

# Hill & Moor Parish Council

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## Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

held in Lower Moor Village Hall on

**Thursday 2nd November 2017 at 7pm**

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

Also present: J. Adams, Clerk; County Cllr E. Tucker

**1. Apologies:** There were none.

**2. Declarations of Interest:** Cllr A. Jeanes declared an Other Disclosable interest in item 9 and stated that she would not take part or vote at the item. Cllr P. Jeanes declared an Other Disclosable interest in item 9 and stated that he would not take part or vote at the item.

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***The meeting was adjourned for Public Question Time***

*Notes can be found at the end of these minutes.*

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**3. Minutes:** It was agreed that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting of the 5th October 2017 were a true and accurate record.

**4. District and County Councillors reports:** Cllr Tucker reported that the new bus timetable was available and offered a two-hourly service. It was still difficult for students to get to the Sixth Form college in Worcester unfortunately.

Application to designate the Chestnut Tree Inn as a Community Asset: Wychavon's Localism and Community Funding Advisory Panel had met but again had decided that more information was needed. It transpired that the owner of the pub had objected to the application. The Parish Councillors acknowledged that the last few leaseholders had not been able to make a success of the pub for various reasons but that having a pub in the village was an asset and it would be a poorer place without it. Cllr Tucker would find out if the Parish Councillors could attend the next meeting to make representation in person.

She reported that there were ongoing discussions with planning officers regarding Hill and Moor Meadows. An application to split the rear section from 3 pitches to 6 pitches had been submitted as an amendment but the planning officer may require a full planning application; the turning circle here had been lost in order to fit in the additional caravans. The application would be on the December agenda of the Wychavon Planning Committee if the outstanding issues were resolved in time and the preferred route was via the Planning department rather than Enforcement. The planning officer thought that the cctv pole was detailed on the application but Councillors were not so sure – Cllr Tucker would check. There were still issues with the smells from the ditch.

On Highways matters, she reported that the Northern Link road project was moving forwards, and the completion date was Spring 2020. Improvements to Pinvin crossroads would be part of the same project. The MP Harriett Baldwin had now got involved in the row about the Station Road temporary traffic lights.

**5. Parish Councillors reports:** Cllr P. Jeanes reported that a light string had been purchased for the marquee for the bonfire night. Pallets would be dropped off on Saturday morning to construct the bonfire.

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## 6. Progress reports

- a) Playing Field and mowing: The old mowers to be sold (the small one for the play area would be retained). The container had been tidied up and rubbish cleared.
- b) Play area: Nothing to report.
- c) PACT: Nothing to report.
- d) Flood / Drainage: A previously undiscovered drain in Cherry Orchard Road had been found and dug out by the lengthsman.
- e) Footpaths: The path between Blacksmiths Lane and Bridge Street had no proper sign; the Countryside Service at WCC to be asked to install a new one. Cllrs Yarnold and Betteridge would report the increasing narrowness of the main road path.
- f) Village Hall: Nothing to report.
- g) Neighbourhood Watch: No progress to report at present. Cllr Saunders would look into getting some new Neighbourhood Watch signs.
- h) Landfill Site: The next meeting was now scheduled for the 22<sup>nd</sup> November.
- i) Lengthsman: Nothing to report.
- j) Newsletter: Potential items for the next newsletter included reports from the event at the Village Hall, what decisions had subsequently been made and the funding application to Severn Waste, carols on the car park.
- k) Report from NHB /S106 Group: Discussed at item 10.

## 7. Planning

- a) New planning applications: There were none.
- b) Wychavon District Council Decisions:  
17/01789/HP Avonbrook, Bridge Street, Lower Moor  
Proposal: First floor to previously approved double garage  
Application withdrawn
- c) Planning Correspondence, Information and Issues: Minuted at item 4.

**8. To discuss tree work on the playing field and consider quotations:** It was resolved to accept the quote from C. Arnold for tree work. The small tree by the play area would be discussed with the tree surgeon as there were differing thoughts on whether it needed to be cut down.

