

# Hill & Moor Parish Council

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## Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

held at Lower Moor Village Hall

Thursday 4th November 2021 at 7pm

Present: Cllrs T. Betteridge (Chairman), P. Jeanes, Mrs A. Jeanes and Mrs P. Stone and D. Nuttall

Also present: J. Adams, Clerk; County Cllr D. Boatright, Worcestershire County Council; District Cllr L. Tucker, Wychavon District Council; 1 member of the public

- 1. Apologies:** Apologies had been received from Cllrs D. Saunders.
- 2. Declarations of Interest:** Cllr Stone and Cllr A. Jeanes each declared an Other Disclosable Interest in item 11 as members of the Village Hall Committee. They would not take part in the item or vote.

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***The meeting was adjourned for Public Question Time***

*Notes can be found at the end of these minutes.*

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- 3. To consider the approval of the minutes of the Parish Council meeting on the 2nd September 2021:**  
The item was deferred.

- 4. To consider the approval of the minutes of the Parish Council meeting on the 7th October 2021:** It was agreed that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting of the 7th October 2021 were a true and accurate record.

- 5. District Councillors report:** Cllr Tucker reported that the PACT meeting date would have to be changed. She asked if the parish would be interested in a crime prevention talk being organised – the residents would be asked via the mailing list.

- 6. County Councillors report:** Cllr Boatright reported that the planning application for a Groundwork Depot and Recycling Facility at the former Valecrest site had been approved. There had been concerns over dust and noise.

Speeding: He had asked the community on social media to share their concerns on speeding locally. The collision on the A44 had prompted discussions at the county council but the level of available police enforcement for speeding would always be a problem.

Cllr Boatright reported that WCC's Health Overview and Scrutiny Panel had discussed and were investigating patient access to GP surgeries. There had been ongoing complaints about the lack of access and apparent reluctance of GPs to hold face to face consultations. Although there were some residents who preferred online consultations, there were many who did not.

Ambulances: He had been supplied with figures that showed that, despite the local Evesham ambulance station being closed, ambulances were managing to get to all destinations faster than they did before. Cllr P. Jeanes noted that the Ambulance Service should perhaps be encouraging an increase in Community First Responders – two people in the village had expressed interest in this voluntary role but had never been contacted.

## 7. Parish Councillors reports:

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- Cllr P. Jeanes reported that, from the £250 WI donation, a plaque would cost £40-£50, bulbs for the embankment would be £60 and the remainder would be available for magnolia trees. Cllr P. Jeanes would organise these.
- Cllr A. Jeanes reported that more of the Boggs Lane ditch had fallen in, at the Robin Hood Way end. Cllr Boatright had emailed Western Power about the electrical supply that was routed across the ditch, as the county council had never given permission for its installation in this unsafe way.
- Cllr A. Jeanes reported the increasing instability of the road at Hill Furze. The road was now reduced to a narrow single lane and it continued to move. Cllr Boatright thought that the road was likely to be in its last decade of safe operation and that after this it would probably be closed to traffic.
- Cllr Betteridge reported that he had emailed the resident who had made the enquiry into extending the path, and let him know the latest position.

## 8. Progress reports

- a) Review of actions from previous meeting: The action points were reviewed.
- b) Playing Field and mowing: Mowing would stop soon as the ground was getting soft. The grass would be cut before the bonfire event. The mower would then go in for service.
- c) Play area: The ground reinforcement was yet to be done.
- d) Flood / Drainage: Covered elsewhere in the minutes.
- e) Footpaths: Nothing to report.
- f) Village Hall and Events Group (VHEG): Halloween had been well-attended especially on the Sunday. The committee would be looking into obtaining quotes for decorating the interior of the Hall. The £250 donation from the WI for the Village Hall would be spent on new wall lights. The hire charge for the council's use of the Hall had been discussed: fees would be levied from April 2022. Cllr Stone reported that arrangements for the bonfire and fireworks event were well in hand.
- g) Landfill Site: Nothing to report.
- h) Lengthsman: One of the bollards at the entrance to the village was broken – Cllr Stone would forward a photo.
- i) Newsletter: Nothing to report.
- j) PACT: The meeting date needed to be changed – this would be rescheduled soon.
- k) Urgent Decisions Group: Additional mole repellent had been purchased.
- l) SWDP: The Parish Liaison meeting would take place on the 16<sup>th</sup> November.

## 9. Planning

### a) New planning applications:

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21/01601/FUL	Duffledown Farm, Wyre Piddle Bypass, Upper Moor, WR10 2JR	Replacement Dwelling
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The council resolved to object to the application which concerned replacing an informal straw house with a brick-built dwelling of a larger footprint. The location was outside the development boundary. The straw house had not been lived in for a number of years, did not function as, and was not suitable as, a dwelling. The proposed replacement was not like-for-like. Cllr Betteridge would compose a response.

