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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

held in Lower Moor Village Hall on

Thursday 7th June 2018 at 7pm

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

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

1. Apologies: Apologies had been received from Cllr Mrs P. Stone.

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 3rd May 2018 were a true and accurate record.

4. District and County Councillors reports: Cllr Tucker reported that two planning enforcements were currently in progress. An enforcement notice had been issued to Hill and Moor Meadows as there were too many caravans at the site. The other site was the Upper Moor Residential site – the owner had been asked to submit a retrospective planning application and was in the process of seeking legal advice.

Lights at Station Road: Persimmon Homes would be installing permanent traffic lights at the junction but these were delayed by drainage work that needed to be done first. These works would involve the closure of Station Road for a period during the school summer holidays.

The barrier at Wyre had been damaged again, although this time the vehicle involved had been caught on camera. The County Council had refused to pay for a further repair and there were discussions to amend the relevant Traffic Regulation Order to require West Mercia Police to take some responsibility for the cost of upkeep of the arrangement.

5. Parish Councillors reports: Cllr Yarnold reported that there had been unauthorised use of a fishing pond off Church Road. The landowner was aware.

6. Progress reports

- a) Playing Field and mowing: There was a general feeling that the contractor was not keeping on top of the grass as well as in previous years. Access would still need to be arranged to the footpath from May Tree Road to the main road – Cllr Yarnold would speak to the landowner – if the grasscutter could not gain access, then the landowner would need to keep the area cut and tidy.
- b) Play area: The play inspection had been booked and bolts for the rocker had arrived.
- c) Flood / Drainage: Nothing to report.
- d) Footpaths: The paths on the main road still needed siding out. Cllr Tucker would contact Gerry Brienza of Highways.
- e) Village Hall: Nothing to report.
- f) Neighbourhood Watch: Nothing to report.
- g) Landfill Site: The next meeting would take place on the 16th July.

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- h) Lengthsman: A new hi-vis jacket had been ordered via WCC. Overhanging hedges would be a priority.
- i) Newsletter: Road closure of Blacksmiths Lane if possible; update on the path and notification of the closure of the car park during the works. Cllr A. Jeanes would keep the Village Hall committee informed.
- j) Report from NHB /S106 Group: Discussed later on the agenda at item 12.

7. Planning

a) **New planning applications:** There were none.

b) **Wychavon District Council Decisions:**

18/00477/FUL	Hillmoor, Manor Road, Lower Moor Proposed construction of 1x 4-bed, 2-storey dwelling and 1x 2-bed, single-storey bungalow (residential use), both with detached garage, private side and rear gardens, new access road (with passing bay) and hardstanding to dwelling fronts
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Decision: Approved

c) **Planning Correspondence, Information and Issues:** Cllr Yarnold had been contacted by a resident regarding planning issues in the village. The resident was concerned that there was a lack of supervision for housebuilders and that once planning permission had been obtained, there was no agency that made sure that the agreed procedures and regulations were being followed. For example, the resident noted that the houses in Blacksmiths Lane were being occupied before the road had been completed, contrary to the planning permission.

Cllr Yarnold had been contacted by the Blacksmiths Lane developer. The lighting column outside Oldham Green could not be replaced in the intended location and the nearest possible place was between plots 4 and 5 on the new development; however the lamp was intended to light the entrance to Oldham Green and this was not close enough. It could potentially be placed on the opposite side of the road – the land apparently belonged to the residents of Oldham Green. Cllr Yarnold would talk to residents and see if they wished to come up with a suitable location themselves and then the Parish Council would liaise with the developer directly.

- 8. **To discuss information supplied by Wychavon following enquiries into the Upper Moor Residential Site:** The Council would await the planning application, as minuted at item 4.
- 9. **To discuss the purchase of a mower:** The Council had been offered a secondhand mower to purchase for £500 to use on the field. There was an opportunity to try it out first, so it was agreed to meet the seller at the field at the weekend. The Council agreed that the mower should be purchased subject to a successful trial.
- 10. **To discuss yellow lines at the junction of Cherry Orchard Road and Manor Road:** There were mixed opinions on requesting yellow lines at the junction. The problem was thought to have lessened since the change of ownership of the pub and the lack of any effective enforcement could blunt the effect of any yellow lines painted there. A low-key approach was agreed upon in the first instance, where councillors would ask the pub landlord to remind customers to park in the pub car park. A notice would be placed in the newsletter. It was also acknowledged that there were parking problems elsewhere in the village due to narrow roads and a lack of on-street parking.

