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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

held in Lower Moor Village Hall on

Thursday 3rd October 2019 at 7pm

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

Also present: J. Adams, Clerk; 10 members of the public

1. Apologies: Apologies had been received from County and District Cllr L. Tucker.

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 5th September 2019 were a true and accurate record.

4. District and County Councillors reports: Cllr Tucker has sent apologies but had submitted a report: 19/01646 Duffledown Farm 16 pitches: The application did not comply with planning policy. Cllr Tucker would request that it be decided at committee if the recommendation was for approval.

New wall and gates: Are on private land and as the wall does not affect visibility or highway safety planning permission is not required for its retention.

19/01783 The Springs - 22 lodges: the application was listed to go to full planning committee on Thursday 17th October.

Hill & Moor Meadows: Cllr Tucker would be speaking to senior officers about the continual lack of compliance with planning permission at Hill & Moor Meadows and the need for action to be taken.

Cllr Tucker had arranged for the Wychavon Community Safety officer to come out to check whether their mobile CCTV would meet the rules to be able to be used in the village to reduce anti-social behaviour.

SWDP Review: Parishes neighbouring Throckmorton airfield had been invited into Wychavon at short notice as the BBC had picked up a leak that the Review would include 3 new settlements including one on the airfield. Very little detail was given and everyone was asked to wait until the draft review was published on the 14th October. The three councils of South Worcestershire are expected to approve the full document to go out for a six-week public consultation starting early November. The Wychavon council meeting would take place at 6.15pm on Wednesday 23rd October. The other parishes councils of Pinvin Ward agreed to link up to research the implications for the surrounding villages and Pershore town, and identify key issues that should be raised in their responses to the public consultation.

5. Parish Councillors reports: Cllr Betteridge reported that a resident of Salters Lane had reported poor broadband speeds at the far end of the lane. The information had been passed on.

6. Progress reports

a) Review of actions from previous meeting: The action points were reviewed.

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- b) Playing Field and mowing: Cllr P. Jeanes estimated that there were four volunteers available to do mowing should the council purchase a mower.
- c) Play area:
 - The new playground gate was in, but the new hinges weren't doing a particularly good job of keeping the gate closed. The installer would be asked if they were adjustable.
 - The annual play inspection report had been received. The items mentioned were noted and the following agreed: The council's regular contractor would be asked to clean any algae from the wooden climber; investigations would be made into a new sign for the playground.
- d) Flood / Drainage: The lengthsman had cleared one of the drains in Cherry Orchard Road and it now appeared to be operating. There had been no problems with flooding despite the recent heavy rainfall. The lengthsman would be asked to send details of all of the drains that had been tarmacked shut.
- e) Footpaths: Nothing to report.
- f) Village Hall: The kitchen refurbishment was booked to start on the 6th January. There had been some discussion on the village hall website, which was good in itself but the content was some way out of date.
- g) Neighbourhood Watch: The recent newsletter had prompted a small number of additional members to the scheme. West Mercia's 'WeAlert' initiative had not been working effectively.
- h) Landfill Site: The next meeting would take place on the 24th October. Cllr Vaughan would attend.
- i) Lengthsman: Nothing to report.
- j) The council discussed the possibility of an additional newsletter to update the public on the outcome of the public meeting, to inform them what they could do to report issues and to publicise the defibrillator training.
- k) Report from NHB /S106 Group: The council's application for New Homes Bonus funding for a new kitchen and audio-visual equipment for the Village Hall had been successful.
- Report from the Village Events Group (VEG): A meeting of the group had been held recently. There
 were plenty of pallets available for the bonfire and Hana would be arranging the refreshments on the
 night.
- m) PACT: Minuted at Public Questions.

7. Planning

a) To discuss and comment on any current planning applications

19/02093/HP	6 Haigh Villas, Throckmorton Road,	Two storey side and rear extension to create
	Lower Moor, Pershore, WR10 2PW	annexe accommodation

The council had no objection to the planning application.

b) Wychavon District Council Decisions: There were none.

c) To note or discuss Planning Correspondence, Information and Issues: There were none.

8. To consider granting a dispensation until the next ordinary election for ClIrs A. Jeanes and P. Jeanes: The council was requested to grant a dispensation to allow ClIrs Jeanes to discuss matters concerning Hill and Moor Meadows as their property shared a boundary with the site. Forms had been circulated. The dispensation was allowed.

