

Hill & Moor Parish Council

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

held at Lower Moor Village Hall

Thursday 2nd December 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; 4 members of the public.

- 1. Apologies:** Apologies had been received from Cllrs D. Saunders and County Cllr D. Boatright.
- 2. Declarations of Interest:** Cllr Nuttall declared an Other Disclosable Interest in item 9a and stated that he would not take part in the item or vote.

The meeting was adjourned for Public Question Time

Notes can be found at the end of these minutes.

3. To consider the approval of the minutes of the Parish Council meeting on the 2nd September 2021:
It was agreed that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting of the 2nd September 2021 were a true and accurate record.

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5. District Councillors report: Cllr Tucker was not present.

6. County Councillors report: Cllr Boatright had sent apologies. He had sent a report as follows:

Buses: The county council have now submitted the Bus Service Improvement Plan (BSIP) and bid for £86 million to the Department for Transport to completely transform the bus network across our County. This would be a massive shift in bus transport in the county.

From a Pershore perspective the good news is that this plan and funding would secure existing services long term (without the annual worry about them being cut) and would be an expectation that services would be extended and more frequent. Bid success is expected in early 2022.

By-pass update: The Wyre Road roadworks are considered on track and on schedule.

Drains and ditches: After the trip round the parish last month, Barry Barnes has looked into the ownership of the one on the A44 and is waiting back for confirmation and an engineer has been out to look at the one in Upper Moor. Options for reconstruction etc are being looked at, as well as the roadside as it does appear to be crumbling away. The electrical cable across the ditch is more problematic as the electrical company initially thought we were misinformed. Barry is following this up.

Speeding: The scrutiny panel at the council has been asking about the impact of speeding in the county. Comments were welcomed.

GP surgeries: The Health Scrutiny board has been investigating access to GP surgeries and overall the response has been positive. People have recognised that surgeries have been incredibly busy and staff have worked really hard. There is some recognition that some services needs addressing but

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people commended the overall service. Isolated issues have been raised with the NHS and they are investigating.

There is recognition that the ambulance service is under incredible strain. There do not seem to be any solutions in the pipeline at the moment. The information about the first responders had been sent on.

7. Parish Councillors reports:

- Cllr P. Jeanes reported that the defibrillator batteries needed replacing.
- Cllr D. Saunders reported that the number of memorial flowers at the junction of Salters Lane and the A44 had diminished.
- Cllr P. Jeanes reported that the bulbs had been planted and magnolia trees purchased.
- Cllr P. Stone reported a flattened bollard at the entrance to the village on Cherry Orchard Road.
- Cllr A. Jeanes reported that Holly House (recently reported as being in a poor and dangerous state) had been sold although it was still showing on house sale websites.

8. Progress reports

- a) Review of actions from previous meeting: The action points were reviewed.
- b) Playing Field and mowing: The mower would be serviced in the new year. More mole garlic would be purchased.
- c) Play area: Matting for under the basket swing would be collected early next week.
- d) Flood / Drainage: Cllr Stone noted that there was an enduring puddle of water at the entrance to Back Way that took some time to clear.
- e) Footpaths: Dog kennels had apparently been placed on the footpath between Maytree Road and the A44.
- f) Village Hall and Events Group (VHEG): Cllr Stone reported that the Bonfire and Fireworks had been a success with an overall surplus of £2,023 towards next year's event. The clean-up of the site was still ongoing; the Village Hall committee would look into getting a magnet to speed up the collection of nails from the burnt pallets. The committee were in the process of obtaining quotes for decorating.
- g) Landfill Site: There had been no recent issues.
- h) Lengthsman: Payments for lengthsman work were outstanding and would be chased up.
- i) Newsletter: Nothing to report.
- j) PACT: Cllr Tucker would be setting up a meeting with the new policeman.
- k) Urgent Decisions Group: Further mole repellent had been purchased for £42.
- l) SWDP: Cllr Betteridge had attended the recent meeting.

