

Hill and Moor Parish Plan

December 2004



Background

Through a new scheme known as the Vital Villages Parish Plans, the government is, for the very first time, giving people a say in how their Parish should develop in the future.

The Parish Council has produced this Parish Plan, which will be used as a guide to resident's aspirations for the future. The questionnaire was the first part of that Plan. We needed to know more about the Parish, the people in the Parish and their opinions.

There were 277 Questionnaires distributed and 182 returned. The Parish Council would like to thank all those residents who contributed to this exercise. All entries have been entered into a custom written computer programme, which has been designed to calculate the many statistics and put the comments into a readable form, and this is the basis of the material used for the Parish Plan.

Young people are also important in the survey of the Parish, and a separate 'Young People's Questionnaire' was included at the back of the survey. There were 31 returns and this is considered very high. Again the Parish Council would like to thank the youth of the Parish for their efforts. There is included a separate set of comments about the Young Peoples Plan.

The Steering Group has made every effort to produce a balanced viewpoint, based on answers to the questionnaire. Residents have been given an opportunity to make comments on the Draft Plan. Comments received have been incorporated, where appropriate, into the final document



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History

The Parish of Hill and Moor is composed of four villages in rural Worcestershire, Lower Moor, Upper Moor, Hill and Hill Furze. All were engaged in agriculture and Market Gardening dating back, some say, to the 16th century, perhaps even earlier. At that time the village residents were mostly poor hard working people living in small cottages with only a few larger properties.



There are ten Grade II listed buildings in Lower Moor, four in Hill and one in Upper Moor, all except one dating from at least the 17th century. The oldest remaining building is the Chestnut Tree Inn, formerly Chestnut House, said to be 1547. Perhaps the oldest recorded being The Manor House, 1478, which was demolished in the early 70's to make way for the now Old Manor Close.

Cromwell is said to have stayed over night at the Manor in 1651, on his way to the Battle of Worcester.

The Railway was laid down in the 1850's. In the 1920's and 30's several residents had work associated with the railway.

In the middle 19th century the only Church was at Fladbury, a walk of 3 miles round trip. St Thomas's Church was built in 1870 by **F. W Preedy**, who was a well known church architect in Worcestershire at this time, on land given by the village with funds largely raised by the village community. The Church is an excellent example of a small Victorian village Chapel built of brick with a slate roof complete with a bell turret. The Porch was built after the First World War as a memorial to those from the Parish who died. The pathway to the Porch is lined with old gravestones from Fladbury Church. The Interior has some excellent stained glass in memory of local people particularly the East Window. The War Memorial Plaque commemorates those who died from the Parish of Hill and Moor in both World Wars and as there is no outside public War Memorial in the Village, the plaque in the Church assumes greater significance within the village. A Service of Remembrance is held each year in the Church on Remembrance Sunday.



In the 1920's and 30's there were about 110 properties in Upper Moor, Lower Moor and Hill, now there are 260 and less than 100 of the original properties have survived, a number of small cottages have been demolished to make way for further development. Many of the more recent developments carry the names of earlier landowners and farmers, namely Gibbs Close and Oldham Green.





Florence Cottages were named after a member of the Oldham family and were built after a fire destroyed the cottages that were being used as a 'Working Man's Club', it was after this that the residents of Lower Moor built the current Village Hall, opened in 1906. It is now run as a charity by the Village Hall Committee.

Today few residents are engaged in agriculture or horticulture, just 2.6%, although many still continue growing their own produce. The Parish of Hill and Moor came into being following the Local Government re-organisation in 1974.

The Parish Council has every intention of achieving Quality Status. This will mean that, arguably, we will carry more weight in discussions with both the District and County Councils. It does not see taking on various services from the District Council to be correct for a small Parish Council such as this.

Household

Statistics

Number of Households in the Parish are 277.

The total number of Surveys returned were 182, which is 65.7%.

The number of Residents entered in the Survey 420.

The number of Residents taken from the 2001 Census was 661.

The survey showed that there were 27% of residents 16 years old or younger and 22% who were 65 years young or older, and 12% have lived in the Parish for 40 years or more.

95% of households are Owner Occupied and 90% of households have access to private transport and 13% of properties are occupied by a single person.

