

Hill & Moor Parish Council

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

held in Lower Moor Village Hall on

Thursday 6th December 2018 at 7pm

Present: Cllrs M. Yarnold (Chair), T. Betteridge, D. Saunders, Mrs P. Stone and S. Vaughan

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

- 1. Apologies:** Apologies had been received from Cllrs P. Jeanes and Mrs A. Jeanes
- 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 November 2018 were a true and accurate record.

- 4. District and County Councillors reports:** Cllr Tucker reported on the request for a sign at Upper Moor. It appeared that the location of the existing sign for Wyre was creating confusion for delivery drivers and ambulances, who saw the Wyre sign and didn't realise they were in Upper Moor. Some discussion took place on moving the Wyre sign and, assuming Wyre Piddle Parish Council agreed, how it would be funded. An alternative would be to add an addendum to the Wyre sign indicating that the settlement abutted Upper Moor. Cllr Tucker would take advice from Gerry Brienza and discuss the matter with the Chairman of Wyre Piddle Parish Council.

Highways matters: Cllr Tucker reported that the vandalism continued on the Wyre bridge with the repair cost in the region of £2,000 each time; the County Council was considering its options. The Pinvin crossroads proposal would go to committee in March, with proposals for the link road in spring or early summer. It would then take about two years for work to start on the link road. The crossroads modifications were more straightforward so work would start in 2019. Meanwhile at Station Road, due to contractual arrangements, there had been no opportunity to make any claim against the contractors for late delivery of the scheme. The contractors had decamped to Allesborough Hill and would return to Station Road at Easter.

The Parish Councillors confirmed that the ditch by the main road still smelt offensive and there was now enough water in it for samples to be taken. Cllr Tucker would follow this up. Cllr Yarnold reported that the Fladbury digester had also been smelling bad the previous day (5th Dec).

- 5. Parish Councillors reports:** Cllr Yarnold reported that funds from the bonfire event, both from the recent event and funds held over, had been paid over to the Parish Council totalling £1,757.60; the purchase of the fireworks this year had cost £1,100. There was still some tidying up to do at the site of the bonfire. The appeal for new volunteers had been largely unsuccessful meaning a long day for the small team of organisers. Cllr Yarnold would send out Christmas cards thanking volunteers who had helped at the bonfire at other events throughout the year.

Cllr Saunders reported that he had attended the Parish Games presentation evening. The Parish Games organiser for Hill and Moor was now Mr C. Izod.

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6. Progress reports

- a) Playing Field and mowing: Moles – there had been 4 visits by the mole company to the Lower Moor field. A mole had been caught and there did not appear to be further recent activity. However, this may have been due to the recent cold weather sending other moles deeper into the ground.
- b) Play area: Appears later on the agenda.
- c) Flood / Drainage: Nothing to report.
- d) Footpaths: Nothing to report.
- e) Village Hall: The AGM had taken place on the 22nd November. A new bookings secretary had been appointed.
- f) Neighbourhood Watch: Nothing to report.
- g) Landfill Site: The next meeting would take place in February.
- h) Lengthsman: Nothing to report.
- i) Newsletter: Nothing to report.
- j) Report from NHB /S106 Group: The costs for the engraving on the memorial bench had come out much higher than expected so it was suggested that a plaque be installed on the bench instead of having it engraved. It was resolved to order the bench without a plaque or engraving and Cllr Stone agreed to find out costs of plaques. Cllr Yarnold noted that the council would need to discuss uses for the remaining S106 funds otherwise they would be lost. There had been some discussion on making improvements to the football pitch. The football club had been asked and had suggested the purchase of some moveable goalposts but the storage of these would be logistically difficult. Even if the playing surface could be improved, the limiting factor would always be the lack of changing rooms and facilities for players.