### b) To receive Decision Notices:

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Application Number	Address concerned	Description of works	Hill & Moor PC response	Wychavon Decision
21/01589/FUL	Sandfields Farms, Upper Moor, WR10 2PX	Erection of storage building	No comment made	Approved
21/02048/HP	Honiara, Hill, Lower Moor, WR10 2PP	Side extension with balcony to replace conservatory	No objection	Approved

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

## 10. Finance:

Income since last report			
Date	Received from	Details	Total £
11/10/2021	Lloyds Bank	Bank Interest Oct' 21	0.18
13/10/2021	WCC	Lengthsman reimbursement May	237.80
13/10/2021	WCC	Lengthsman reimbursement Jul	307.00

Payments for approval			
Inv. Date	Payee	Detail	£ inc VAT
30/09/2021	Smart Cut	Grass 8/9/21 & 21/9/21	267.29
03/04/2021	WorcsCALC	CALC Mem'ship /NALC affiliation	475.58
13/10/2021	EON	Streetlighting Q2 21/22 01/07/21 - 30/09/21	259.41
16/10/2021	Shaun Strange Gardens	Open Spaces Maint. end Sept- mid Oct (5 wks)	240.00
16/10/2021	Shaun Strange Gardens	Lengthman Sept/Oct '21 (6 wks)	369.60
18/10/2021	Shaun Strange Gardens	L/man training	155.00
19/10/2021	EON	Play field elec 01/09/21 - 30/09/21	10.49
21/10/2021	BHGS	Garlic mole	42.00
21/10/2021	Shell Abbey View	Mower fuel	48.76
31/10/2021	J. Adams	Salary Oct '21	231.31
31/10/2021	J. Adams	Phone/computer Oct '21	17.50
31/10/2021	WCC Pension Scheme	Pension contribs Oct '21	94.23
27/10/2021	<a href="http://www.bannerwarehouse.co">www.bannerwarehouse.co</a>	Firework banner	36.73

Current account - Lloyds - A/c 01865441

**Balance as at 31/10/21** 19,987.85

Savings account - Lloyds - A/c 07578509

**Balance as at 31/10/21** 20,402.36

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## **Total cash assets**

**40,390.21**

<u>Ringfenced</u>	
Flood alleviation	10,000.00
CIL	0.00
Grant funds	Village Hall improvements 5,531.55
Bonfire funds	41.99
<b>Total Ringfenced</b>	<b>15,573.54</b>

<u>Earmarked Reserves</u>	
Asset Maintenance / Replacement /Disposal	2,000.00
Purchase Asset	0.00
<b>Total Earmarked Reserves</b>	<b>2,000.00</b>

## **General Reserve**

**22,816.67**

**(Total cash assets less Ringfenced funds and Earmarked Reserves)**

**Lengthsman Expenditure** to date including items on this document: £1,907.50 from a £1,937 budget. Total of the **Open Spaces maintenance** items on this sheet: £282.00, which would make total expenditure for this budget £2,560.35 from an annual budget of £4000.

It was resolved to approve the payments.

- 11. To discuss a CCTV / alarm system at the Village Hall:** Two quotations had been put forward, one for a basic system and the other for an upgraded system. The upgrade would allow for an additional camera to be installed at a later date to look over to the field, and for sufficient capacity to store images from both cameras. The Village Hall committee had requested that the council meet the cost of the upgrade with the Village Hall paying for the basic costs. It was noted that a balance of £801.55 still needed to be transferred towards the Village Hall's kitchen installation – this would be done. The council were minded to support the CCTV /alarm upgrade but a response from Wychavon regarding the re-allocation of the audio-visual funds was still awaited.
- 12. To further discuss an additional gate in the playing field fence, and extension of the path:** Cllr Boatright agreed to put forward £2000 for the project. This was gratefully accepted but the item was deferred until the finances for the CCTV / alarm system for the Village Hall had been clarified.
- 13. To discuss the Pershore Review:** The review of schools in the Pershore catchment aimed to change the current three-tier system of First, Middle and High Schools to a two-tier system of Primary and High Schools. The proposals would affect local village schools. The county council had circulated a consultation. It was resolved that the council supported the move to a two-tier system and supported Fladbury First School becoming a Primary School and remaining open to serve the local community.
- 14. To discuss an application to the Police and Crime Commissioner's Road Safety fund:** The council discussed the possibility of making an application to the Fund for a Vehicle Activated Sign (VAS), which would flash to remind motorists of the speed limit if they were exceeded it as they went past

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the sign. The first part of the process would be for the Highways Liaison Officer to visit the parish to approve locations. It was resolved to request this, and further discuss the VAS and funding at a future meeting.

**15. To discuss a Christmas tree:** It was agreed to purchase a Christmas tree as in previous years. Cllr Stone agreed to choose and order one. The handyman would be engaged to put it up.

**16. To discuss lengthsman training:** It was resolved to discuss the item in closed session due to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted. Reason: staffing confidentiality. Lengthsman training was discussed.

## **17. Correspondence for Information**

The following correspondence had been received and circulated:

- Notification of the AGM of Worcestershire CALC on the 16<sup>th</sup> Nov at 6.30pm.
- Reminder that the Housing Needs Survey would take place on the 9th November.

## **18. Clerk's report:**

- Holly House had been reported to Wychavon. They had opened an 'enforcement' case.
- Wychavon had not yet responded to the request to re-allocate audio-visual funds.
- Streetlighting power was increasing in price again. The clerk would monitor this. There was little that could be done other than wait for the market to stabilise.

**19. Summary of Councillors' agreed actions:** Cllr A. Jeanes would circulate the list round in due course.

**20. Date of next meeting and items for next agenda:** Thursday 2nd December 2021. Next agenda: vehicle activated sign (if progress), approval of September minutes.

The meeting was closed at 9.35pm.

## **Public Questions**

A resident asked if there had been any feedback on Holly House, a listed building in the village which was in critically poor condition. There hadn't been. The resident had also reported the issue to Wychavon.