

# Hill & Moor Parish Council

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## Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

held in Lower Moor Village Hall on

**Thursday 7th December 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:** There were none.

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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 2nd November 2017 were a true and accurate record.
- 4. District and County Councillors reports:** Cllr Tucker reported that a new Chief Executive had been appointed at the County Council. The Council would be increasing council tax by 3% for adult services with an 0.94% increase for other services. Adult Services had overspent by £8M to date although funds had been put aside in advance to meet half of this.  
  
On Highways matters, the County Council was committed to the works on the Northern Link Road and the improvements to the Pinvin crossroads. In Pershore, Cllr Tucker said that it was extremely unlikely that a roundabout would replace the controversial Station Road traffic lights. There may however be some changes made to the original proposals but these were still in discussion.  
  
Cllr Jeanes asked if the unlit fencing around a broken manhole cover on the Wyre Road could be made safer or perhaps even the manhole repaired, as there had been some near misses especially in the dark. Cllr Tucker would report this.
- 5. Parish Councillors reports:** The area of grass at the junction of Manor Road and Blacksmiths Lane had been parked on and was now in a sorry state; it transpired that workmen had been given permission by a homeowner. The lengthsman would be putting in stakes in the near future.
- 6. Progress reports**
  - a) Playing Field and mowing:** It was acknowledged that the area from the bonfire still needed raking over and sorting out. The Christmas tree had been put up and the area by the container had been cleared.
  - b) Play area:** Nothing to report.
  - c) PACT:** Nothing to report.
  - d) Flood / Drainage:** Nothing to report.
  - e) Footpaths:** The gate at the entrance the field off Maytree Road had obtained permission from Wychavon – the District Council had stated that the land was theirs. Cllr Yarnold would ask if the Parish Council or grasscutters could have a key. There was still access for pedestrians. Cllr Betteridge would chase on progress on the need to side out the A44 path which had been reported to the County Council.

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- f) Village Hall: Nothing to report this time.
- g) Neighbourhood Watch: Cllr Saunders was increasingly busy at work so had not been able to attend to this. It was suggested that the residents be asked if they wished to join a Neighbourhood Watch mailing list and details of local incidents could be sent on to them. In due course, co-ordinators would be identified to pass on information to non-email residents.
- h) Landfill Site: There had been a few minor breaches, all dealt with successfully. Most waste was processed at the Hartlebury incinerator. The ash extraction processes were taking place, with 1500 tonnes of metal extracted from incinerator ash in April. The company were considering what to do with the waste product from this process and how it could be used. For any further use the company would have be sure that the waste was entirely safe.
- i) Lengthsman: Minuted at item 5.
- j) Newsletter: The newsletter was being reprinted the following morning and would be available for distribution in time for the weekend.
- k) Report from NHB /S106 Group: Cllr Jeanes had looked at the path at Bretforton which had been constructed out of planings. Its surface was of disappointingly poor quality compared to the one at Badsey and Cllr Jeanes would be seeking assurances from the contractor that a good quality surface was achievable. It had been ascertained that the path did not need planning permission.

## 7. Planning

### a) New planning applications:

17/02371/HP	Briars Farm, Throckmorton Road, Lower Moor, WR10 2PP	Alterations to fenestration, removal of chimney stacks, external timber cladding, internal alterations, solar panels to flat roof to rear extension.
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The Council had no objection to the application.

### b) Wychavon District Council Decisions:

#### 17/1283/FUL Land adjacent Barlwych Cottage, Hill Furze

Proposal: Conversion of redundant barns into residential accommodation; Construction of new dwelling on land formerly used as yard and parking for haulage company; Break up concrete yard and drive areas and construct new permeable drive and parking areas with shingle finish

Application withdrawn

- c) Planning Correspondence, Information and Issues: The availability of gypsy sites in the district was discussed. Wychavon was making a call for sites and the result of this would be available in March.

**8. To discuss the addition of a plaque on one of the new benches:** It was agreed that a plaque would be added to one of the new benches in memory of a former Parish Council Chairman, subject to the family's consent.

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

Date	Payee	Detail	£ inc VAT
18/11/2017	P. Jeanes (Xmas Direct)	Christmas Lights (reimbursement)	265.33
24/11/2017	Welcome to our Future	Admin Fee for Landfill Grant	300.00
07/12/2017	Smart Cut	Grasscutting 20/10/17; Spray banks 18/10/17	222.00
07/12/2017	Grant Thornton	External Audit 2016/17	120.00
30/11/2017	J. Adams	Salary Nov '17	226.20
30/11/2017	J Adams	Allowances: Phone/Computer Nov '17	17.50

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07/12/2017	Smart Cut	Christmas tree	120.00
07/12/2017	T. Hodges	Lengthsman work	245.00
07/12/2017	T. Hodges	Open spaces maintenance	56.00

It was resolved to approve the cheques for payment.

- 10. Correspondence for Information:** An updated quotation for playground equipment had been received which would be discussed by the Council in due course.
- 11. Clerk's report:** The Clerk reported that a meeting of the Localism and Communities Committee would take place on the 5<sup>th</sup> February. Evidence of community use would be collated to put forward as evidence.
- 12. Date of next meeting and items for next agenda:** The next meeting would take place on Thursday 11th January 2018. For the next agenda: precept and budget; to determine the date of Field Day 2018; 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.