

Lenches wind farm: Cllr Buckley had attended another meeting with the working group of parish councils. It was noted that Peter Luff was putting forward a Bill in Parliament to start a debate on a limit for turbine proximity to homes. No planning application had yet appeared.

18. Calc/Training issues.

A local training session is planned for January 4th at Throckmorton Parish Room.

19. Reports from councillors/ county and district councillor.

Cllr Tucker spoke about:

Talks about re-opening/closing of the Wyre Piddle bridge.

Speed limits along the A44 – Cllr Butler had attended a local forum meeting and he had noted that issues had been raised about the volume of traffic on the A44 and the difficulty of turning on to it.

20. Correspondence.

Joint Core Strategy Information Gathering Exercise – Pershore Town Hall Monday 16th November 10am-8pm, Sat 21st Nov 10-4pm/ Evesham Town Hall Wed 11th Nov 10-8, Sat 12 Dec 10-4

CALC Parish Conference for clerks and councillors 16th November 7-9pm, county hall.
– issues: the HUB, the Local Area Agreement, Funding for PCs.

Thanks from the Wind Farm working party for the money. All six Parish Councils contributed. £500 has been given to the Noise Measurement Group.

Adult learning service – info in circ envelope

Parish Matters Mag

Wychavon Annual report – in circ envelope

Wychavon chairman's Christmas Fayre

Community Environmental Project info.

Circulation: WMRSS information/ WoW mag/

21. Items for next agenda and to affirm the date of the next meeting of the Parish Council.

The next meeting of the parish council was confirmed as Thursday, December 3rd at the Parish Room, 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 9.30pm.

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.....(date)

C. Morris - Mrs C Morris. Clerk

Notes from the public session:

PC Toms introduced the new Community Support Officer Simon Hall. They reported that a mobile police station will be visiting Lower Moor on November 16th at 10am, when people can talk to the officers and voice concerns they may have. PC Toms also warned car and home owners to be on their guard following a spate of thefts locally.

11.4. To approve overtime/expenses for October 2009.

Clerk's expenses of £2.16 were approved.

12. Planning:**12.1. To consider new planning applications/issues.**

W/09/02385/PP **18 Chestnut Close**, Lower Moor- Formation of bathroom over garage and extension to garage.

No Objections were raised. Clerk to report.

Action Clerk

12.2. To confirm comments sent to the Planning Authorities between meetings. None**12.3. To note any Decision Notices received from Wychavon District Council.**

W/09/02104/PN – Springhill Farms Application to vary condition for relocation of constructors' compound – Withdrawn

13. Street Lighting:**13.1. To note fault reports and hear progress on faults.****13.2. To discuss action necessary to maintain/repair/update the lighting system – including the moving of the lamp in Salters Lane.**

Cllr Butler was in touch with an engineer and hoped to meet him on site soon.

The clerk had been in touch with the Springhill site manager about moving the street lamp in Salters Lane and the matter had been left in his hands.

14. Playing Field: To consider repairs/improvements necessary for the play area and field and progress regarding the upgrading of the children's play area.

See also above.

It was suggested that a low post and rail fence be erected around the village hall car park to stop unauthorised vehicles driving on to the grass. The council agreed it was a good idea and Cllr Butler said he would ask for a quote from the lengthsman.

Action Cllr Butler

15. Village Hall – To consider any village hall issues. No further issues**16. Lengthsman: To consider any lengthsman issues/ work schedule.**

Through October, the Lengthsman carried out the following work:

Salters Lane – inspected ditch and grips

Blacksmiths Lane/ Manor Rd, Maytree, Church Lane – inspect and clear drains and covers

Hill Lane – clearing gutters and drains

Manor Road – Clearing vegetation from gutter

Bog Lane – clear culvert and adjacent ditch area of vegetation and disposal

Throckmorton Road/Hill Lane – Inspect and clear drains, clear culvert.

He reported some blocked drains along Throckmorton Road/ Hill Lane and the clerk had passed it on to highways.

UPDATES:**17. To consider any updates on any of the following ongoing issues:**

Traffic & pavement issues: Cllr Tucker was to investigate the last information on footway repair.

Allotments: Nothing new.

Website: Nothing new.

Newsletter: Nothing new.

Housing & affordable housing: Clerk to chase results of the affordable housing survey.

Action Clerk

PACT: Nothing to add.

land levels on the site. He was to be attending a meeting with Wychavon officers the following day and promised to raise the concerns.