9. To discuss parish events

- a) Discussed at item 6l
- b) Field Day report: Cllr Stone reported that £1171.20 had been raised in total on Field Day and the event had cost £422.80. A donation of 748.40 had been sent to Acorns Hospice.

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- 10. To discuss the risk of and solutions for cars becoming locked in the car park: The problem had occurred a couple of times in the last few years, and had most recently been flagged up by the football club who had reported that they had been required to lock a car in the car park due to it still being parked when they were due to leave. The council discussed the availability of keys or potentially using a combination padlock so that people could be release quickly if locked in; on the occasions this had happened it had not taken long to identify a keyholder and open the gate. There were warning notices around and contact phone numbers displayed. The council decided that the controls were adequate and that no further action was required at this time.
- 11. To discuss accounting software: Rialtas Suite software had been identified which was designed for use by councils and would be able to provide the required reports. The council agreed to go ahead.
- 12. To discuss Worcestershire County Council's Community Solutions Fund: The deadline had passed but the sentiment behind the fund included provisions for helping elderly and vulnerable people in the parish. The council discussed ways to help vulnerable local people, potentially by letting them know their community transport options, holding an event to help people to switch electricity suppliers to a cheaper tariff and by perhaps collecting people for films shown in the village hall. The first step would be to try to identify people who needed help who could be difficult to find as they were not integrated into village life.

13. Finance

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

Income since last report

Date	Received from	Details	Total £	
26/09/2019	Wychavon District Council	2nd half precept 2019/20	5,807.00	
26/09/2019	Wychavon District Council	2nd half grant 2019/20	442.00	
09/09/2019	Lloyds Bank	Bank Interest	0.43	

Cheques for approval

Date	Payee	Detail	£ inc VAT
31/08/2019	Smart Cut	Grass 05/08/19	203.64
02/09/2019	Npower	Playing field supply 02/06/19 - 01/09/19	30.40
30/09/2019	J. Adams	Salary Sept '19	256.59
30/09/2019	J. Adams	Phone/computer	17.50
30/09/2019	HMRC	PAYE Q2 2019/20	192.60
03/10/2019	The Defib Pad	Defibrillator battery and pads	73.80

Current account - Lloyds A/c 01865441 Balance as at 26/09/19

Current account - Barclays A/c 93119491 Balance as at 26/09/19

8,402.73

11,381.22

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A/c 07578509 Balance as at 26/09/19

10,032.58 (£10,000 Flood Alleviation)

Total cash assets

<u>29,816.53</u>

It was resolved to approve the items for online payment.

b) To discuss the internal auditor's report: This item was deferred.

14. Correspondence for Information: The following correspondence had been received and circulated:

- Notification of an SWDP briefing on the 6th November at 2pm and 6pm
- A letter from Wychavon concerning the Diamond Jubilee Community Recognition Award
- Notification of the Parish Conference on the 17th October at County Hall
- Notification of a joint Wychavon and MHDC 'Protect Your Business' event on the 25th November
- **15. Clerk's report:** Mr Hodges had confirmed his availability to do defibrillator training on Monday evenings in November. Four people had signed up so far. The date would be set for the 25th November at 7.45pm and advertised in the upcoming mini newsletter.
- 16. Summary of Councillors' agreed actions: The list would be circulated round in due course.
- **17. Date of next meeting and items for next agenda:** The next meeting would take place on Thursday 7th November. Items for the next meeting would be: the deferred items; the parish Christmas tree.

The meeting was closed at 9.15pm.

Public Questions

Residents had attended to find out any outcome of the Public Meeting with the police held on the 30th September. Many residents had come to that meeting to put forward their experiences of anti-social behaviour in the village.

Some incidents had been more of an annoyance, with eggs thrown at houses, but others were more concerning with foul language directed at people walking on the playing field and one incident involving a perpetrator with an airgun shooting at and breaking a householder's window.

Cllr Jeanes reported that PC Brown had pledged to set up a follow up event with other emergency services to help provide additional information for residents. He said that few of the incidents mentioned at the meeting had been reported to the police. Residents has noted that they were worried that by reporting things, the problems would be exacerbated but PC Brown had advised that all incidents be reported to provide evidence of times, dates and the nature of the problems, to build up a picture of what the village was experiencing. The reports would prompt routine patrols in the area if they were sufficiently numerous.

There had been a call for CCTV on the playing field at the meeting, and Cllr Jeanes was looking into this, as well as potentially using Wychavon's mobile CCTV camera – a Wychavon officer would visit to see if this would be possible. A patrol had also been requested on Halloween.