

Hill & Moor Parish Council

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

held in Lower Moor Village Hall on

Thursday 31st August 2017 at 7pm

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

Also present: J. Adams, Clerk; County Cllr E. Tucker; 2 members of the public

- 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 July 2017 were a true and accurate record.
- 4. District and County Councillors reports:** Hill and Moor Meadows - It was confirmed that the current application was to increase the number of caravans on Plot 1 from two to three. There were currently two caravans on the site because the additional one, that had breached the previous planning application, had been taken off the site. The current application also asked for permission to retain the existing position of one of the caravans which had not been placed in accordance with the previous planning application. Having said that, the Councillors had not been able to see the detail of this on the plans on the Wychavon website. It was noted that there was no plan for the whole site and the applications were being done piecemeal with some of them having overlapping areas. Cllr Tucker informed the meeting that another application for the same site had been submitted, again covering a section of the site, which sought permission for 6 pitches and 9 caravans on the site and for 3 amenity blocks. However, the application had not yet been validated. There were concerns over the capacity of the sewers at the site; the arrangements were thought to be possibly adequate for the permissions granted but not for the additional caravans. Cllr Tucker agreed to request detail of the site as a whole and to find out about the sewage capacity.

Cllr Tucker spoke about the huge problem of the temporary traffic lights on Station Road in Pershore. She said that the situation would not improve for some time as there were still gas works, drainage works and the new development to deal with first. In due course, the lights would be made permanent and then they would have a better configuration which would reduce waiting times. There had been some calls for a roundabout but this was not viable due to the volume of pedestrian traffic from the High School – it was not a safe option to put a pedestrian crossing by a roundabout. Cllr P. Jeanes asked if the lights could just be removed - apparently this was not possible either: as they had already been in place for some time due to 'hazard', if they were taken away and an accident occurred there was a risk of a claim for corporate manslaughter. The agony therefore seemed set to continue for the foreseeable future.

Cllr Yarnold asked if Highways were likely to object to bollards being installed on the grass verge at the Manor Road /Blacksmiths Lane junction to prevent parking. The grasscutters had confirmed that the verge could be as easily strimmed as mown. Cllr Tucker would consult with the liaison engineer.

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5. Parish Councillors reports: The repair at the junction of Maytree Road and Manor Road was only half done – this would be reported back to Highways. Open Spaces maintenance: it was agreed to allocate £500 for ad hoc maintenance work to be carried out to maintain the playing field and boundaries.

6. Progress reports

- a) Playing Field and mowing: The football pitch had been rolled and the damage caused by a badger appeared to be lessening. The container needed tidying up and at some stage decisions would need to be made on the mower.
- b) Play area: Someone had attempted to cut through one of the ropes on the climber but had come across the central steel core. The damage was not severe enough to warrant replacement but this would be monitored.
- c) PACT: Nothing to report.
- d) Flood / Drainage: A resident had alerted the Council to oily effluent which smelt strongly of onions coming from a ditch in Upper Moor. Investigations were made and a local farmer identified and remedied the problem which had been caused by blockages in his site drainage system.
- e) Footpaths: The path on the main road was getting quite narrow and needed siding out.
- f) Village Hall: Nothing to report.
- g) Neighbourhood Watch: Cllr Saunders said that ideally a NW scheme should have a co-ordinator for each road. The co-ordinators would then alert people in their road to any issues. There were 9 Smart Water packs left, which would be advertised in the newsletter.
- h) Landfill Site: The minutes of the last meeting had been distributed.
- i) Lengthsman: It was requested that the list of lengthsman duties be circulated to all Councillors.
- j) Newsletter: Cllr Tucker reported that improvements had been made to the local bus service and these could be disseminated to the public via the newsletter.
- k) Report from NHB /S106 Group: The group had met to put together a list of projects and approximate costs. More feedback was needed from the public, as there was actually very little information on what locals wanted the funds spent on, despite requests in the newsletter and at Annual Meetings. Additionally, some projects had implications: the proposed multi-use games area would impact on the view of the playing field and it was important that residents were aware of this so that there wasn't an outcry if the project went ahead and then people realised they had lost the view down the field. A display at the Village Hall was planned for the 19th October. It would be a drop-in event rather than a presentation, and would provide some information on the pros and cons of the proposals.

7. Planning

- a) New planning applications:

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| 17/01681/CU | Hill and Moor Meadows, Evesham Road, Lower Moor | Implementation of planning approval W/14/00197/CU for 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 without compliance with Condition 2, to allow amended layout, amendment to Condition 4 to increase number of caravans on plot 1 from 2 to 3 including 2 static caravans and removal of Condition 12. |
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The Council resolved to object to the application. The site was too small for the amount of caravans and blocks proposed and neighbouring properties would be overlooked. The Council also had concerns over the capacity of the sewers from the site.

