

Hill & Moor Parish Council

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

held in Lower Moor Village Hall on

Thursday 19th January 2017 at 7pm

Present Cllrs M. Yarnold (Chair), Mrs A. Jeanes, T. Betteridge, P. Hartley, P. Jeanes and D. Saunders

Also present: J. Adams, Clerk; District and County Cllr E. Tucker; 1 member of the public (during public questions)

1. Apologies: Apologies had been received from Cllr S. Roberts

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 1st December 2016 were a true and accurate record, subject to the correction of the date of the meeting.

4. District and County Councillors reports

County Cllr Tucker reported that the County Council would be borrowing £6M from the Public Works Loan Board over 3 years, with the funds going towards catching up with repairs to roads and pavements. Both the County and District Councils were now nearing the end of their budget setting. The report into Safeguarding was awaited with nervous anticipation.

Cllr Tucker reported that the oft-vandalised barrier between Wyre and Upper Moor would be working again next week.

5. Progress reports

- a) Playing Field and mowing: The Council was hoping that Sandfields would continue to cut the playing field in 2017. A letter of thanks with this request had been sent. Cllr P. Jeanes reported an incidence of a horse being walked on the field. The owner was approachable and there was no damage but it was recognised that the playing field wasn't a suitable place to graze or exercise horses.
- b) Play area: Bolts caps now in place.
- c) PACT: A meeting had taken place on the 18th January. Issues of parking, speeding and vandalism were discussed. One of the PCSOs would be retiring and a new contact would be in touch about the Neighbourhood Watch presentation.
- d) Flood / Drainage: Cllr P. Jeanes had met with a local resident who had expertise in local drainage matters. Some time ago his proposal had been put forward to Wychavon for funding to carry out further flood alleviation works; Cllr Jeanes had circulated this proposal. Wychavon drainage officers had decided not to go ahead with the works, partly because investment had already been made in Lower Moor following the 2007 floods but also because

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officers at Wychavon believed that a catchment survey should be carried out before any further investment. The survey could indicate if there were measures which could prevent the water from coming into the village in the first place, saving the cost of works within the village itself.

- e) Footpaths: The Blacksmith Lane footpath had been cut back. Cllr Yarnold noted that Porters footpath should be revisited at some stage – this ran alongside the glasshouses and was in Fladbury parish but its good condition was valued by those in Lower Moor.
- f) Village Hall: The outgoing Secretary and Bookings Clerk had thankfully decided to stay on. To reduce the administrative burden, meetings would take place quarterly. Funding from Green Energy would be put towards new curtains for the hall.
- g) Neighbourhood Watch: Nothing to report.
- h) Landfill Site: The next meeting would take place on the 13th March.
- i) Lengthsman: The lengthsman had reported a robust repair by WCC to the barriers at Hill Furze.
- j) New Homes Bonus: Further projects were briefly discussed including the acquisition of a defibrillator and additional facilities on the field.
- k) Newsletter: The Council decided to aim for a publication date of around Easter with potential articles on New Homes Bonus, a defibrillator, Field Day, the Council's Annual Parish Meeting, the crematorium proposal and the Parish Games. The Village Hall Committee would again be submitting information for inclusion.
- l) Bus service: Nothing further to report at the moment.

6. Planning

a) New planning applications:

- 16/02744/OU: Land adjacent to Haig Villas

Proposal: Change of use of land adjacent to 19 Haigh Villas, demolition of existing barn and replacement with 4 no dwellings. Change of use of land adjacent 1 Haigh Villas, and erection of one dwelling including dropped kerb for access

The application had been withdrawn.

b) Wychavon District Council Decisions:

W/16/00845/OU Land rear of Chestnut Close, Lower Moor
Proposal: Outline application for the provision of 5 residential units, inclusive of affordable housing, with all matters reserved

Decision: Approved

W/16/02327/CU Chestnut Tree Inn, Manor Road, Lower Moor
Proposal: The change of use of car park to a mixed use of the land as an animal sanctuary for non-native & exotic animals with associated temporary timber structures/enclosures and the use of the land for domestic access to property Castanea. 6 months.

