

Hill & Moor Parish Council

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

held in Lower Moor Village Hall on

Thursday 6th April 2017 at 7pm

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

Also present: J. Adams, Clerk; Cllr Mrs L. Robinson, Leader of Wychavon District Council; District and County Cllr E. Tucker; 7 members of the public (during public questions)

- 1. Apologies:** Apologies had been received from Cllr Mrs S. Roberts.
- 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 March 2017 were a true and accurate record.

4. District and County Councillors reports

Cllr Tucker reported that Blacksmith Lane planning application had now received formal approval. On other planning matters, she reported that the refused applications for Hill and Moor Meadows and for the Chestnut Tree Inn had been passed to enforcement but had not yet been taken up Wychavon's legal department. Cllr Yarnold reported that regarding the blockage of a door at the pub which had raised concerns should there be a fire, the Worcester Regulatory Services had attended but felt that the matter should be taken up with the fire service as it was outside their remit somewhat. The unauthorised sign at Hill and Moor Meadows had been removed.

She reported that she had been in contact with a former Wychavon officer regarding land drainage schemes for Lower Moor. Despite previous desire for a catchment survey, he now advised that works carried out to date had brought significant improvement to flooding issues in the village, and the £10,000 allocated from New Homes Bonus funds could usefully be put towards the projects identified by the Parish Council without the need for the catchment survey.

5. Progress reports

- Playing Field and mowing: The smaller ride-on mower had been repaired and was functional, and a small mower had been purchased to cut the grass in the play area. The strimmer was also up and running. Sandfields and Smart Cut had both carried out their first cuts of the season.
- Play area: Cllr P. Jeanes had cut the grass in the play area.
- PACT: Nothing to report.
- Flood / Drainage: Also minuted at item 4. Cllr P. Jeanes and Yarnold would contact Wychavon and the land drainage engineer who lived in the village to discuss the proposed schemes.
- Footpaths: The Council briefly discussed footpaths; a horse had been ridden down one of the footpaths; some discussion was held on whether steps or a slope would be better on the upgrade to the Bridge Street footpath.
- Village Hall: The Village Hall Committee had given consent for an outside tap, which would be lockable. Cllr Yarnold was arranging this.

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- g) Neighbourhood Watch: The new PCSO had confirmed his attendance at the Annual Meeting, incidents permitting. Cllr P. Jeanes outlined some special offers on Smart Water which could be notified to residents at the Annual Meeting.
- h) Landfill Site: The minutes of the recent meeting had been circulated. Cllr Betteridge reported that the minor breaches had been dealt with promptly and were no cause for concern. The new Hartlebury incinerator had resulted in a dramatic decrease in vehicle movements to the Hill and Moor site.
- i) Lengthsman: All ok. Vegetation to be cleared from around the concrete grips in Salters Lane.
- j) Newsletter: The Easter newsletters would be collected and distributed in time for delivery at the weekend.
- k) Bus service: Nothing further to report at the moment.

6. Planning

- a) New planning applications:

17/00285/FUL	Hill Moor, Manor Road, Lower Moor, Pershore, WR10 2NZ	Construction of 2 no. detached, 2-storey, 4-bedroom dwellings, each with a separate garage and accessed via the existing driveway into Hillmoor
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It was resolved to object to the planning application on the grounds that the site was too narrow for the proposed development; there was insufficient visibility for vehicles exiting onto Manor Road; that inadequate parking was included for the proposed houses; the adjacent properties would be overlooked; general overcrowding and cramping of the site. Cllr Betteridge to draft a response.

- b) Wychavon District Council Decisions:

W/16/01689/CU Hill and Moor Meadows, Evesham Road, Lower Moor
Proposal: Outline application for the provision of 5 residential units, inclusive of affordable housing, with all matters reserved

Decision: Refused

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Decision: Refused

W/16/00779/PN Land off, Blacksmiths Lane, Lower Moor
Proposal: Residential development of 11 dwellings, including associated access, garaging and landscaping

Decision: Approved

- c) Planning Correspondence and Information: A letter to be written to Wychavon Planning Enforcement regarding Hill and Moor Meadows.

- 7. **To discuss inspections of trees on the playing field:** The report had only been received earlier in the day, so was put back to the next meeting.
- 8. **Update on the Community Defibrillator:** 34 people had been trained at the recent training event. There was some discussion regarding a second defibrillator for the parish and where it would be located. Funding would still be available but the Parish Council itself could not apply twice. One of the trainers had offered to assess suitable locations for a second defibrillator and this offer was welcomed by the Council. Cllr P. Jeanes would carry out inspections in conjunction with the lengthsman. The inspections would need to be logged.

