

Hill & Moor Parish Council

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

held in Lower Moor Village Hall on

Thursday 7th July 2016 at 7pm

Present Cllrs M. Yarnold (Chair), P. Jeanes, A. Jeanes, D. Saunders (arrived at 7.25pm) and P. Hartley

Also present: J. Adams, Clerk; Cllr L. Tucker (arrived at 7.55pm), District and County Councillor; D. Selvey, Parish Games; 5 members of the public (during public questions)

1. Apologies: Apologies had been received from Cllr T. Betteridge.

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 2nd June 2016 were a true and accurate record.

4. District and County Councillors reports

Cllr Tucker confirmed that the local bus route could be changed to include the roundabout by the glasshouses and that this would start from the 12th October. She also reported that the planning officer responsible for the Chestnut Close application had changed.

5. Progress reports

- a) Playing Field: Cllr P. Jeanes had spoken to Sandfields and they had confirmed that they would cut the grass on the field once a week for the rest of the year. They had also sorted out the dip in the goal mouth. However, they did not do strimming and it was apparent that in order to keep the field tidy, the benches, bins and posts needed the grass around them strimmed – a discussion on equipment would take place later in the meeting. The Council decided that the wire around the perimeter of the field would be removed to aid the grasscutting by the fence and that a ‘clean-up day’ on the field should be organised.
- b) Play area: To be discussed later on agenda.
- c) Mowing: The Council discussed the rumour that the grasscutting contractor had gone out of business; as yet this was still unconfirmed. The Clerk would continue to attempt to make contact. The Council did not wish to pay the invoice for June as it stood, as the footpath from Maytree Road had clearly not been cut, despite its appearance on the invoice.
- d) PACT: The next meeting would take place in September.
- e) Flood / Drainage: Nothing further to report at present.
- f) Footpaths: Vegetation either side of the path between Blacksmiths Lane and Bridge Street was closing in and blocking access at certain points along the path. The landowners would need to be identified and contacted to get this done. The route of the path from Blacksmiths

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Lane was also less certain as the fencing had been removed. Ideally the fencing should be reinstated and Cllr Tucker would be consulted on how to go about enforcing this; she would also provide the statement for the path.

- g) Village Hall: Cllr A. Jeanes had been unable to attend the AGM at which the current Treasurer had also been elected Chairman.
- h) Neighbourhood Watch: Cllr Saunders had made contact with Paul Leopold of Neighbourhood Watch.
- i) Landfill Site: Cllr Betteridge was not present.
- j) Lengthsman: The lengthsman had cleared the vegetation around the grips in Salters Lane.
- k) New Homes Bonus: Appearing later on the agenda.
- l) Hill & Moor Facebook page: Items to post were discussed.
- m) Newsletter: The next newsletter would contain items concerning developments with the bus service, and details of the service offered by the Pershore Volunteer Centre. The Council also discussed putting in an item about parking along Cherry Orchard Road; a farm vehicle had ground up a significant section of the bank alongside the playing field as he had been unable to get past due to cars parked on the opposite side.

6. Planning

a) New planning applications:

- W/16/00779/PN: Land off Blacksmith Lane, Lower Moor

Proposal: Residential development of 11 dwellings, including associated access, garaging and landscaping

Other information on this item and discussion with parishioners is detailed at *Public Questions* at the end of these minutes. Cllrs Yarnold and P. Jeanes would be meeting with the developer in the next week. The Council resolved to request that the application be discussed by Wychavon's Planning Committee. The Council resolved to object to the application in its current form and put forward the comments on the following concerns:

The Council felt that the development would benefit from the addition of a service road. This would lessen the impact of the new houses on the lane, which is very narrow and is already a popular thoroughfare for many vehicles including the school bus. A service road would also serve to preserve most of the hedge, which would minimise the effect of the new houses overlooking the present houses along Blacksmiths Lane.

With regard to the mix of housing, the Parish Council would prefer more smaller houses, such as semi-detached as it felt there is a greater demand for these and the affordable houses at the end of the development would benefit from being a little less cramped.

The Council had concerns over the impact that the development would have on the already overloaded drainage system and would require a permanent solution to be installed rather than the passage of even more lorries from the pumping station in Bridge Street. The run-off of the additional surface water would also need to be addressed.

- W/16/01253/RM: Land Adj south west side of Railway bridge and, Land adjacent south east side of railway bridge, Bridge Street, Lower Moor

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Proposal: Reserved matters application for access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale following outline permission W/15/02581/OU for the construction of 2 dwellings.

The Council had no objection to this application.

- W/16/01399/PP: Bridge House, Salters Lane, Lower Moor

Proposal: First floor side and rear two storey extensions and alterations.