9. Planning

a) New planning applications:

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21/02695/FUL	Land Adjacent, Barlwych Cottage, Hill Furze	Erection of garage block to provide parking facilities for the former transport haulage buildings to be converted to dwellings, and realignment of shared driveway, both as submitted under planning reference 19/01058/FUL and allowed under appeal reference APP/H1840/W/19/3244074. In addition, provision of parking spaces for neighbouring property, Hill Furze Farmhouse.
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The council had no objection to the application.

b) To receive Decision Notices:

Application Number	Address concerned	Description of works	Hill & Moor PC response	Wychavon Decision
21/01601/FUL	Duffledown Farm, Wyre Piddle Bypass, Upper Moor, WR10 2JR	Replacement Dwelling	Objection	Withdrawn

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

10. Finance:

Income since last report			
Date	Received from	Details	Total £
23/11/2021	WCC	A week's lengthsman payment. Which week is not known.	61.40
09/11/2021	Lloyds Bank	Bank Interest Nov' 21	0.16
22/11/2021	VHEG	Proceeds from bonfire event	2,023.00

Payments for approval			
Inv. Date	Payee	Detail	£ inc VAT
06/11/2021	BHGS	2x 25kg bulbs; 10kg grass seed	97.50
18/11/2021	Village Hall	Transfer to Village Hall for kitchen project	801.55
17/11/2021	EON	Play field elec 01/10/21 - 31/10/21	12.99
25/11/2021	Pershore College (P. Jeanes)	Magnolia trees	128.00
30/11/2021	J. Adams	Salary Nov '21	231.31
30/11/2021	J. Adams	Phone/computer Nov '21	17.50
30/11/2021	WCC Pension Scheme	Pension contribs Nov '21	94.23

Current account - Lloyds - A/c 01865441

Balance as at 02/12/21 20,111.25

Savings account - Lloyds - A/c 07578509

Balance as at 02/12/21 20,402.52

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Total cash assets **40,513.77**

Ringfenced	
Flood alleviation	10,000.00
CIL	0.00
Grant funds	Village Hall improvements 4,730.00
Bonfire funds	2,064.99
Total Ringfenced	16,794.99

Earmarked Reserves	
Asset Maintenance / Replacement /Disposal	2,000.00
Purchase Asset	0.00
Total Earmarked Reserves	2,000.00

General Reserve **21,718.78**

(Total cash assets less Ringfenced funds and Earmarked Reserves)

Lengthsman Expenditure to date including items on this document: £1907.50 from a £1,937 budget.

Total of the **Open Spaces maintenance** items on this sheet: £97.50, which would make total expenditure for this budget £2,657.85 from an annual budget of £4000.

It was resolved to approve the payments.

11. To further discuss a gate and an extension to the footpath on the playing field: No further quotes for the work had been received. It was resolved to accept the quotation from Hensons, and schedule the works for the new year. Contact would need to be made with BT regarding their underground cables as the maps obtained were not specific enough. An application would be made for the county councillors Divisional Fund. The resting place of the spoil from the site would be clarified.

12. Correspondence for Information

The following correspondence had been received and circulated:

- Slides from the recent Housing Needs Survey briefing.
- Notification of a vacancy for an Independent Lay Member of the West Mercia Police and Crime Panel.

13. Clerk's report:

- The WCC liaison engineer was available on the 9th December to meet regarding locations for the speed sign – the clerk would attend.
- Residents had been asked via email if they would be interested in the police running a crime prevention talk at the Village Hall; there had been a low uptake.
- It was confirmed that residents living at the Springs could be councillors in the parish despite not being resident for 2 months of the year.

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- Wychavon had confirmed that the Parish Council were permitted to allocate the audio-visual funds for the Village Hall CCTV.
- Holly House: The house was up for sale and Wychavon would not pursue the owner regarding the state of the building until it was sold.
- Electricity prices were increasing and would go up from the 1st December. Further increases were possible.
- The playing field supply had disappointingly been switched back to NPower by the existing supplier Eon.

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

15. Date of next meeting and items for next agenda: Thursday 13th January 2022. Next agenda: Budget and precept for 2022/23; defibrillator update.

The meeting was closed at 8.30pm.

Public Questions

A resident reported multiple streetlights in the village that were out. Some of these had been reported already. Cllr Jeanes would collate all of the information on which lights were out, to make sure all were reported.

There had been some recent problems with the Post Office. Residents were very grateful for the service but it had been intermittent in the last few weeks and people who relied on it had been left high and dry. On another occasion, Cllr Stone had received a message that the Post Office 'probably wouldn't open' and had put a note up to this effect but it had been open after all, so there needed to be better communication from the Post Office. Cllr Stone would write a letter to the Post Office.