

Hill & Moor Parish Council

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

held in Lower Moor Village Hall on

Thursday 8th September 2016 at 7pm

Present: Cllrs Mike Yarnold (chair), Paul Jeanes, Tony Betteridge, Paddy Hartley and Alison Jeanes.

1. Apologies: David Saunders and Jo Adams.
2. Declarations of interest: None

Public Question time

Chestnut Tree Inn

Adam Smith who is leasing the pub came to share with us his proposals and to answer questions all directed through the chair. He is firstly going to house exotic rescue animals which need no permissions. They will be housed temporarily in cages on the existing car park, but the cages are removable, they will be here for 6 months in the first instance.

He is aware that he is required to make a planning application for change of use for the car park which has to be made within 21 days. There were varying concerns about the housing of the animals (smells, noise, vermin and possible escapees) also concerns about car parking in the village. He responded by explaining he would probably move them to his site in Hartlebury when it is up and running (but no promises).

A member of the public asked about using the car park on the playing field. The Chairman informed the meeting that the Parish Council Car Park was provided to facilitate users of the village hall and playing field and that it couldn't be developed as it was now in a trust. Overall it appeared that there was support for a village pub.

Gypsy site

Liz Tucker told us a new planning officer Steve Holloway had been out to the site and was concerned about many aspects about the planning and them not adhering to the first 2 applications. The public were also complaining about the loud foul language and the constant noise from a track for a quad bike that went on until late in the evening, also the potential overcrowding which has concerned Liz who is taking this back to Steve. The parish council is also writing to Head of Planning and the enforcement office about the problems we have encountered so far and the attitude of 'whats the harm'.

3. Minutes: the minutes of the meeting of the 7th July were approved.

4. District and County Councillors reports: Detailed in Public Questions.

5. Progress reports:

- a) **Playing field** - Netting removed so strimming can be done under the fence. Sandfields still cutting the field and Smart Cut doing the other areas.
- b) **Play Area** - The new parts for the play apparatus have arrived and will be dealt with on the field clean up day on 15/10/16.
- c) **PACT** - Nothing to report. Next meeting October, Councillor Paul Jeanes will be attending.

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- d) **Flood/Drainage** - It has been noted Severn Trent have been carrying out camera surveys and flushing the drains through as routine maintenance after a problem reported in Bridge Street.
- e) **Footpaths** - No problems, all are easily accessible.
- f) **Village Hall** - Next meeting Thursday 15th September Councillor Allison Jeanes will be attending.
- g) **Neighbourhood Watch** – It was agreed that a presentation on this matter would be appropriate at the Annual Parish Meeting next year.
- h) **Landfill Site** - Toni attended the last meeting with nothing to report as it was all running smoothly, Hartlebury Recycling Plant is to come on stream in November.
- i) **Lengthsman** - Had an operation and is recovering for 4 weeks.
- j) **New Homes Bonus** -Ongoing – Playing field footpath lighting from the car park across to the steps opposite the village hall, electricity and water to the field are all Work in Progress. Consideration of purchasing a new noticeboard was put on hold pending our hearing from the Countryside team at Worcestershire as to whether we could use their notice board as it had not been updated since 2005.
- k) **Newsletter** – Nothing to report
- l) **Bus Service** - The bus should now be going down to the next roundabout just beyond Salters Lane before coming back and going to Pershore so the bus stops are being utilised. Liz also said the small temporary bus is still running through the villages as Fladbury had asked her to carry it on for longer.

Planning:

a) New planning applications:

- W/16/01689/CU: Hill and Moor Meadows, Evesham Road, Lower Moor
Proposal: Change of use of land to use as a residential caravan site for two gypsy families, total of four caravans, laying of hardstanding, erection of two amenity buildings and improvement of access not in accordance with condition 4 to increase number of caravans stationed on plot 1 from two to four including no more than one static caravan (retrospective).
- W/16/01690/CU: Hill and Moor Meadows, Evesham Road, Lower Moor
Proposal: Change of use of land to use as a residential caravan site for 3 gypsy families, each with two caravans, including laying of hardstanding and erection of two amenity buildings.