**9. To consider granting a dispensation until the next ordinary election for Cllrs A. Jeanes and P. Jeanes:** It was agreed to grant a dispensation to Cllr A. Jeanes and Cllr P. Jeanes to allow them to take part in discussions concerning issues and planning applications at Hill and Moor Meadows.

**10. To discuss the results of the consultation event in the Village Hall and decide which projects to fund:** The event had been very successful with a good turnout and resulted in a much clearer idea of which projects were supported by the community. The path around the field had been the most favoured project and Severn Waste had agreed that this would be eligible for their funding. An application would include the path as well as benches at points along it and some trees planted. Of the quotations for paths gathered, the Council decided to go for a planings path as the materials were inexpensive but would still result in a decent surface. An additional section of path to join up the existing path to the new perimeter path was thought to be a useful addition.

It was also agreed to obtain firm costs on the lights along the path to the Village Hall including installation costs, the play equipment and the timber trail. With regards to the mower, as this was not required

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immediately, reserves would be earmarked for a purchase in due course. Cllr P. Jeanes and Yarnold would find out if the Haig Villas funding for formal sport could be used for the play equipment and timber trail.

As the multi-use games area had drawn the least amount of support and it was agreed not to progress this scheme.

11. **To discuss and set aside funds for a Christmas tree, lights and installation:** A price had been obtained for a 12' tree, and the budget was duly revised for this to £120 with a further £200 allocated for lights. It was decided that the tree would be put up on the 30<sup>th</sup> November. The 'socket' would need to be moved first.
12. **To discuss measure to take to solve problems of badger damage to the playing field:** Cllr Saunders agreed to contact a pest control company. Councillors believed that the cold weather would help to resolve the issue.
13. **Finance:** To report on the financial situation of the Parish Council and to approve cheques for payment

## Income since last report

Received from	Details	Total £
Kilrock Products	Sponsorship - Field Day	50.00
Field Day	Cash from day events	431.55
Lloyds Bank	Bank Interest - October 2017	0.38
Worc. County Council	L/man reimbursement Jun, Jul, Aug, Sept	721.00

## Cheques for approval

Date	Payee	Detail	£ inc VAT
14/10/2017	BT	Purchase of red phone box	1.00
26/10/2017	Npower	Streetlighting '17/18 Q2 Contract 1, 2 & 3	184.44
26/10/2017	Npower	Elec supply: power supply Q2 '17/17	23.99
30/10/2017	Smart Cut	Grasscutting 20/9/17	96.00
30/10/2017	T. Hodges	Lengthsman work Oct '17	128.33
31/10/2017	Smart Cut	Grasscutting 01/10/17 less credit	24.00
31/10/2017	J Adams	Expenses Apr '16 - Sept '17: print, calls, mileage	149.01
31/10/2017	J. Adams	Salary Oct '17	226.00
31/10/2017	J Adams	Allowances: Phone/Computer Oct '17	17.50
01/11/2017	MHDC	Printing newsletter - Autumn 17	63.00

## Balance as at 26/10/2017

Current account balance 22,079.90

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Savings account balance 10,022.95  
(£10,000 Flood Alleviation)

**Total cash assets** 32,102.85

It was resolved to approve the cheques for payment.

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- 14. Correspondence for Information:** Invitations for nominations for Wychavon's Community Recognition Awards; letter regarding New Homes Bonus grants and the need for applications to be 'legacy projects' rather than smaller items such as street furniture.
  
- 15. Clerk's report:** The Clerk reported that BT would be removing the telephony from the phone box in the near future. There had been no applications for co-option.
  
- 16. Date of next meeting and items for next agenda:** The next meeting would take place on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December. For the next agenda: additional dog waste bins; uses for the soon-to-be-vacant phone box.

The meeting was closed at 9.00pm.

## Public Questions

There were none.