

# Hill & Moor Parish Council

## Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in Lower Moor Parish Rooms on Thursday, 3rd December, 2009.

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

In attendance: Cllr E Tucker, county and district councillor.

*The meeting opened at 7.32pm.*

### ADMIN

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

Cllr Bracewell had work commitments and her apologies 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 5th November 2009 to be confirmed and signed.**

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

#### **4. To consider any applications for co-option to fill the council's remaining seat.**

None

#### **5. Administration: to update the asset register.**

Councillors considered what the parish council owned. Clerk to prepare a list for checking and updating.

Action Clerk

### NEW ITEMS:

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

There was nothing new to report.

#### **7. To consider latest issues regarding the glasshouse development.**

Cllr Butler and Cllr Tucker reported on their meeting with the planning enforcement department regarding breaches of planning conditions. It was expected that the greenhouse company would be applying for retrospective planning permission regarding some of the issues.

#### **8. To consider any issues arising regarding the village bonfire 2009.**

The council gave a unanimous vote of thanks to Cllr Bracewell for her hard work in organising another very successful event, which had made enough profit to make a start for next year. A couple of minor operational points raised by villagers were to be passed on for her to take into consideration next year.

#### **9. To consider a formal hire agreement for groups using the village green.**

The council saw a copy of the Pershore Town Council hire agreement for its playing fields. It was agreed that issues which needed considering were a) an agreement with hirers of the playing field, b) a policy for who should be allowed to hire the field and c) an agreement was needed

between the PC and the village hall committee was needed to clarify hiring/permission responsibility for the field. Cllr Butler and Cllr Cohen agreed to raise the matter for debate with the village hall committee.

## 10. To consider a parking issue in Cherry Orchard Road.

The chairman had been contacted by a parishioner in Cherry Orchard Road who has problems with parking the road outside his home. It was agreed that the parish council He has approached Evesham & Pershore Housing Association regarding funding a drive into his property. EPHA is only willing to fund £300 of the £1,500 that he has been quoted for installing a drop kerb and driveway and he cannot afford the full amount. He is asking if the PC would write to EPHA to make them aware of the issues regarding parking outside of his house and to see if we can persuade EPHA to increase their funding.

## 11. To consider any issues arising regarding the affordable housing survey and the proposed development at Maytree Road.

The clerk is arranging a meeting to discuss the results for the affordable housing survey for Dec 17<sup>th</sup> - 7.30pm. Cllr Butler to arrange venue. Action clerk/Cllr Butler

The housing association had sent in a plan for proposed parking in Maytree Road – 11 new spaces for use by the existing residents – as part of its plan to redevelop the garages as new flats. It was agreed (there has been no planning application as yet) to circulate the plan to those living in the road and canvas local opinion in readiness for the formal application.

Action Clerk

### REGULAR ITEMS:

## 12. Finance:

### 12.1. Accounts for payment/accounts paid between meetings.

The following accounts were approved for payment:

GBD	Mowing (Oct)	£226.61
N Winter	Lengthsman	£164.45

Action Clerk

### 12.2. To note any receipts.

£70 (not yet banked) was received from Mr and Mrs Smith. See Item 15.

### 12.3. Bank reconciliation.

#### Nov In:

Interest £0.65

#### Nov Out:

503	GBD	mowing (Sep)	£385.65
504	Npower	lighting power	£429.66
505	N Winter	lengthsman	£107.40
506	R Miller	playing field tree	£ 20.00
507	C Morris	clerk	£289.45
508	J Bracewell	playground costs	<u>£104.63</u>
			<u>£1,336.79</u>

The bank reconciliation for November showed that at the end of the month, in the current account, spending amounted to £1,336.79, all of which were cleared, leaving the total at £4,472.82. The savings account had accrued 65p in interest and this brought its total to £15,243.31. This meant that at the end of November, the council's total cash assets stood at £19,716.12.

### 12.4. To approve overtime/expenses for October 2009.

Clerk's expenses of £2.16 were approved.