Decision: Refused

16/000032/CM Hill and Moor Landfill Site, Piddle Brook Lane, Wyre Piddle

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Proposal: Proposed operation of an Incinerator Bottom Ash (IBA)
Processing and Recovery Facility

Decision: Approved

c) Planning Correspondence and Information: Minuted at Public Questions.

- 7. To discuss the proposal for a Crematorium in the next parish:** A consultation document had been circulating which detailed a proposal to build a Crematorium in Fladbury parish close to its boundary with Hill and Moor. Cllrs Yarnold, A. Jeanes and P. Jeanes had attended the Open afternoon which had been informative. The Crematorium would carry out 1000 cremations per year, with a maximum of 4 per day and would have a low-level chimney so there would be no problems with emissions or smoke. The design for the surrounding gardens looked attractive. Plans were afoot to invite the company to do a presentation at the next meeting in March.
- 8. To discuss insurance for the bonfire:** The Council agreed to stand 50% of the cost of the insurance surcharge for the bonfire.
- 9. To discuss the maintenance of the cider press:** A letter of thanks would be written to the parishioners who had been maintained the cider press for some years. Cllr A. Jeanes along with Cllr Yarnold's wife and Cllr Saunders' wife had agreed to take on the ongoing maintenance of the cider press. The Council would pay for the plants. The Council also decided to replace the disintegrating barrels at the village entrance, most likely with plastic barrels.

10. Finance:

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

Income since last report

Lloyds Bank	Bank Interest (December)	0.41
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Cheques for approval

			Cheque	
Rob Farman	Building cabinet for power supply	2,125.00	1079	
Npower - streetlighting	Contract 1, 2 & 3: 1/10/2016 - 31/12/2016	180.06	1080	inc. VAT
J. Adams	Salary December '16	221.64	1081	
J Adams	Allowances: Phone/Computer Dec '16	17.50	1082	
HMRC	PAYE: Q1 & Q3 2016/17	332.40	1083	
P. Jeanes	Reimbursement for grass seed / padlock	50.00	1084	
J. Adams	Reimburse rubble sacks Clear Up Day /Bonfire	41.25	1085	
T. Hodges	Lengthsman work Nov / Dec 2016	465.50	1086	
T. Hodges	Playground work Nov / Dec 2016	35.00	1087	
C. Merchant	Electrical work for power supply install	600.00	1088	inc. VAT

Balances as at 16/01/2017

Current account balance	17,014.42
Savings account balance	10,019.20 (£10,000 Flood Alleviation)

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Total cash assets 27,033.62

The Council queried the payment for building the cabinet, as it included an additional £270 for trenching work. The trenching had been organised separately free of charge so it was disappointing for it to have been added onto the invoice without prior notice. Cllr Jeanes would investigate. The remaining payments were approved.

- b) To set the budget for 2017/18:** The budget figures were allocated and agreed.
- c) To set the precept for 2017/18:** It was agreed to set a precept of £12,500.
- 11. Correspondence for Information:** The Parish Games AGM would take place on the 31st January; Cllr Saunders would attend. Correspondence had been received giving notice of clearance work alongside the railway line and from Wychavon giving an update of local referendum principles and New Homes Bonus allocations.
- 12. Clerk's report:** Information minuted at other items in these minutes.
- 13. Councillors' reports and items for future agenda:** Items for next agenda: defibrillator. Cllr Betteridge gave apologies for the March meeting.
- 14. Date of next meeting:** Thursday 2nd March 2017. There would be no February meeting.

The meeting was closed at 9.40pm.

Public Questions

A parishioner asked the latest news on the current planning applications and issues in the parish. Cllr Yarnold reported that the pub would have received a 28-day notice to restore the pub car park but might choose to appeal the District Council's decision. He noted that there was currently no notice issued to restore the access from Chestnut Close to the houses situated behind the pub.

Caravan site: the planning applications would be discussed at Wychavon on the 9th February. In the meantime, a meeting with the planning officer had been scheduled. Cllr Tucker would talk to the planners further about the sign advertising holiday caravan sites.