

- **Housing & affordable housing** – clerk to ask about timescales regarding the housing survey and expected results.
- **PACT** – no news
- **Lenches wind farm** - No new issues

18. Calc/Training issues.

Councillors agreed they would like to take part in a local training session provided by CALC, with Bishampton & Throckmorton Parish Council. Clerk to liaise and find a date. **Action Clerk**

19. Reports from councillors/ county and district councillor.

Cllr Hayes reported that it seemed that people living in holiday homes at The Springs had been sent letters to enrol on the electoral register. The clerk was asked to find out the exact status of holiday home owners in relation to their electoral rights. **Action Clerk**

20. Correspondence.

- Two letters had been copied to the parish council, from Maytree Road residents regarding the proposed development of housing association flats. The parish council had sent its initial comments to the housing association and they noted the opinions in the letters in order to take them into consideration should a planning application arise. Tania Rose, from the housing association replied to the council's letter, saying: "We are aware that parking is an issue in Maytree Road and are in the process of drawing up some replacement parking proposals, to accompany our development proposals, which I will let you have in due course."
- A new community support officer, Simon Hall, starts on October 5th and PC Stuart Toms will bring him to the next meeting. He says: "For your info, I am in the process of organising visits with the new Mobile Police Van, hopefully these will start in October. In the first instance, they will be on a Monday. As you can appreciate, we only have the one and it has to be shared throughout Wychavon."
- A new website <http://www.warmerworcestershire.com/> gives thermal maps of properties in the county to find out how much heat is lost through the building.
- Pershore Area Forum – October 8th Peopleton Village Hall.
- Vale Arts trail poster – preview evening on October 2nd Pershore library 6-7.30 and free launch event at Pershore High – the Big Draw – 1.3-4.30 on sat (Oct 3)

Circulation: PHS newsletter/ Partnership matters/ Vale Arts Trail/ Clerks & Councils direct/ information re standards board complaints.

21. Items for next agenda and to affirm the date of the next meeting of the Parish Council.

It was confirmed that the next meeting of the council would take place on Thursday, November 5th 2009 at the Parish Room.

The meeting closed at 9.05pm.

.....(chairman)

.....(date)

C. Morris - Mrs C Morris. Clerk

12. Planning:

12.1. To consider new planning applications/issues.

A new item had been received and it was considered by councillors under delegated powers:

W/09/02250/PP – **10 Chestnut Close**, Lower Moor, Two-storey rear extension.

The council had no objection.

12.2. To confirm comments sent to the Planning Authorities between meetings.

Cllr Butler reported that he has been conversing with the planning authority about the glasshouse planning issues (see above). It was agreed that he should request that the applications to vary conditions of planning permission should come before the planning committee.

12.3. To note any Decision Notices received from Wychavon District Council. None

It was noted that the planning inspectorate had written regarding a footpath diversion order for the previously reported diversion of the Wychavon Way.

13. Street Lighting:

13.1. To note fault reports and hear progress on faults. None to report.

13.2. To discuss action necessary to maintain/repair/update the lighting system – including the moving of the lamp in Salters Lane.

The council heard that the clerk had returned the plan of Springhill farm's request for the site of a new lamp to E-on but had not yet received a reply. It was agreed to pursue E-on but to also ask the PC contractors Prysmian for a quote to carry out the work.

Chairman to continue to pursue E-on to organise other street light repairs.

Action Clerk/Chairman

14. Playing Field To consider repairs/improvements necessary for the play area and field and progress regarding the upgrading of the children's play area.

Regarding complaints about grass left on the field after mowing, the contractor advised on extra mowing costs. It was agreed to take it into consideration when the mowing contract was up for renewal and to place an item on the next agenda to consider recouping costs from sports groups for extra mowing of the pitches should they require it.

Action Clerk

The tree officer was still researching costs for a new birch tree before buying one for the village green.

15. Village Hall – To consider any village hall issues.

Disappointment had been expressed via email that no parish council representative attended the village hall open day. The chairman and councillors expressed their own disappointment that they were unable to attend and decided to bring the email to the attention of the village hall committee chairman.

16. Lengthsman: To consider any lengthsman issues/ work schedule.

The councillors noted the lengthsman's work for the past month. Clerk to ask again for a schedule of his regular work.