7. Planning

a) To discuss and comment on any current planning applications:

18/000056/CM	Hill and Moor Landfill Site, Piddle Brook Lane, Wyre Piddle, Worcestershire, WR10 2LW	Proposed use of six external storage bays for the bulking of municipal residual waste
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Cllr Betteridge explained that the Hill and Moor landfill site had existing permission to be used as a transfer station, which meant that waste could be transported to the site, then loaded onto larger lorries bound for the incinerator at Hartlebury. Following changes to FOCSA routes, it was not practical for all lorries to travel directly to Hartlebury, so the proposal was to use the Hill and Moor landfill site for temporary storage, which would be less than one day's duration with nothing stored overnight. The Council had no objection to the application.

18/02460/HP	Oldhams Barn, Throckmorton Road, Lower Moor, WR10 2PP	Single storey link extension
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The Council had no objection to the application for Oldham Barn.

b) Wychavon District Council Decisions: There were none.

c) To note or discuss Planning Correspondence, Information and Issues: The SWDP Issues and Options document was out for consultation and the Council wished to comment on the following aspects:

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- The Parish Council was concerned over the continuing lack of a 5-year land supply for traveller sites. The Council felt this should be resolved and steps taken to identify suitable, practical sites as soon as possible.
- Following sight of the maps which detailed the land put forward for development, if all went ahead then Hill and Moor parish would be joined up with both Wyre and Pinvin. The Council wished to emphasise its desire to maintain a gap between settlements.
- It appeared that one of the problems with current new developments was ensuring that enough infrastructure was put in place to meet the needs of the expanding population. In the case of doctors' surgeries, in some cases the NHS was not taking up opportunities allocated to provide new healthcare facilities in locations of high growth. The Council wished to comment that more robust policies should be put in place to make sure that undue pressure was not put on existing facilities and that calculations for need should be made, in the same way that they were for schools, and consideration given to ways these would be met, before larger housing settlements were given permission.

8. To discuss arrangements for the launch of the new path: Councillors were urged to attend and encourage others to come along and show their appreciation to the funders of the path.

9. To discuss and agree the following policies and documents

- a) Standing Orders
- b) Disciplinary Procedure
- c) Grievance Procedure
- d) Field Risk Assessment
- e) Training Policy
- f) Member Responsibilities

It was resolved to agree the policies circulated. Additionally there were separate risk assessments for management of the bonfire and fireworks, but it was noted that other aspects should be included, for example, concerning the use of the power supply. Cllr Yarnold would look into the wording for a sign for the field.

10. To discuss the playground inspection report: It was resolved to monitor the areas noted. The issue of the fence would be addressed when the new playground equipment was installed.

11. 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 £
09/11/2018	Lloyds Bank	Bank Interest - Nov 2018	0.43
13/11/2018	Bonfire event	Bonfire income	1,757.60

Cheques for approval

Date	Payee	Detail	£ inc VAT
31/10/2018	Smart Cut	Grasscutting 16/10 & 24/10/18	327.54
22/11/2018	P. Stone	Reimbursement for Christmas tree	70.00
30/11/2018	J. Adams	Salary Nov '18	230.46
30/11/2018	J. Adams	Allowances: Phone/Computer Nov '18	17.50

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30/11/2018	Strange Gardens & Property Maintenance	Labour	192.00
30/11/2018	P. Jeanes	Reimbursement for grass seed	33.50

Current account
A/c 01865441

Balance as at 06/12/2018 26,868.08

Savings account
A/c 07578509

Balance as at 06/12/2018 10,028.40
(£10,000 Flood Alleviation)

Total cash assets 36,896.48

It was resolved to approve the cheques for payment.

12. Correspondence for Information: The following correspondence had been received and circulated:

- A letter had been received from NPower concerning some correspondence for the Parish Council which had been forwarded to another company in error.
- Notification of an increase in electricity prices from Eon

13. Clerk's report: The minutes of Wychavon's Executive Board meeting indicated that the Parish Council's application for funding had been approved.

14. Date of next meeting and items for next agenda: Thursday 17th January 2019. There was a Field Day meeting on Thursday 10th January. Next agenda: budget and precept; Field Day; Section 106 funding; sign for field.

The meeting was closed at 9.10pm.

Public Questions

There were none.