Although previously discussed in the public question time, the committee are going back to the council to ask for a proper plan showing the finished look to the site, the plans to be properly to scale. It was also noted that there was still no retrospective planning permission for the existing chalet which is in the wrong place on plot 2. In summary our response to W/16/01690/CU and W/16/1689/CU is that the Parish Council is concerned as to the visual impact on the village of further development of this site and would ask that a detailed plan of the entire site, encompassing the current application, is made available for consideration by the Parish Council prior to a detailed response is made to the applications. The applications are however opposed by the Parish Council.

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Separately a request be made to the Planning Department asking as to what the optimum number of caravans , including amenity blocks, etc is for this site.

b) To receive Decision Notices: There were none

c) To note or discuss Planning Correspondence, Information and Issues: It was noted that the planning application for the Chestnut Close development had not been decided – Liz would try to find out what the hold-up was.

7. Request by The Caravan Club for use of the field in May 2017 or October 2017:

The request for the **Caravan rally** on the field was rejected as the field was not suitable and the football team would be using it on the Sunday mornings.

8. The Bonfire and fireworks display 5th November 2016:

It was agreed that the bonfire and fireworks could go ahead subject to the insurance being applied for and a risk assessment being done. Mike and Paul to meet up with Hana to discuss. Also discuss the clearing up and reseeding the field.

9. Neighbourhood Watch - Presentation to hopefully be held at the Annual Parish Meeting.

10. Streetlighting – the new contract was agreed as per the proposal made by Npower.

11. Urgent Decisions Group

The creation of an Urgent Decisions group was approved with a spending limit of £100 per item to start with. If urgent expenditure was required above this figure Councillors would be asked for approval via email. Any expenditure would need to be recorded at the next available meeting. The group consists of Chair, Vice-chair and clerk.

12. Tree Maintenance – it was agreed to buy ties and spirals for the new hedging applied for which is due this Autumn.

Councillor Paul Jeanes was informed of an accident on August Bank Holiday when a child ran under the canopy of the Horse Chestnut tree and ran into a dead branch which hit him near the eye. The branch has now been cut out. Underneath of the canopy of the tree empty drinks cans and dog mess were found, they were hidden from view. With this in mind we are going to ask the lengthsman if he could cut the branches up to about 1 metre off the ground.

13. Quotations for a new notice board:

This matter was dealt with under progress reports.

14. Finance:

The finance report and payments were approved and the cheques signed.

Income since last report

WCC	Lengthsman reclaim	161.00
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Wood Norton	Field Day	10.00
Cash deposit	Field Day	310.60
Lloyds Bank	Bank Interest (July)	0.44
Lloyds Bank	Bank Interest (August)	0.40
Income		40.00

Cheques for approval

			Cheque	
Ron Smith and Co	Grounds maintenance equipment	825.00	1040	
Russell Play	Playground spares	230.05	1043	
Smart Cut	Grasscutting July 2016	156.00	1044	
Wychavon Sport	Parish Games fee	69.00	1045	Cheque lost
Gallagher and Co	Internal audit	120.00	1046	
J. Adams	Salary July '16	221.64	1047	
J Adams	Allowances: Phone + Computer July '16	17.50	1048	
Wychavon Sport	Parish Games fee	69.00	1049	Replacement cheque
J. Adams	Salary August '16	221.64	1050	
J Adams	Allowances: Phone + Computer August '16	17.50	1051	
J. Adams	Expenses: Stamps	21.90	1052	
Npower	Streetlighting Contract 1: 1/9/15 - 31/3/16	505.54	1053	
HAGS-SMP	Play Equipment spares	180.18	1054	

Balances as at 8/9/2016

Current account balance	15,927.43	
Savings account balance	10,017.09	(£10,000 Flood Alleviation)
Total cash assets	25,944.52	

15. Correspondence and Future items - a field clean-up day has been proposed for October 15th 10.00am to clear the field and also the container.

Date of next meeting: 6th October 7.00pm

Meeting closed 8.55pm.