Action Clerk

UPDATES:

17. To consider any updates on any of the following ongoing issues:

- **Flower barrel scheme** – Cllr Hayes to give a new barrel to Mrs Newitt.
- **Traffic & pavement issues** – Some work had been carried out in the village. Clerk to ask lengthsman to carry out a survey of what remained on the list for attention. Action Clerk
- **Website** – no issues
- **Newsletter** – Thanks went to the clerk for its production.

9. To consider permission/support for the village bonfire 2009.

The clerk confirmed that the insurance company had agreed to the bonfire going ahead under the same conditions as last year and it was agreed that the council should offer the same support as before:

A donation of £100 to the event and a £250 interest free loan offered to the organisers on the condition that it would be given priority for repayment from profits/ticket sales.

Action Clerk

10. To hear updates and consider the plans for the children's play area improvement scheme and the parish council's financial support for the project.

Cllr Bracewell sent in a report, which said that the new item of play equipment was installed and was proving popular. She asked if the parish council could make a gift to two local people who had helped with the refurbishment. The council agreed in principal and asked the clerk to seek advice on whether this was acceptable and how best to do it. Action Clerk

Councillors heard that the basketball hoop on the playing field had been bent out of shape, and that a couple in the village had kindly offered to pay for a new one. It was agreed to ask Cllr Bracewell to investigate costs for a suitable new hoop and for the clerk to write to thank Mr and Mrs Smith for their offer. Action Clerk/Cllr Bracewell

REGULAR ITEMS:

11. Finance:

11.1. Accounts for payment – accounts paid between meetings.

500	GBD	Mowing (Aug)	£385.35
499	N Winter	Lengthsman	£ 46.20

11.2. To note any receipts.

Vat repayment -	£496.52
Savings acc. interest	£0.63
Precept part 2	£5,000.00

11.3. Bank reconciliation.

<i>September In:</i>	
Vat reclaimed	£ 496.52
Interest	£ 0.63
Precept	£5,000.00
	<u>£5,497.15</u>

<i>September out:</i>	
Lengthsman	£ 67.50
Clerk	£306.04
Wicksteed (play equipment)	£2,074.49
Premiere timber (playground)	£135.71
	<u>£2,583.74</u>

The bank reconciliation for September showed that in the current account, there had been deposits of £5,496.52, and cheques had been written for £2,583.74. With cheques for £30 yet to be presented, its total stood at £6,105.99. The savings account had accrued 63p in interest, leaving its total at £15,242.03. Taking into account the unrepresented cheques, the council's total cash assets in September stood at £21,318.02.

The clerk also gave a budget report for the first half of the year. It showed that income to date stood at £12,862.49 and payments totalled £8,792.25.

11.4. To approve overtime/expenses for September 2009.

Clerk's expenses of £9 were approved (£4.68 stamps and £4.32 mileage) and overtime of half a day was approved for production of the newsletter.

Hill & Moor Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in Lower Moor Parish Rooms on Thursday, 1st October, 2009, commencing at 7.30pm.

Present: Mr N Butler, Mr M Hayes, Mr E Cohen.
Clerk: Mrs C Morris.

In attendance:

The meeting opened at 7.30pm.

ADMIN

1. To consider apologies for absence.

Cllr Bracewell was working elsewhere and Cllr Buckley was away. Their apologies were received and 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: The Minutes of the meeting on 3rd September 2009 were confirmed and signed as a true record of proceedings.

4. To consider any applications for co-option to fill the council's remaining seats. None

5. To review the council's risk assessment.

The risk assessment was circulated and studied and outstanding matters were noted for the next agenda.

6. To reaffirm the council's email policy.

Members confirmed they were happy with the current system of email circulation of agendas as notification for meetings – or postal notification for those without a computer.

NEW ITEMS:

7. To consider the spending of the Wychavon flooding grants and latest news regarding flood prevention work.

Cllr Butler agreed to contact Wychavon DC as soon as possible to organise a meeting to study the drainage improvement plans proposed for the grant scheme. Action Cllr Butler

The clerk had written to county officers to request a progress report for this meeting but had not yet received a response. Clerk to chase. Action Clerk

8. To consider latest issues regarding the glasshouse development.

The chairman had been putting the council's views to Wychavon enforcement officers and planners about breaches of and changes to the conditions imposed with the planning permission for the site. He had also written to the planning inspector who had granted permission for the scheme, to inform him that conditions he said would safeguard local residents were not being complied with. The inspector's reply said he would not be involved with an application once a decision had been made.

The council agreed that Cllr Butler, in consultation with Cllr Cohen, should be delegated to respond to the continuing glasshouse planning issues.