8. To consider any issues arising regarding the village bonfire 2009.

Cllr Bracewell reported that the bonfire organisation was well underway, as last year, and she handed in a risk assessment carried out in the same manner as last year. She reported 200 tickets sold, £1,000-worth of fireworks purchased and co-operation from the pub and the village hall. All were hoping for fine weather this year!

9. Playing Field: To consider updates, plans and financial support for the children's play area improvement scheme; to consider the purchase of a new basketball hoop.

Cllr Bracewell reported that repairs to the basketball equipment meant a new hoop and back board. She had researched and found suitable equipment, which would cost £75. The clerk was asked to write to Mr and Mrs Smith to let them know the cost. It was agreed that the PC would be happy to share the costs of the hoop if they wished.

The new tree to screen the play area had been installed on the playing field and Mr Miller had put in a request for reimbursement of his costs. Clerk to write to thank him. **Action Clerk**

10. To consider a formal hire agreement for groups using the village green.

It was agreed that the clerk should speak to Pershore Town Clerk for information **Action Clerk** and that in the meantime, Cllr Butler and Cllr Cohen, as village hall committee representatives, should consider what the PC would want from a hire agreement. **Action Cllr Butler/Cohen**

REGULAR ITEMS:

11. Finance:

11.1. Accounts for payment – accounts paid between meetings.

The following accounts were approved for payment:

503	GBD	Mowing	£385.65
504	NPower	Street lights	£429.66
505	N Winter	Lengthsman	£107.40
506	R Miller	Tree planting	£ 20.00
508	J Bracewell	Play Area materials	£104.63
			<u>£1,047.34</u>

Action Clerk

11.2. To note any receipts.

Worcestershire County Council	Mowing	£601.00
Savings Account	Interest	<u>£ 0.63</u>
		<u>£601.63</u>

11.3. Bank reconciliation.

Oct In:

Worcs CC	Mowing	£601.00
Interest		<u>£ 0.63</u>
		<u>£601.63</u>

Oct Out:

N Winter	Lengthsman	£ 46.20
GBD	Mowing	£385.65
C Morris	Clerk	£335.54
J Bracewell	Bonfire	<u>£100.00</u>
		<u>£867.39</u>

The bank reconciliation for October showed that from the current account, cheques had been written for £867.39, and £601.00 had been received in income. That brought its total to £5,809.60. The savings account had accrued 63p in interest, which brought its total to £15,242.66. All cheques had been presented, so the council's total cash assets at the end of October stood at £21,052.26.

Hill & Moor Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in Lower Moor Parish Rooms on Thursday, 5th November, 2009, commencing at 7.30pm.

Present: Mr N Butler, Mr E Cohen, Ms A Buckley, Mrs J Bracewell.
Clerk: Mrs C Morris.

In attendance: Cllr E Tucker, county and district councillor.

*The meeting opened at 7.30pm and was adjourned to hear from PC Toms. See attached note.
The meeting reopened at 7.50pm.*

ADMIN

1. To consider apologies for absence.

Cllr Hayes was at a funeral and his apologies were accepted.

2. To consider: a) Declarations of Interest (Personal & Prejudicial) and b) Any changes to be notified to the Register of Interest and Gifts & Hospitality.

None

3. Minutes of the meeting on 1st October 2009 to be confirmed and signed.

The minutes were signed by the chairman as a true record of proceedings.

4. To consider any applications for co-option to fill the council's remaining seats.

Mrs Carol Oldfield, from Blacksmiths Lane, Lower Moor, expressed an interest in joining the council and was unanimously co-opted to fill one of the vacant seats. She signed the declaration of acceptance of office and took her place on the council. One place remains.
Clerk to organise paperwork. Action Clerk

5. Administration: To reaffirm the council allowances policy; to consider the system of internal checking of accounts; to update the asset register.

The council agreed to continue with its allowances policy unchanged.

The council agreed that the current system of monthly reports by the clerk, the internal and external audit and quarterly budget reports, plus the cheque signing system, was an adequate system to protect the council's accounts.

It was agreed that a meeting in the parish needed to be arranged to make a new log of the council's assets. Action Chairman and Clerk

NEW ITEMS:

6. To consider the spending of the Wychavon flooding grants and latest news regarding flood prevention work.

In reply to the council's letter to Peter Blake, (Head of Integrated Transport Worcestershire County Council) asking for an update on the progress of the Lower Moor storm water management project, it was confirmed that the modelling work would not be completed until January. This was down to manpower and not funding.

It was agreed that the PC and the Storm Damage Working Group would concentrate on the planned drainage system for the car park in the meantime.

7. To consider latest issues regarding the glasshouse development.

Cllr Butler reported on the latest issues and concerns, particularly the apparent raising of the