

# Hill & Moor Parish Council

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## Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

held at Lower Moor Village Hall

Thursday 7th July 2022 at 7pm

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

Also present: J. Adams, Clerk; County Cllr D. Boatright; District Cllr L. Tucker

1. **Apologies:** Apologies had been received from Cllr T. Betteridge.

2. **Declarations of Interest:** There were none.

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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 9<sup>th</sup> June 2022:** It was agreed that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting of the 9th June 2022 were a true and accurate record.

4. **District Councillors report:** Cllr Tucker reported that the South Worcestershire Development Plan Review would be approved by the three South Worcestershire councils in turn. Worcester City Council would be first and the publication of all the documents in advance of the meeting would be made on the 23<sup>rd</sup> September on their website. In the meantime, Cllr Tucker would ask if the supplementary documents would be available sooner than this. Wychavon would approve the plan on the 19<sup>th</sup> October 2022.

### 5. County Councillors report

- Ditches: The county council would be cleaning the debris around the smelly ditch on the A44 and digging out the accumulated waste. The parish councillors were concerned that the ditch would fill back up again and the problem would reoccur; Cllr Boatright replied that the ongoing function and monitoring of the ditch would be passed to Worcestershire Regulatory Services.
- Northern Link Road: The new road would be inspected at the end of August and was on scheduled to be open by September '22.
- Bridge Street pavements: Some of the new kerbstones had been reported as broken on installation. The contractor Ringway had agreed to replace these at their cost.

### 6. Parish Councillors reports

- i. Cllr Stone reported a conversation with a resident: The resident cut the hedge on the corner of Back Way but was now hampered by the nettles that grew in front of it. The grass cutters were responsible for the grass, so it was agreed that they would be asked to cut further back to meet the hedge.
- ii. Cllr Saunders reported the increasing wobbliness of the wooden posts around the grass area at the Back Way / Manor Road junction. They had been put in place to prevent parking on the

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grass and had been pushed into the ground rather than concreted in. One was out of the ground already. In the short-term, Cllr P. Jeanes would arrange for this one to be replaced and the council would discuss a longer-term solution in due course.

- iii. Cllr Saunders asked if the grass cutting schedule could be shared as very frequently the litter picking team came across litter that had been shredded by strimming, and this made it much more difficult to collect.
- iv. The litter bin had not yet been moved to its new location at the A44 end of the field. There was more work to do than originally anticipated. Cllr P. Jeanes hope that this would be done next week.
- v. Cllr Stone reported a new 'Neighbourhood Matters' bullet and that residents could subscribe to.

## 7. Progress reports

- a) Review of actions from previous meeting: The action points were reviewed.
- b) Playing Field and mowing: Cllr Stone reported that some of the field was being left uncut for bees.
- c) Play area: The annual inspection date would be 26<sup>th</sup> August 2022. Cllr P. Jeanes reported that one of the new dog signs was already broken. CCTV signs would be put up at the area.
- d) Floods / Drainage: Nothing to report.
- e) Footpaths: The path from Maytree Road to the A44 had now been cut.
- f) Village Hall and Events Group (VHEG): Nothing to report.
- g) Landfill Site: Cllr A. Jeanes reported from last Monday's meeting. The amount of methane being drawn off from the landfill site was reducing each year. The site had sufficient capacity for waste until the late 2030s. A guided walk around the tip was planned.
- h) Lengthsman: The lengthsman had reported that the Hill Furze barriers had been hit again.
- i) Newsletter: To include the work of the Community Builders, Village Hall update, SWDPR, Field Day article, various 'Save The Date' notifications. The council would also ask the public whether they thought the council should continue with a village bonfire. Although it had always proved extremely popular, bonfires were increasingly being seen as harmful to the environment and there were always concerns about pets and noise.
- j) Urgent Decisions Group: Nothing to report.
- k) SWDP: Cllr Nuttall reported from the recent Throckmorton briefing. The impact on the local area of the additional transport and traffic was discussed. They had been shown the new concept plan but were unable to share this beyond the Parish Council members. The plan showed that the land between Pinvin and Haig Villas would be given over to industrial development. There was no date yet for submission of the plan to the inspector - this looked most likely to happen late Spring or Summer 2023 at the earliest.

