

Hill & Moor Parish Council

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

held in Lower Moor Village Hall on

Thursday 5th April 2018 at 7pm

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

Also present: J. Adams, Clerk

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 8th March 2018 were a true and accurate record.

4. District and County Councillors reports: Cllr Tucker was not present.

5. Parish Councillors reports: Cllr Yarnold reported that youngsters had been playing at the side of the Village Hall. The Chairman of the Village Hall Committee was minded to install a gate to secure the area, although care would need to be taken as it was on the route from the fire exit.

Cllr Yarnold and P. Jeanes had met up with the new policeman, PC Paul Brown, and he had looked into some of the local issues mentioned to him. There was a new quasi-PACT group on Whatsapp that had been set up. PC Brown said that he could attend PACT meetings, or their new incarnation, but probably not more than six-monthly due to time pressures.

6. Progress reports

- a) Playing Field and mowing: Nothing to report. Cllr Stone asked if a new mower was being purchased by the Parish Council. Cllr Yarnold confirmed that a purchase was not imminently planned as currently Sandfields cut the grass on the playing field, but that reserves would be earmarked to spend on a mower when the time came.
- b) Play area: A bolt was required on the junior springer.
- c) Flood / Drainage: There had not been any flooding problems despite the recent rain. Cllr Yarnold noted that lorries in Salters Lane were filling the concrete culverts with mud; he would mention it at next week's meeting with highways. Some verges were being damaged by vehicles driving over them.
- d) Footpaths: Nothing to report.
- e) Village Hall: Cllr Yarnold would contact the Chairman of the Village Hall to clarify access to the car park for Village Hall users. The extension to the village hall, paid for via grant funding, had been allowed on the condition that a car park be provided for village hall users. Use of the car park should therefore be included in the hire charge of the hall to minimise parking on local roads.
- f) Neighbourhood Watch: PC Paul Brown would perhaps be able to advise on this.

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- g) Landfill Site: Minor breaches (usually levels of methane release higher than regulations allow) had been dealt with successfully. Commercial waste was still being taken to the site, with domestic waste going to the incinerator.
- h) Lengthsman: The Council would ask to be advised when the lengthman was in the village.
- i) Newsletter: Now printed and would be available for distribution tomorrow.
- j) Report from NHB /S106 Group: Minuted at item 12

7. Planning

- a) New planning applications:

18/000018/CM	Land at Springhill Nursery, off A44 near Vale Green Energy, Springhill Nursery, Near Fladbury, Pershore	The Construction of an Anaerobic Digestion Storage Tank (Part Retrospective)
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The Council decided that, on the basis that the proposed storage tank would see a reduction in the odour emanating from the site, it had no objection to the application.

- b) Wychavon District Council Decisions:

17/01775/CU	Hill And Moor Meadows, Evesham Road, Lower Moor Change of use of land to use as a residential caravan site for 3 gypsy families, each with two caravans, including laying of hardstanding and erection of two amenity buildings as approved under W/15/02815/CU without compliance with Condition 2 and 4 (so as to amend site layout and increase number of caravans allowed from 6 to 9 of which no more than 6 would be static caravans Decision: Approved
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. Decision: Approved
18/00325/HP	Rowan House, Salters Lane, Lower Moor, WR10 2PQ Proposed extension & alterations to existing two-storey dwelling Decision: Refused

- c) Planning Correspondence, Information and Issues: There was none.

- 8. **To consider Applications for Co-option:** Two applications had been received and the Council resolved to accept both applications. The Chairman duly invited Cllr Mrs Pat Stone and Cllr Simon Vaughan to join the meeting.
- 9. **To consider payment for the Parish Games fee:** It was resolved to pay the entrance fee for the Parish Games.

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- 10. To discuss refurbishment costs for the phone box:** Cllr A. Jeanes had circulated some photos of the Bishampton phone box and obtained contact details for the artist who had created the map. The Council considered the cost of glazing and painting and the number of panels that would need replacing. It was decided that Councillors would revisit the issue at the next meeting.
- 11. To discuss a new sign for Upper Moor:** The cost for village signs for Upper Moor had been quoted at £1,200. The Council decided that, at almost 10% of the precept, it could not fund this request.
- 12. To discuss Phase 2 of the S106 / NHB funding:** Two quotations for play equipment had been obtained. The Council discussed an application for Section 106 funding for this. Cllr Yarnold reported that the lights from the car park across to the Village Hall would cost in the region of £2500. Perimeter path: due to the change to self-binding gravel from planings, the cost for the project had gone up by approximately £3,000. It was agreed to submit an application for New Homes Bonus funds for the shortfall.
- 13. To consider a response to the SWDP Consultation on Traveller and Travelling Showpeople Sites:** The Council had no comment to make on the proposed sites in the consultation.
- 14. To discuss an application for a cricket match on the field and insurance:** The date requested for the match was the 7th July. The applicant had been informed that the availability of the field depended on whether the works to the field had been completed. The Council discussed the issue of insurance; a cricket match in the recent past had resulted in a local resident's window being broken by a cricket ball. It was confirmed that the Parish Council's insurance would pay out in the event of damage but an excess would be due. The Council agreed the following for the booking: that the hirer should pay the excess in the event of a claim; that a risk assessment should be completed; that a field booking form should be issued for completion.
- 15. 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 £
20/03/2018	Worc. County Council	L/man reimbursement - Nov /Dec	378.00
29/03/2018	D and L. Saunders	Smartwater	8.95
09/03/2018	Lloyds Bank	Bank interest	0.38
05/04/2018	Worc. County Council	L/man reimbursement - Jan 2018	133.00
05/04/2018	Worc. County Council	L/man reimbursement - Feb/Mar 2018	177.67

Cheques for approval

Date	Payee	Detail	£ inc VAT
08/03/2018	P. Jeanes	Grass seed	17.90
22/03/2018	Opkill Ltd	Mole treatment	348.00
22/03/2018	T. Hodges	Lengthsman work Jan, Feb, Mar 2018	207.66
22/03/2018	T. Hodges	Open Spaces maintainance - posts	77.81
31/03/2018	J. Adams	Salary Mar '17	226.00
31/03/2018	J. Adams	Allowances: Phone/Computer Mar '18	17.50
31/03/2018	HMRC	PAYE Q4 2017/18	169.80

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05/04/2018	M. Yarnold	Reimbursement for football net brackets	93.94
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Balance as at 31/3/2018

Current account balance	19,109.69
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Balance as at 31/3/2018

Savings account balance	10,025.03
	(£10,000 Flood Alleviation)

Total cash assets	29,134.72
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It was resolved to approve the cheques for payment.

- 16. Correspondence for Information:** There was none. It was noted that no response had been received from Wychavon following the Council's complaint, sent on the 15th March.
- 17. Clerk's report:** The mole treatment had been moved to start on the Tuesday after the start of the summer term and would be finished on the 27th April.
- 18. Date of next meeting and items for next agenda:** The Annual Parish Meeting would take place on Thursday 19th April 2018; the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council on the 3rd May 2018. For the next agenda: to discuss a request for yellow lines on the corner of May Tree Road.

The meeting was closed at 9.40pm.

Public Questions

There were none.