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17/01298/FUL Lower End Farm, Bridge Street, Lower Moor, WR10 2PL Two dwellings and detached garages. Amendments to designs of dwellings following planning permissions W/14/02868/OU and W/15/02884/RM

The Council had no objection to application for Lower End Farm

17/01306/FUL Land off Bridge Street, Lower Moor Implementation of planning approval W/16/00649/PN for erection of 2 no. 4 bedroom houses and garages together with new access arrangements and ancillary works without compliance with condition 15 to allow for an amended design and access arrangement for the two dwellings

The Council had no objection to application for Land off Bridge Street

b) Wychavon District Council Decisions:

17/00985/FUL Field Off, Blacksmiths Lane, Lower Moor

Proposal: Residential development of 11 dwellings, including associated access, garaging and landscaping not in accordance with condition 7 of permission Ref. 16/00779 with regards to the water management statement - new revision proposed.

Decision: Approved

17/00285/FUL Hill Moor, Manor Road, Lower Moor, Pershore, WR10 2NZ

Proposal: Construction of 2x detached, 2-storey, 4-bedroom dwellings, each with a separate garage and accessed via the existing driveway into Hillmoor.

Decision: Withdrawn

c) Planning Correspondence and Information: Reported at item 4.

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

Income since last report

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| Parishioners | 2x SmartWater licences | 17.90 |
| Field Day | Flowerpot men | 102.00 |
| Worc. County Council | Lengthsman reimbursement May '17 | 175.00 |
| Lloyds Bank | Bank Interest - July 2017 | 0.43 |
| Lloyds Bank | Bank Interest - August 2017 | 0.41 |

Cheques for approval

| | | £ | Cheque |
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| Breast Cancer Care | Donation | 100.00 | 1136 |
| T. Hodges | Strim round field for Field Day | 26.00 | 1138 |
| Smart Cut | Grasscutting 7/7/17 | 252.00 | 1139 |
| Npower | Electricity: Playing Field Q1 2017/18 | 24.19 | 1140 |
| H&W First Responders | Donation - Field Day stall | 25.00 | 1142 |
| Gallagher & Co | Internal Audit 2016/17 | 120.00 | 1143 |
| Smart Cut | Grasscutting 24& 26 July | 126.00 | 1144 |
| Npower | Streetlighting Contr 1 Q4 2016/17 | 105.17 | 1145 |
| Npower | Streetlighting Contr 1 Q1 &2 2016/17 | 199.14 | 1146 |
| M. Yarnold | Reimbursement for padlock, keys cut | 18.70 | 1147 |

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| Sail and Paddle | Hire: Zorb Balls Field Day 2017 | 112.50 | 1148 |
| R J H Plumbing and Heating | Install outside tap on Village Hall | 100.00 | 1149 |
| T. Hodges | Lengthsman work - July 2017 | 140.00 | 1150 |
| J. Adams | Salary July & Aug '17 | 452.00 | 1151 |
| J Adams | Allowances: Phone/Computer Jul/Aug '17 | 35.00 | 1152 |

Balance as at 31/08/2017

Current account balance 16,322.27

Balance as at 31/08/2017

Savings account balance 10,022.12
(£10,000 Flood Alleviation)

Total cash assets 26,344.39

It was resolved to approve the cheques for payment.

- 9. Correspondence for Information:** A letter had been received from the local Member of Parliament inviting the Parish Council to contact him on issues if needed. Notification had been received of the next Wychavon Area CALC meeting on the 14th September.
- 10. Clerk's report:** The Clerk reported that roadworks at Hill Furze were due to BT installing cables. Pershore Juniors Football Club had requested use of the pitch for the coming Saturday but it was felt that the surface was still not safe due to the recent badger excavations.
- 11. Date of next meeting and items for next agenda:** The date of the next meeting was confirmed as Thursday 5th October 2017. For the next agenda: Display of proposals regarding S106 funds; tree work.

The meeting was closed at 9.10pm.

Public Questions

A parishioner asked about the latest application for Hill and Moor Meadows. Detailed at item 4 above.

A parishioner asked about the frequent damage to the verge on Cherry Orchard Road near the junction with the A38 where sections of the bank alongside the playing field were gouged away. It was confirmed that the damage was caused by farm vehicles that were unable to pass cleanly down the road due to cars parking outside the houses opposite. The County Council had confirmed that the damage was not causing a safety issue at the moment. The farmers had some difficulty with their tractors in the village; Blacksmiths Lane was undergoing roadworks and a recent attempt by the farmer to exit the village via Robin Hood Way had been thwarted by a car parked at the far end, preventing the tractor getting past. Some discussion took place on asking the Housing Association to provide off-road parking for the two houses but even so the road would remain unrestricted leaving anyone free to park. There was also the possibility of putting a retaining wall up at the damaged section. Cllr Tucker would ask if the highways liaison engineer could visit.

A parishioner asked what the available grant funding would be spent on. Cllr Yarnold confirmed that there was a shortlist of projects for parishioners to consider. All views and ideas were welcomed.