

Hill & Moor Parish Council

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

held in Lower Moor Village Hall on

Thursday 6th October 2016 at 7pm

Present Cllrs P. Jeanes (Acting Chair), A. Jeanes and T. Betteridge

Also present: J. Adams, Clerk; Cllr L. Tucker, District and County Councillor; 1 member of the public (during public questions)

1. Apologies: Apologies had been received from Cllrs M. Yarnold, D. Saunders and P. Hartley.

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 8th September 2016 were a true and accurate record.

4. District and County Councillors reports

Cllr Tucker reported that the County Council were currently discussing the future of Children's Centres in Worcestershire; funding had been cut by 50%. The County Council had given assurances that families most in need would still be able to access services but the detail of this was still being worked out.

Regarding the narrowing pathways on the main road, Cllr Tucker agreed to contact Highways to request they be sided out.

Blacksmith Lane planning applications: this had been approved but details of the Section 106 application were awaited.

5. Progress reports

- a) Playing Field and mowing: All ok.
- b) Play area: Cllr Jeanes had the replacement ropes for the climbing frame which should be installed in the near future. More bolt covers were required. The overgrown grass inside the play area needed to be addressed at some stage.
- c) PACT: The next meeting would take place on Wednesday 12th October.
- d) Flood / Drainage: Cllr Jeanes to contact Mr Holt regarding the ditches alongside the A44.
- e) Footpaths: As detailed at item 4, Cllr Tucker to contact Highways to request siding out of the footpaths along the A44.
- f) Village Hall: Cllr A. Jeanes reported that the Village Hall booking secretary would not be continuing so the position would be advertised. The Village Hall Committee had indicated that they would be interested in placing articles in the Parish Council newsletter. She also reported that the Salvation Army would be playing in the village on the 16th December.

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- g) Neighbourhood Watch: The presentation would now be scheduled for the Annual Parish Meeting.
- h) Landfill Site: The next meeting would take place on the 14th November.
- i) Lengthsman: Nothing to report.
- j) New Homes Bonus: Appearing later on the agenda.
- k) Newsletter: The Council discussed the possibility of a Christmas newsletter.
- l) Bus service: A meeting had been scheduled in Pershore for interested parties to discuss the ongoing problems for residents created by the loss of local bus services. Cllr Tucker, who would be attending, confirmed the difficult circumstances with the rural bus services, which could not be run at a profit but with County Council unable to subsidise them as had been done in the past.

6. Planning

- a) New planning applications: There were none.
- b) Wychavon District Council Decisions: There were none.
- c) Planning Correspondence and Information: Detailed at Public Questions and item 4.

7. Co-option of a Councillor: One application had been received. The Council resolved to invite the candidate to the next meeting when more Councillors were present to discuss the co-option.

8. To discuss the Field Clear-up day and a tree-planting event: The clear-up day would aim to clear out the container of all redundant machinery, to litter-pick the field and surrounding areas and trim around street furniture if time allowed. Litterpickers would be requested from Wychavon and rubble sacks purchased for transporting waste. The meeting time was 10am on the Saturday on the field. With regard to the tree-planting day, Cllr Betteridge reported that the local Scout group could help with the planting. The tree planting day would take place on Sunday 20th November and Cllr Jeanes would take delivery and tend to the trees up to that date.

9. To discuss an application for New Homes Bonus funding for a power supply on the playing field
The Council resolved to apply for New Homes Bonus funding for a power supply for the playing field. It was hoped to get the application on the October agenda of the Localism and Communities Advisory Panel meeting.

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

Income since last report

Income from Field Day		92.25
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Lloyds Bank	Bank Interest (September)	0.43
Wychavon District Council	2nd half of precept	6,249.00

Cheques for approval

Smart Cut	Grass cutting August 2016	252.00	Cheque 1055
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Hedgehogs Nursery	Spirals and canes for tree pack	45.94	1056
CALC	Training T. Betteridge	30.00	1057
NPower	Streetlighting Contract 1: 1/4/15 - 31/8/15	213.35	1058
T. Hodges	Lengthsman work June, August, Sept 2016	198.38	1059
J. Adams	Salary September '16	221.64	1060
J Adams	Allowances: Phone + Computer Sept '16	17.50	1061
HMRC	PAYE Q2 2016/17	166.20	1062

Balances as at 6/10/2016

Current account balance	20,671.17	
Savings account balance	10,017.52	(£10,000 Flood Alleviation)
Total cash assets	30,688.69	

The Council resolved to approve the cheques for payment.

- 11. Correspondence for Information:** Notification of a bus meeting in Pershore on the 13th October.
- 12. Clerk's report:** A discussion on the bonfire took place. The Risk Assessment and general arrangements for the bonfire would be reviewed in advance of the event. The Council's involvement was confirmed and Cllr Jeanes reported that he and Cllr Yarnold had met with the organisers.
- 13. Councillors' reports and items for future agenda:** Co-option of a Councillor.
- 14. Date of next meeting:** Thursday 3rd November 2016

The meeting was closed at 9.15pm.

Public Questions

A parishioner asked about the latest situation with the pub. Cllr Betteridge reported that a planning application to change the use of the pub car park from a car park to a place to house animals had been submitted but needed further information before it could be validated, for which 14 extra days had been given. Regarding timescales, it was possible that a decision on the application could take until November. Cllr Tucker noted that the planning department would not consider a pub without a car park to be a desirable situation given the problem that this could create for surrounding households. The parishioner's conversations with the pub owner had indicated that there was still a plan to look for alternative land to house the majority of the animals but the location of this had not been finalised. The Animal Welfare department within Worcester Regulatory Services was aware of the presence of the animals. It was confirmed that the internal works to the pub did not need any permissions from the Local Authority.

The parishioner noted the recent hedge cutting in Salters Lane and asked if the hedge owner could be asked to clear the hedge clippings from the ditch. The ditch alongside the A44 could also do with some attention. Cllr Jeanes to contact the landowner.

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Gypsy site: In response to a question, Cllr Tucker reported that the location of caravans and buildings on the recent applications for the new gypsy site had not been specified. The planning officer had wanted the retrospective changes to the original site (W/15/02815/CU) added to the recent application/s (W/16/01689/CU and W/16/01690/CU) but this has not happened so the breaches in the earlier application were still breaches.