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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

held in Lower Moor Village Hall on

Thursday 3rd November 2016 at 7pm

Present Cllrs M. Yarnold (Chair), P. Jeanes, T. Betteridge, P. Hartley, Mrs A. Jeanes, D. Saunders and Mrs S. Roberts

Also present: J. Adams, Clerk; Cllr L. Tucker, District and County Councillor; 28 members of the public (during public questions)

1. Apologies: There were none.

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 6th October 2016 were a true and accurate record.

4. District and County Councillors reports

The item followed the Public Question session. Cllr Tucker confirmed the report that the animals had been checked over by Worcestershire Regulatory Services and that Highways would be commenting shortly on the pub's Change of Use application for its car park. She advised that any request for yellow lines in the village wait until the result of the planning application was known.

Regarding the amended application for Hill and Moor meadows, Cllr Tucker confirmed that the application would be put before the Planning Committee if it was recommended for approval.

From the County Council: the Government's Autumn Statement was awaited, and news on whether or not funding would be put aside for the Northern Link Road for Pershore which would join up Abbey View to the Keytec Business Park.

Bus services: Unfortunately, the funded bus service was not well-used and was expensive to run, so was under threat. Cllr Roberts asked if the County Council would consider funding post-16 school bus passes, as young people were now required to stay in education until age 18 and rural children still had to find their way to their school or college. Cllr Yarnold responded that due to shortage of funds, the County Council would only fully fund passes for those that it was legally bound to support; for others bus passes were subsidised.

5. Progress reports

- a) Playing Field and mowing: All ok. A letter of thanks to be sent to Sandfields and a request for their continued support. Cllr Jeanes reported a successful Clear-Up Day. The number of abandoned dog waste bags found in the hedgerows was disappointing and he suggested this be mentioned in the forthcoming newsletter.

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- b) Play area: The repair works had been done. Bolt covers awaited.
- c) PACT: The recent minutes had been circulated. Some advisory notes for poorly parked cars had been placed on vehicles.
- d) Flood / Drainage: Appearing later on the agenda.
- e) Footpaths: One of the residents whose garden backed on to the footpath leading off Manor Road was keen to arrange regular hedgecutting to keep access clear – contact details to be supplied.
- f) Village Hall: Cllr A. Jeanes reported that the next Village Hall Committee meeting would take place next week.
- g) Neighbourhood Watch: Nothing further to report at the moment.
- h) Landfill Site: The next meeting would take place on the 14th November.
- i) Lengthsman: The hedge at the entrance to the village had been cut back.
- j) New Homes Bonus: Appearing later on the agenda.
- k) Newsletter: Items for the next newsletter – the Salvation Army’s visit to the village at Christmas; an update on the New Homes Bonus fund.
- l) Bus service: Minuted at item 4.

6. Planning

a) New planning applications:

- Amendment to 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).
- Amendment to 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.

Amended plans had been received for the above applications, but the Council had concerns over the density on plot 1. There was also a CCTV camera and barrier that were not included on the application. It was noted that the flood-lighting should be directional as it currently cast a wide gaze. Cllr Betteridge agreed to put together a response.

- Amendment to W/16/02327/CU: Chestnut Tree Inn, Manor Road, Lower Moor
Proposal: The change of use of car park to a mixed use of the land as an animal sanctuary for non-native & exotic animals with associated temporary timber structures/enclosures and the use of the land for domestic access to property Castanea. 6 months.

Other information on this item and discussion with parishioners is detailed at *Public Questions* at the end of these minutes. The Council resolved to object to the application due to the loss of parking that

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would result. The access from Chestnut Close to the houses at the rear of the pub would also be noted. Cllr Yarnold agreed to put together a response.