### 12.5. To consider the budget for the financial year ahead and set the precept for 2010/11.

The council considered the budget report prepared by the clerk. Studying payments and

receipts for the rest of the year and for the year ahead, it was noted how costs had risen and income had dwindled – with the precept left as almost the council's only source of income. With a start imminent for street lighting improvements, and after carefully considering the impact on the council tax bill, it was unanimously agreed to raise the precept by £2000, to £12,000 for 2009/10. Clerk to arrange. **Action Clerk**

### 13. Planning:

**13.1. To consider new planning applications/issues.** None.

**13.2. To confirm comments sent to the Planning Authorities between meetings.** None.

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

### 14. Street Lighting:

**14.1. To note fault reports and hear progress on faults.**

The clerk had reported faults on lamp no 1 and lamp 11 in Bridge Street.

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

The chairman reported that he has ordered a schedule of work and costing from e-on lighting engineers and that the planned lights upgrade will be planned in the following order: a) fit isolators and repair the worst lamps; b) arrange for timers to replace the 'dawn to dusk' system in order to save on electricity costs; c) consult on lamps to remove; d) organise their removal; e) organise upgrades on remaining lamps. **Action Cllr Butler**

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

A cheque was received from Mr and Mrs Smith who have sponsored the provision of a new basketball hoop. They said they 'hope that our young villagers enjoy the new facility as much as they did the old one.'

The council agreed to write to thank them for their very generous gift to the community.

Cllr Hayes read out a letter from a young villager asking for the reinstatement of the basketball hoop as quickly as possible. It was agreed that the clerk should write to him informing him that the new hoop was on order and would be installed as soon as possible. **Action Clerk**

### 16. Village Hall – To consider any village hall issues.

No further issues

### 17. Lengthsman: To consider any lengthsman issues/ work schedule.

The council noted the lengthsman work for the month and had nothing to add.

#### UPDATES:

**18. To consider any updates on any of the following ongoing issues: Traffic & pavement issues / Allotments / Website / Newsletter / PACT / Lenches wind farm/**  
No news to report.

### 19. Calc/Training issues.

The training session has been organised for Monday, January 4<sup>th</sup> at Throckmorton Parish Room.

### 20. Reports from councillors/ county and district councillor.

Cllr Butler reported on the Worcestershire County Council parish conference which he and the clerk attended. Clerk to distribute electronic copies of the presentation. **Action Clerk**

Cllr Butler suggested a review of the parish plan. Clerk to circulate electronic copies and place on next agenda. **Action Clerk**

Cllr Tucker spoke about:

The Bridge at Wyre Piddle – and the efforts by WCC and the police to decide how to police the closure.

The county and district budgets.  
Enforcement action taken against the Chestnut Tree pub for signs on the highway.

**21. Correspondence.**

Pershore Transport Questionnaire results are in. Thanks to all who helped distribute it. (results sheets in the circulation envelope).

Worcestershire Waste Core Strategy consultation – setting out the ground rules for waste disposal facilities in the county until 2027. A questionnaire to fill in by Feb 4<sup>th</sup>. You can view it all online at [www.worcestershire.gov.uk/wcs](http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/wcs)

Christmas refuse and recycling dates: posters.

The South Worcestershire Joint Core Strategy (the group of local district councils looking at where to put all the new houses the Government says we must build) is preparing a plan and is holding meetings to consult local people on where the homes should go. (none are specifically planned for our parish, as yet)

For this area, a meeting has been planned at Drakes Broughton village hall on Jan 21<sup>st</sup> (2.30-7.30). There will be a briefing event for PCs before these consultations begin and you are invited to attend - Weds December 9<sup>th</sup> , Civic Centre, Pershore, 6-7pm. Confirm to [Elaine.godwin@wychavon.gov.uk](mailto:Elaine.godwin@wychavon.gov.uk).

*Circulation: Pershore Transport Questionnaire results/ Pershore High newsletter/ Worcestershire Warden newsletter/ Children and young people strategic partnership info/ Community First Newslines/*

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

The meetings of the parish council for 2010  
First Thursday of the month, 7.30pm at the Parish Room, Lower Moor. January – Councillor training, no meeting August. Annual meetings to be arranged:-  
Thursday, February 4<sup>th</sup>  
Thursday, March 4<sup>th</sup>  
Thursday, April 1<sup>st</sup>  
Thursday, May 6<sup>th</sup>  
Thursday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Thursday, July 1<sup>st</sup>  
Thursday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Thursday, October 7<sup>th</sup>  
Thursday, November 4<sup>th</sup>  
Thursday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>

**The meeting closed at 10.18pm.**

.....(chairman)

.....(date)

*C. Morris* - Mrs C Morris. Clerk