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- 9. To discuss repairs to the steps to the playing field:** A quotation for £200 had been received to carry out the work. This was agreed.
- 10. To discuss projects and consultation on NHB and Section 106 funds:** Cllr P. Jeanes outlined various funding streams that could be pooled to put towards a multi-use play area. These included:
- New Homes Bonus funding: Currently amounting to circa £14,000.
 - Section 106 funding allocated as part of the Haigh Villas development of 2012, some of which could be used towards the project. The funds were as follows: Built Leisure £7900, Formal Sport £13600, Open Spaces £7000, Cycling £2,500.
 - Severn Waste and Sandfields Farms had indicated that they might be able to provide some funding.
 - Wychavon Leisure Grants: In general used for smaller projects but could be still be applied for.
 - Section 106 funding allocated as part of the Blacksmith Lane development: this would be available after the development was built but indications were that this would be started in the near future as advertising material for the new houses had been spotted on the internet. Allocations were: Built Leisure £11,600, Formal Sport £18,700.
 - Section 106 funding allocated as part of the Chestnut Close development: this would be available after the development was built but there had been no news that this was imminent. Allocations were: Built Leisure £5,400, Formal Sport £8,500.

It was agreed that detailed consultation would need to take place to ascertain whether the local community would support the funds being used in this way, and how many people would use it. A dedicated leaflet would be designed and the 'primary sport' that people wished for would be identified. There were various other multi-use games areas locally, in Pebworth, Honeybourne and Upton, and the councils that put these in place would be contacted. Cllr P. Jeanes would contact the people who were responsible for the Pebworth facility.

- 11. To discuss repairs to the small mower:** It was resolved to approve funds for the repair of the small mower.
- 12. To discuss sponsorship and advertising in the newsletter:** The Council discussed the matter of advertising in the newsletter. Apart from straightforward selling of advertising space which was widespread in other local publications, there appeared to be a fine line between bringing a service to the attention of parishioners and promoting a business that could probably do that for itself. The Council decided that it would not have adverts or promotions in the newsletter but that sponsorship would be considered. It was also agreed that the Facebook page could be used to promote services to residents if wished.
- 13. 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	318.5	
Pershore Juniors	Hire of playing field	25.00	Overpayment
Lloyds Bank	Bank Interest	0.38	

Cheques for approval

			Cheque
GBD Evesham	Grass-cutting June 2016	208.19	1100
I. Pomeroy	Service/repairs to Allen Nat/I mower	116.27	1101
I. Pomeroy	Purchase of small mower for play area	40.00	1102
P. Jeanes	Land Registry searches	18.00	1103
P. Jeanes	Flyer printing - defib	54.99	1103
P. Jeanes	Oil / mixing bottle for mower	27.12	1103

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P. Jeanes	Fuel for mower	12.59	1103
C. Merchant	Install defibrillator against brick cabinet	144.00	1104
T. Hodges	Playground inspection	3.50	1105
T. Hodges	Lengthsman work March '17	150.50	1105
J. Adams	Salary March '17	221.64	1106
J Adams	Allowances: Phone/Computer March '17	17.50	1106
HMRC	PAYE Q4 2016/17	116.20	1107
Oliver Kaye	Tree inspection	tbc	1108

Balance as at 28/03/2017

Current account balance 15,774.51

Balance as at 09/03/2017

Savings account balance 10,020.01
(£10,000 Flood Alleviation)

Total cash assets 25,794.52

It was resolved to approve the cheques for payment.

14. Correspondence for Information: Circulated.

15. Clerk's report: The application to register the pub as a Community Asset had been submitted to Wychavon.

16. Councillors' reports and items for future agenda: Cllr Yarnold reported that he had been in contact with a resident who had been unhappy about a car that was parked at the end of Salters Lane. Although it was not desirable as a parking location due to the large vehicles that entered Salters Lane, there was little that could be done as there were no restrictions on parking in the lane. It had not yet been ascertained whether or not the car belonged to the house outside which it was parked, which had a large driveway.

Next meeting: Cllr Yarnold gave apologies for the June meeting.

17. Date of next meeting: Thursday 11th May 2017 Annual Parish Meeting and Annual Meeting of the Parish Council

The meeting was closed at 9.05pm.

Public Questions

Several parishioners attended the meeting to request that the Council consider putting forward an objection to the planning application to build two houses in Blacksmith Lane/ Manor Road (on the agenda). There were concerns of overlooking from the new houses, the access to the site which was via the narrow lane and close to a bend, and the cramped nature of the exit via the existing entrance of Hillmoor. Highways had commented on the application and had concerns over visibility which needed improvement if the application was to progress. It has also noted the allocation of only two car parking spaces per new house (the current recommendation was for 3).

Cllr Tucker reported that she had requested the application be discussed by the area committee.