

Hill & Moor Parish Council

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

held in Lower Moor Village Hall on

Thursday 11th January 2018 at 7pm

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

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

- 1. Apologies:** Apologies had been received from Cllr D. Saunders
- 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 7th December 2017 were a true and accurate record.
- 4. District and County Councillors reports:** Cllr Tucker reported that the County Council was in the process of budget setting. The Councillors did not yet know the detail; this would be available a week before the February meeting which did not leave much time to digest the information. Recruitment of the new senior managers were at various stages, with the new Chief Executive arriving soon and the Chief Financial Officer by the end of the month. The appointment of the new Director of Adult Services and Head of Commissioning and Transformations would follow in due course.

The County Council was assessing two options for its Safeguarding Services, either to outsource the service or to enter into a partnership with another County Council. The County Council had not been deemed competent to provide the service itself.
- 5. Parish Councillors reports:** Cllr Yarnold reported that Cllr Hartley had resigned as he had moved out of the parish.
- 6. Progress reports**
 - Playing Field and mowing: Moles had now invaded the playing field and were inevitably on the football pitch. Advice to be sought. The bonfire site would be cleared next Thursday.
 - Play area: Nothing to report.
 - PACT: Further clarification of the future of this group had been sought.
 - Flood / Drainage: Discussed also at Public Questions. The odour from the ditch by the main road was still present. The Environmental Health officer had advised that the tank be drained down and cleaned and the occupants of the Hill and Moor Meadows site had said this had been done, but the odour problem remained. Cllr Betteridge had reported the problem again in mid-December and had had no reply, chasing on the 7th January. Cllr Tucker would also make enquiries.
 - Footpaths: There was no progress on the request to side out the A44 path.
 - Village Hall: Nothing to report.
 - Neighbourhood Watch: Nothing to report.
 - Landfill Site Nothing to report.

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- i) Lengthsman: The lengthsman would be putting posts into the grass verge opposite Gibbs Close in the near future.
- j) Newsletter: Nothing to report.
- k) Report from NHB /S106 Group: Cllr Jeanes reported that he hoped the perimeter path would be done by the end of April. He would be contacting the installation company shortly. The grant-awarding body had agreed to pass over 50% of the grant in advance so there would be no cashflow difficulties.

7. Planning

- a) New planning applications:

17/02429/FUL	Duffledown Farm, Wyre Piddle Bypass, Upper Moor, WR10 2JR	Application for a material change of use of land for stationing of caravans for residential occupation by up to 8 families, with associated hard standing, fencing, package treatment plan and utility buildings (part retrospective)
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The Council resolved to object to the planning application on the grounds that further pitches would dominate the small settlement of Upper Moor. The application had been recommended for approval by the planning officer as it would go some way to providing pitches in the district as there was currently a shortage. The Parish Council however were of the opinion that if the District had met its obligations and provided enough sites in the first place, then the caravan sites could be more evenly distributed throughout rather than concentrating on one small area.

- b) Wychavon District Council Decisions: There were none.
- c) Planning Correspondence, Information and Issues: Hill and Moor Meadows: The planning officer was working with the applicant to agree on a position of the chalet that needed reorienting. Cllr Yarnold suggested a meeting be set up with Wychavon to discuss what they were doing to try and find sites for gypsies so that unauthorised sites were not likely to be allowed wherever they sprang up. This would be added to the next agenda.

8. To decide the date of Field Day 2018: The Council discussed putting Field Day on hold for the time being and revisiting the options in due course. The musicians involved in 2017 had wanted some changes made and suggested that a music event took place in an evening, perhaps after an event on the field. Sunday would be better as the musicians were unlikely to be available on a Saturday. Arrangements would have to be improved – the musicians themselves had been going around collecting the charity donations. A ‘launch’ event following the field improvements was suggested.

9. To discuss uses for the phone box: This item was deferred. The Councillors were advised to have a look at the Bishampton phone box.

10. Finance:

- a) To report on the financial situation of the Parish Council and to approve cheques for payment

Income since last report

	Received from	Details	Total £
05/12/2017	Worc. County Council	L/man reimbursement - October	128.33
11/12/2017	Lloyds Bank	Bank Interest - December 2017	0.44

Cheques for approval

Date	Payee	Detail	£ inc VAT
11/01/2018	D. Saunders	Reimbursement pegs, cord - bonfire	4.35

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31/12/2017	HMRC	PAYE Q3 2017/18	169.60
31/12/2017	J. Adams	Salary Dec '17	226.00
31/12/2017	J Adams	Allowances: Phone/Computer Dec '17	17.50
31/12/2017	T. Hodges	Lengthsman work - December 2017	133.00
04/01/2017	Chris Arnold	Tree work - Playing Field	390.00
04/01/2018	Npower	Streetlighting '17/18 Q3 Contract 1, 2 & 3	185.39
11/01/2018	T. Hodges	Open Spaces maintenance Dec 2017	70.00
11/01/2018	J Adams	Allow'ce: Dec '17 - omitted from last month's chq	17.50
11/01/2018	J Adams	Expenses - Stamps	13.44

Balance as at 8/01/2018

Current account balance 20,802.84

Balance as at 8/01/2018

Savings account balance 10,023.82
(£10,000 Flood Alleviation)

Total cash assets

30,826.66

It was resolved to approve the cheques for payment.

b) To set the budget for 2018/19: The budget figures were agreed.

c) To set the precept for 2018/19: The Council resolved to request a precept of £12,500 for 2018/19.

11. Correspondence for Information: This included notice of Wychavon's Community Grant Scheme; an email from a resident regarding a circular that had been distributed around the village; notice of upcoming CALC training.

12. Clerk's report: The Clerk reported that the contract for electricity for the field supply had been renewed. BT had emailed to say that the removal of the telephony from the phone box would take longer than planned. A meeting with a playground supplier was planned for the following week.

13. Date of next meeting and items for next agenda: The next meeting would take place on Thursday 1st March 2018. For the next agenda: to set up a meeting with Wychavon regarding provision of gypsy sites and proposal to approach the MP; a new sign for Upper Moor; uses for the soon-to-be-vacant phone box.

The meeting was closed at 9.15pm.

Public Questions

The Council were asked if any decisions had been made on the allocation of grant monies available. Cllr Yarnold replied that a path around the perimeter of the field was in progress and that phase two would see funds applied for towards play equipment, lighting across the field and benches. The Council were unlikely to apply for grant funding for a mower but were putting funds into reserves to meet the cost of this in due course.

It was reported that some gullies and drains were full – were they pumped out regularly or did this have to be requested? It was confirmed that the County Council had a rota to do this but as some of the drain covers had been tarmacked over and could not be lifted, this may mean that they were simply not done when the round

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happened. It was suggested that the locations be mapped and the date they were last done be ascertained – the lids would need to be freed up also. Cllr Tucker agreed to arrange a meeting with the county's liaison officer.

A parishioner asked about the latest news on the parish's planning applications: the applications at Hill and Moor Meadows would be decided by Wychavon's Planning Committee but at present more information was awaited. The application for 8 pitches at Duffledown Farm would be discussed later on the agenda. Also minuted at item 7c.

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