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- 11. To discuss a launch event for the new path:** A launch event was needed to acknowledge the grant funding from the Severn Waste Environmental Fund, and the event and financial support should also be notified to the local newspaper. Various suggestions were put forward, with a ribbon being cut to 'open' the path and perhaps light refreshments in the Village Hall being provided.
- 12. To decide upon benches, picnic benches and trees:** The Council endorsed the style of the standard benches and picnic benches around the playing field. One picnic bench would allow wheelchair access and all were made from wood-look recycled plastic. Comparative quotations would be obtained for best value. The local farmer could help with the grading of the bank in the corner. Trees had been costed at £45 – 60 and the council discussed the possibility of residents being invited to dedicate trees in the name of loved ones. Some investigations into plaques, including costs, placing and ease of maintenance would be investigated in advance of any contact with residents on this. The cost of installing the benches had not been included into the New Homes Bonus request so would likely be borne by the Parish Council. A sign for the field would be needed and this could be added to Stage 2 of the project which would include lights across the path between the village hall and car park and play equipment. Further discussions would take place on which fund to use for this.
- 13. To discuss speeding in the village:** Cars had been speeding up Cherry Orchard Road. Although they may not have been exceeding the speed limit, they were still driving too fast for the narrow road and creating danger. Cllr Betteridge suggested that the village should have a speed limit of 20mph. There was some discussion on illuminated speed signs (VAS). Cllr Tucker said that she could probably contribute to the cost via her Divisional Fund, but funding would unlikely to be found from New Homes Bonus. A pole would be required, with a larger one required for a solar-powered VAS as the panels themselves were heavy. It was thought that a 'Slow' sign would be most appropriate, set to illuminate at speeds higher than 20mph. Residents would be consulted via the newsletter. Cllr Tucker noted that illuminated speed signs were used by nearby Parish Councils, including Bishampton, who could probably offer useful advice. Cllr Yarnold agreed to draft an article for the newsletter regarding speeding in the village and urging residents to park safely and considerately.
- 14. Finance:**
 - a) To report on the financial situation of the Parish Council and to approve cheques for payment.** It was resolved to approve the cheques for payment.
 - b) To decide if the Council wished to certify itself exempt from a limited assurance review under Section 9 of the Local Audit (Smaller Authorities) Regulations 2015:** This was agreed.
 - c) To approve the Accounts for 2017/18:** The Council resolved to approve the Accounts for 2017/18
 - d) To approve the Annual Governance Statement for 2017/18:** The Council resolved to approve the Annual Governance Statement for 2017/18
 - e) To approve the Annual Return for 2017/18:** The Council resolved to approve the Annual Return for 2017/18

It was agreed to engage the auditor recommended on the CALC website to carry out the internal audit.

- 15. Correspondence for Information:** Notification of a 'Supporting Communities' event at Wychavon on the 5th July; another credit note had been received from NPower following an incorrect large invoice based on an estimated reading; notification of a rolling road closure for the OVO Energy Women's Cycle Tour on the 16th June; notification of a meeting on public transport on the 20th June.
- 16. Clerk's report:** A parishioner had been in touch to ask how she should notify people that the path to the allotments would be closed temporarily to enable tree works to be done. The path was not a public right of

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way. She was advised to ask her tree surgeon to provide signs in the first instance, although one of the larger councils could probably be approached for appropriate signage otherwise. A further query had been received regarding cows being grazed along a public path. Advice had been provided on this and councillors had been made aware.

17. Date of next meeting and items for next agenda: The first Thursday in July coincided with the event at Wychavon so it was agreed that the meeting would take place later in the month. This was later agreed as **Thursday 19th July.**

The meeting was closed at 9.35pm.

Public Questions

There were none.