- 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 co-opt the candidates and new Cllr Shirley Roberts was welcomed onto the Council and invited to join the meeting.
8. **To receive an update on the New Homes Bonus application for a power supply on the playing field:** The Council's application had been successful and £3,200 had been allocated towards the power supply project. Quotations had been received from builders, electricians and Western Power. The contract to build the brick housing for the supply appeared to be the most problematic aspect. Cllr Roberts agreed to find out if a contact locally could help out.
9. **To discuss continuing drainage problems in Bridge Street:** Cllr Jeanes reported that he had been contacted by residents in Bridge Street who had suffered flooding from surface water in heavy rainfall. The residents had contacted Highways and the drainage system had been identified as requiring maintenance. Cllr Jeanes would email the details to Cllr Tucker so that an update and timescale could be ascertained.
10. **To discuss a pension scheme:** The Council would be required to have a pension scheme in place by its staging date in 2017. An email had been circulated which had detailed of some of the schemes on offer, although it was acknowledged that the Council would have to be careful of the fees charged by some providers. Cllr Yarnold agreed to look into the schemes and issue a report on the options.
11. **To discuss a village Christmas Tree:** The Council discussed the placing of a tree at the corner of the playing field. Cllr Jeanes said that a Christmas tree of approximately 10 – 12ft high could probably be obtained by a grower in the village and a sponsor could be requested. Costs for tree lights would be obtained.
12. **Finance:** To report on the financial situation of the Parish Council and to approve cheques for payment

Income since last report

Worcestershire County Council	Lengthsman reimbursement	394.38
Crowle Searchers FC	Football pitch hire 2016/17	350.00
Lloyds Bank	Bank Interest (October)	0.43

Cheques for approval

			Cheque	
Archer Signs	Basketball hoop sign	58.08	1063	inc. VAT
Western Power	Installation of power supply to field	643.13	1064	
Smart Cut	Grass cutting September 2016	282.00	1065	inc. VAT
Zurich Municipal	Bonfire Insurance	262.80	1066	

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Npower	Streetlighting Contract 3: 1/4/16 - 30/6/16	217.05	1067	
Smart Cut	Grass cutting October 2016	282.00	1069	inc. VAT
T. Hodges	Lengthsman work June '16 and Oct '16	224.00	1070	
T. Hodges	Play area maintenance	49.00	1071	
J. Adams	Salary October '16	221.64	1072	
J Adams	Allowances: Phone + October '16	17.50	1073	

(cheque no. 1068 - cheque void)

Balances as at 3/11/2016

Current account balance	19,553.27	
Savings account balance	10,017.95	(£10,000 Flood Alleviation)
Total cash assets	29,571.22	

The Council resolved to approve the cheques for payment.

- 13. Correspondence for Information:** A request for funding and for nominations for the Wychavon Community Recognition Award had been received. To be added to the next agenda.
- 14. Clerk's report:** Reported at other items on the agenda.
- 15. Councillors' reports and items for future agenda:** Items for next agenda - Wychavon Community Recognition Award, village Christmas tree.
- 16. Date of next meeting:** Thursday 1st December 2016

The meeting was closed at 9.10pm.

Public Questions

There was a discussion on the pub, and its amended application for a change of use for the car park. The previous Saturday had borne witness to a crush of parking in the village centre due to the opening of the pub and an event at the Village Hall, and the Village Hall car park being inaccessible due to a mix up with keys. Residents spoke of their concerns over further parking problems if the pub car park was not re-established. There were further concerns over the space available for the school bus.

It was confirmed that the Animal Welfare Officer from Worcestershire Regulatory Services had visited and had no concerns over the welfare of the animals currently residing on the pub car park. There were differences of opinion between residents and the pub leaseholder on whether or not the car park was likely to be busy, whether patrons of the pub were required to reverse from the car park when exiting and if part of the car park had been put aside for access to the properties built on the rear section of the car park some time ago, for which planning permission had never been formalised.

Cllr Yarnold said that the Parish Council would respond to the application as a planning document; in addition Cllr Tucker reported that the Highways opinion on the application was awaited.

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A parishioner asked if the Council were aware of the number of caravans currently on the hill and Moor Meadows site; this was confirmed. Cllr Yarnold responded that the Council had contacted planning on various breaches, some of which had been addressed in an amended application and some hadn't. It was confirmed that only vehicles over 3½ tonnes needed a licence for parking at the site.

A parishioner asked if the Blacksmith Lane application had been approved; the application was shown a 'pending' on the Wychavon website. Cllr Tucker thought it had, and that the 'pending' label might be because the Section 106 agreement (the contribution from the developer towards local infrastructure) had not yet been agreed; she would check.