The Council had no comment on this application.

b) Wychavon District Council Decisions:

W/16/01011/PP Avonbrook, Bridge Street, Lower Moor

Proposal: Detached double garage. Bay window to replace existing garage door and bay windows to front elevation

Decision: Approved

- c) Planning Correspondence and Information: The application for chalets off Maytree Road was discussed; they were still in the incorrect position but the applicant had told a Councillor that he had submitted a retrospective planning application.

7. **To discuss repairs to play equipment following the playground report:**

The Council resolved to purchase an A5 sized sign to fix on the basketball pole warning people not to hang off the hoop, as this had been flagged up on the recent playground report. Two new seats for the swings would also be purchased as both existing seats showed minor damage. Costs for the cover sleeve on one of the climbing frame ropes were awaited. Costs would be circulated before ordering but it was resolved in principal to buy a new rope plus a spare and replace the missing bolt cap, as noted on the RoSPA report.

8. **To discuss ongoing maintenance of footpaths and equipment required:**

Cllr P. Jeanes presented costs of grounds maintenance equipment that the Council could purchase and use to keep problem open space areas in check as well as use to cut grass around litter bins and benches. The equipment included a strimmer and brushcutter attachment, as well as the appropriate safety wear. It was resolved to purchase the equipment to the amount of £825 (safety equipment would be extra). Regulations concerning the appropriate storage of fuel were noted.

9. **To decide on fees for football teams for exclusive use and non-exclusive use of pitch and to clarify arrangements for keys for the container and car park for football teams:**

The Council resolved that non-exclusive use of the football pitch would be charged at £295 per team. Due to the VAT rules concerning the hire of pitches, the Council could not offer a pay-as-you-go arrangement for regular teams using the pitch. It was noted that the Council would have to keep an eye on the wear on the pitch if two teams were using it regularly. For any team hiring the field, the hire fee would include use of the container and a key would be supplied although permission would need to be sought for any copies to be made and names supplied of all keyholders.

To discuss the outcome of Field Day

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Cllr Saunders reported that Field Day had had a very good turnout despite the disappointing weather. The event had made a profit and other village organisations had managed to fundraise on the day as well. The Council thanked Cllr Saunders for all his hard work towards the event.

10. To discuss options for New Homes Bonus and Section 106 funds and decide who will look into them

Information on Section 106 and New Homes Bonus had been circulated. Costs for the various items would be gathered at discussed in due course.

11. Finance: To report on the financial situation of the Parish Council and to approve cheques for payment

Payments /Income for meeting:

Income since last report

HMRC	VAT reclaim 2015/16	633.85
Ebay buyer via P. Jeanes	Payment for sale of mower	650.00
Lloyds Bank	Bank Interest	0.43

Cheques for approval

Wychavon District Council

GBD Evesham	Grasscutting May 2016	200.28	Ex VAT
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Sail and Paddle	Zorb Balls - Field Day	125.00	Ex VAT
J Adams	Salary June '16	221.64	
J Adams	Allowances: Phone + Computer June	17.50	
Tim Hodges	Lengthsman work	196.00	

Balances as at 7/7/2016

Current account balance	17,358.05	
Savings account balance	10,016.25	(£10,000 Flood Alleviation)
Total cash assets	27,374.30	

The Council resolved to approve the cheques for payment, other than the June invoice from GBD. As it was clear that the footpath from Maytree Road to the main road had not been cut in June, the Council resolved to pay the invoice excluding this charge.

12. Correspondence for Information: Notification of the Expo Trade Exhibition on the 9th September

13. Clerk's report: Bank forms had arrived to add Cllr Yarnold as a signatory.

14. Councillors' reports and items for future agenda: Cllr P. Jeanes would look into the possibility of a water supply to the field. For the next meeting, the Council would consider the creation of an Urgent Decisions Group and some mechanism for the purchase of small items.

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15. Date of next meeting: Thursday 1st September 2016

The meeting was closed at 10pm.

Public Questions

Darren Selvey circulated the schedule for the Parish Games and answered questions on the Games.

Several parishioners put forward views on the Blacksmiths Lane planning application. There was a general desire for a service road which would lessen the impact of the new houses on the narrow lane. It would also serve to preserve most of the hedge, and thus minimise the effect of the new houses overlooking the present houses along Blacksmiths Lane. It was noted that the affordable houses at the end of the proposed development were somewhat cramped.

There were also concerns over the impact that the development would have on the already overloaded drainage system. Presently, lorries regularly travelled down Bridge Street to pump out sewage when capacity was reached and the additional houses would make this worse. With regard to rainwater drainage, there would also need to be improved drainage in the lane, as the loss of the field would require surface water to be carried away somewhere.