The documents would run into thousands of pages but the consultation would only be six weeks. The group would request a 12-week consultation on this basis. They had asked for clarity on certain aspects of the information provided. The group wish to create a 'fighting fund' for professional legal advice and support. The sum suggested was £2000. It was agreed that £2000 should be set aside in reserves for this purpose.

## 8. Planning

- a) **New planning applications:** There were none.
- b) **To receive Decision Notices:**

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Application Number	Address concerned	Description of works	Hill & Moor PC response	Wychavon Decision
W/22/00825/LB	Holly House, Manor Road, Lower Moor, WR10 2NZ	Replace/repair the timber frame and infill panel. Repair roof purlins	No objection	Approved

- c) **To note or discuss Planning Correspondence, Information and Issues:** Regarding the development on land behind Chestnut Close, Cllr Jeanes reported that the land tribunal decision had been to allow the development to go ahead. One affected household had received compensation.

9. **Finance:** 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 £
09/06/2022	Lloyds Bank	Bank Interest	0.17

Payments for approval			
Inv. Date	Payee	Detail	£ inc VAT
24/06/2022	Euro Garages	Mower Fuel	75.12
16/06/2022	Eon	Playing Field elec May22	9.19
21/06/2022	Npower	Streetlighting elec May22	110.73
30/06/2022	J. Adams	Salary June '22	251.49
30/06/2022	J. Adams	Phone/computer June '22	17.50
30/06/2022	WCC Pension Scheme	Pension contributions June '22	102.43
30/06/2022	Smart Cut	Grasscutting 10/36, 20/6, 30/6/22	299.11
24/07/2022	Rialtas	Alpha software, 1yr, single user from 24/7/22	154.80
07/07/2022	Wychavon Sports Council	Parish Games fee	89.00
24/04/2022	Shaun Strange Gardens	Open Spaces Maintenance May '21 (4x £48)	192.00
24/04/2022	Shaun Strange Gardens	Lengthman May '21 (4x £56 + mileage)	245.60

Current account - Lloyds - A/c 01865441

**Balance as at 30/06/2022** 17,997.45

Savings account - Lloyds - A/c 07578509

**Balance as at 30/06/2022** 20,403.71

**Total cash assets** **38,401.16**

Ringfenced		
Flood alleviation		10,000.00
CIL		717.94
Grant funds	Village Hall improvements	914.00

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Bonfire funds	2,095.60
<b>Total Ringfenced</b>	<b>13,727.54</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** **22,673.62**  
**(Total cash assets less Ringfenced funds and Earmarked Reserves)**

It was resolved to approve the items for online payment other than the payment to Rialtas for the renewal of the council's finance software. It was resolved that the council would consult with the new clerk when in post, to decide if they wished to retain the software or if they preferred to use a suitable alternative that they were already familiar with.

10. **To discuss adoption of the new Code of Conduct:** The item was deferred.
11. **To discuss the 20's Plenty national campaign to lower residential speed limits:** There had been strong support from the community for this initiative. It was agreed that the council would support the 20's Plenty campaign.
12. **Correspondence for Information**  
The following correspondence had been received and circulated:
  - Email from the Land Drainage Enforcement officer at Wychavon. He explained his role and invited the council to report any issues with land drainage to him directly.
  - Email from the county councillor reporting on speed enforcement that had taken place in Wyre and Lower Moor.
13. **Clerk's report:**
  - The poles for the vehicle activated sign had not yet gone up.
  - The cricket match was not scheduled for the 6<sup>th</sup> August.
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 1st September 2022.

The meeting was closed at 8.45pm.

## Public Questions

There were none.