

Hill & Moor Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in Lower Moor Parish Rooms on Thursday, 14th January, 2010.

Present: Mr N Butler, Mr M Hayes, Mr E Cohen, Ms A Buckley, Mrs C Oldfield.
Clerk: Mrs C Morris.

In attendance: Cllr E Tucker, county and district councillor.

The meeting was attended by 16 people, mainly from Upper Moor. See attached note.

The meeting opened at 7.32pm.

1. To consider apologies for absence.

Cllr Bracewell was unable to attend and her apologies were accepted.

2. To consider: a) Declarations of Interest (Personal & Prejudicial) and b) Any changes to be notified to the Register of Interest and Gifts & Hospitality. None

3. Minutes: Minutes of the meeting on 3rd December 2009 to be confirmed and signed.

The minutes were approved and signed by the chairman as a true record of proceedings,

The meeting was suspended at 7.32pm for an open forum discussion relating to Item 4. It reconvened at 8.50pm.

4. To consider the planning application W/09/02828 The use of land for the stationing of caravans for the residential purposes for 4 no. gypsy pitches together with the formation of additional hard standing and utility/ day rooms ancillary to that use. Stable Paddock, Evesham Road, Upper Moor.

The council noted correspondence between the chairman and Wychavon planners regarding the advertising of the application which meant few people in Upper Moor were aware of the issue until the parish council publicised it.

The council was unanimously opposed to the development plans and it was agreed Cllr Butler should write to the district council to object on the following points:

- Commercial use of the site at present by the residents of the existing site, causing traffic, and consequent road safety dangers across the trunk road.
- Lack of infrastructure – the sewer system is not sufficient to take further development of any kind.
- Flood risk – there was evidence of heavy surface water flooding across that land and further covering of the area would exacerbate the problem for other local properties.
- The site is outside the Wychavon development zone and no other development would be permitted on this site
- It would result in a change in community structure for the village, with a disproportionately high number of pitches compared to houses.
- There were no facilities/ schools/ health centres in the village.

- It was a visually prominent location and could cause problems with lights etc at the roundabout.
- Wychavon's quota of pitches was almost complete – and Hill & Moor Parish already housed one site.

Action Cllr Butler

5. Items for next agenda and to affirm the date of the next meeting of the Parish Council.

The clerk reported the Wychavon Sport AGM and the county council budget consultation meeting.

The next parish council meeting was confirmed as Thursday, February 4th.

The meeting closed at 9.20pm.

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C. Morris - Mrs C Morris, Clerk

Notes from the public session: Those who attended were unanimously against the proposed development (item 4). The chairman made it clear that the discussion would only relate to planning issues. People were encouraged to study the map of the proposal and to make their own views known to the planning department. They questioned the parish council and Cllr Tucker on the best way to give their views, the planning process and on planning policy.