) Neighbourhood Watch: Nothing to report.
- h) Landfill Site: Elsewhere on agenda.
- i) Lengthsman: Elsewhere on agenda.
- 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 would be discussed by the Communities and Funding Advisory Panel at Wychavon on the 20<sup>th</sup> January. Cllr Stone agreed to sort out quotes for the curtain for the Village Hall improvements.
- l) Report from the Village Events Group (VEG): A quiz night would take place on the 25<sup>th</sup> January. The bonfire had been cleared by the council's contractor following a complaint.
- m) PACT: Nothing to report.

## 8. Planning

### a) To discuss and comment on any current planning applications

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19/02642/CU	Duffledown Farm, Wyre Piddle Bypass, Upper Moor, Pershore, WR10 2JR	Proposed siting of 16 Mobile homes for residential use by Gypsies and Travellers, including provision for 16 Touring Caravans
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The council considered the application to be little different to the previous submission, discussed at the meeting in September 2019. It was agreed to object to the application on the same grounds as previously.

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19/02716/FUL	3 Cherry Orchard Road, Lower Moor, WR10 2PN	Erection of dwelling and additional vehicle access
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The Parish Council had no objection to the application and welcomed the provision of off-road parking for both the existing and proposed dwelling. The Council's only concern was that Cherry Orchard was a narrow road so there should be no demolition, clearance, construction work or deliveries outside reasonable daytime hours. A condition would be sought to this effect.

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19/02598/LB	Wilspit Cottage, Hill, Lower Moor, Pershore, WR10 2PP	Window replacements and removal of existing flue and replacement with brick chimney
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The Parish Council had no objection to the application and supported the proposals.

### b) Wychavon District Council Decisions:

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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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Parish Council response: Resolved not to comment. Wychavon decision: Approved.

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19/02239/HP	Hill Furze Farm, Hill Furze, Fladbury, Pershore, WR10 2NB	Proposed two storey extension and new access - retrospective
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Parish Council response: No objection if sufficient visibility splay. Wychavon decision: Approved.

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

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

**c) To note or discuss Planning Correspondence, Information and Issues:** Responses to the SWDP had been submitted, as a joint response with Pinvin PC and Bishampton and Throckmorton Parish Council and an individual response from the Parish Council.

## 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 £
19/12/2019	Bonfire	Bonfire Income 2019 paid in	729.00
10/01/2020	WCC	Lengthsman April 2019	135.33
10/01/2020	WCC	Lengthsman Oct - Nov 2019	272.95
02/12/2019	Pershore Juniors FC	Hire	25.00
09/12/2019	Lloyds Bank	Bank Interest	0.38
09/01/2020	Lloyds Bank	Bank Interest	0.43

### Payments for approval

Date	Payee	Detail	£ inc VAT
02/12/2019	Npower	Playing field electricity 2/9/19 - 1/12/19	37.14
16/12/2019	Shaun Strange	Reimbursement for Phone Box materials	38.76
16/12/2019	Shaun Strange	Phone box + vandalism repair	52.00
31/12/2019	T. Hodges	Lengthsman work Jul, Aug, Sept 2019	392.00
31/12/2019	J. Adams	Salary Dec '19	256.59
31/12/2019	J. Adams	Phone/computer Dec '19	17.50
31/12/2019	HMRC	PAYE Q3 2019/20	192.40
31/12/2019	Smart Cut	Blacksmiths Lane Hedges 2/12/19	76.38
01/01/2020	Eon	Streetlighting 01/10/19 - 31/12/19	247.37
15/01/2020	BHGS	Grass seed	35.50

Current account - Lloyds - A/c 01865441

**Balance as at 10/01/20** 27,992.70

Savings account - Lloyds - A/c 07578509

**Balance as at 09/01/20** 10,034.25

**Total cash assets** **38,026.95**

### Ringfenced

Flood alleviation 10,000.00

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Overpayment of grant funds		1,591.46
CIL		179.61
Grant funds	Village Hall improvements	5,531.55
Bonfire funds		1,386.60
<b>Total Ringfenced</b>		<b>18,689.22</b>

Total cash assets less Ringfenced funds 19,337.73

It was resolved to approve the items for online payment.

- b) To agree the draft budget for 2020/21: The council had received complaints in the past year on the condition of the field, despite spending additional funds on grass-cutting, and it was thought that it was probably time to invest in a mower as had been discussed for some years. The item would be put on the next agenda, but the council wished to budget for the associated costs, such as repairs, servicing and fuel. The council had also overspent on open spaces maintenance so the budget for this for 2020/21 was increased. A sum was additionally set aside in case further funding was needed to fight the proposal for a new town at Throckmorton.
- c) To set the precept for 2020/21: The revisions to the budget resulted in a requirement for £13,440 from taxation, or a total precept of £14,325. This represented a total increase, over 5 years, of 24p per month, or £2.91 annually for a Band D property.

**10. To discuss an additional dog waste bin to be situated at the Maytree Road end of footpath 524(C) from Upper Moor:** It was agreed to go ahead with the additional bin.

**11. To discuss renewal of the lengthsman's contract:** Renewal of the lengthsman's contract was discussed. The current contract ended on the 31st March 2020.

**12. To discuss the Village Information Day:** The council decided to hold the Village Information Day on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April from 3pm – 7pm subject to availability of the Village Hall. It would be publicised in a newsletter distributed before the event.

**13. To discuss and consider quotes for CCTV in the village:** Three quotations for CCTV had been circulated. These ranged in price with the cheapest system costing £3500. The earlier troubles with antisocial behaviour appeared to have quietened down, so the council resolved not to go ahead at this stage but to monitor the situation through the summer and canvass opinions at the Village Information Day.

**14. To appoint a representative to attend meetings concerning the landfill site:** Cllr Betteridge agreed to take this on in the short term until the new council representatives were appointed at the May meeting.

**15. Correspondence for Information:** The following correspondence had been received and circulated:

- Newsletters from Wychavon: Business News, Arts newsletter and Things To Do newsletter
- Notification of the new round of Wychavon Community Grants
- Notification of a meeting of the Vale Public Transport Group
- Notification of a WCC Budget Briefing on the 29<sup>th</sup> January
- Notification of planning training taking place at Offenham
- An enquiry for hire of the football pitch

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**16. Clerk's report:** Five Alive magazine had asked for the date of the Annual Parish Meeting – this was duly set as Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> May. The Annual Meeting of the Parish Council would take place on the 14<sup>th</sup> May as there was a booking in the village hall on the 7<sup>th</sup> May.

**17. Summary of Councillors' agreed actions:** The list would be circulated round in due course.

**18. Date of next meeting and items for next agenda:** The next meeting would take place on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2020. Items for next agenda: Code of Conduct review; purchase of a mower, planning for the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council; planning of the Village Information Day.

The meeting was closed at 10.00pm.

## Public Questions

Mr Taylor, the Parish Paths Warden, attended the meeting to update the council on his work on the local footpaths. He had been working closely with officers of the county council and had made great strides in clearing overgrown footpaths so that they could be accessed by walkers again. Some of the stiles needed attention and the county council were aware of these. He hoped for some planings to add to surfaces of some of the paths. He asked if it would be possible for a map of the village paths to be put up in one of the notice boards for residents to consult. The council agreed to look into this.