53% of residents are connected to the Internet. The Parish Council has supported the campaign to bring Broadband to the Parish Internet users. This campaign 'ADSLforyou.co.uk' was run by a Parish resident living in Bridge Street. Their success means that our telephone exchange was upgraded on 16th June 2004.

Employment, Training and Education

Statistics

There are 41% of residents employed and 33% who are retired. There are 73 young residents in the Parish recorded as being in education from Pre-school up to Further Education or University.

Transport and Highways

Statistics

Question TH.1 - When members of the household travel to work, training or study, how many use the following? Replies showed that 44% residents use Private transport.

Question TH.2 - How many of the household use the public bus service? 21% said Yes.

Question TH.3 - Do you consider that the bus service provided is? (Good, Adequate or Poor) 24% of answers said 'Poor'.

Question TH.4 - Are there any aspects of the public highway within or through the parish that are cause for concern? 64% said that they had concerns.

Issue 1 – Public Transport

There were a number of comments that the public transport was poor. However with further analysis of those who used the service 'Frequently' or 'Occasionally', 71% said that it was 'Good' or 'Adequate'.

Solution

There are 15 services, each way, for a weekday (a little less on Saturdays), which is considered to be good by rural standards.

There is a shortened timetable in Appendix A at the end of the Parish Plan,

Issue 2 – Traffic and Highways Concerns

The main concerns are related to general repair to highways, heavy traffic using Salters Lane and Throckmorton Road, speeding in general and access of the A44 to and from Salters Lane, Throckmorton Lane and Cherry Orchard Road. References are made to roadside parking in the Parish, completion of the western end of the Wyre Piddle Bypass and the upgrading of the B4538 to the A44.

Solution

With the Lenchwick/Chadbury link in place it is anticipated, and desired by the Highway Authorities, that the A44 will attract traffic from the old A44 to avoid Pershore. At present no information has been obtained on the present increase of traffic through the Parish on the A44. With regard to the right turn movements from Salters Lane, Throckmorton Road and Cherry Orchard Road, increases in a volume of traffic on the A44 will not improve the situation, in particular Salters Lane, which joins the A44 outside the area of the 40mph speed limit that covers the Throckmorton and Cherry Orchard Roads.

The Parish Council will ensure that information relating to the County Council Traffic and Highways policies is made available to the Parish Council in an attempt to identify the additional adverse impact on the Parish.

Action

The Parish Council will investigate what proposals are envisaged for the George Lane and link to the landfill site and timescales. With this link in place, heavy traffic using Throckmorton Road would be greatly reduced.

The Parish Council will continue monitor to any proposals that increase the volume of heavy traffic using Salters Lane.

Housing and Planning

Statistics

Question - Could Hill and Moor benefit from the provision of affordable housing?
47% replied, Yes.

Issues

Should the Parish Council investigate the possibility of 'Affordable Housing'?

Solution

Considering the response to this question the Parish Council is resolved to pursue this issue further with the appropriate organisations. At this time it is unclear as to the amount of affordable housing that is deemed to be required, the location of such development, or the means by which the housing remains affordable.

Action

Engage in discussion with the various bodies to resolve the questions raised above and, in due course, present the Parish Councils findings and recommendations.

Health and Social Services

Statistics

Question - How many members of the household have problems accessing health services? The replies indicated that 82% of residents had no problem.

Issue

What provision should be made to assist residents that have difficulty with access to the Health Services?

Solution

The Parish Council requests any residents who are prepared to assist others less fortunate to gain access to these services, to contact the Parish Council.

Action

If any volunteers do make themselves known to the Parish Council, a list will be produced and published.

Emergency and Other Services

Statistics

Question EM.1 - Do you consider that the service provided by the Community Police officer? (Good, Reasonable, Poor or No Opinion) 62% said either Poor or No Opinion

Question EM.2 - Are you concerned about the following (Vehicle Theft, House Theft, Anti-social behaviour, Not concerned) in Hill and Moor? 36% said 'Not Concerned'.

Question EM.3 - Do you know about the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme in Hill and Moor? 76% said Yes.

Issue 1 - Community Police Officer

The new Community Police Officer, recently appointed, is to take up their appointment in the near future.

Solution

The Parish Council finds this difficult to understand, PC Cavendish has often had a notice in the Post Office/Shop window.

On Saturday the 18th October 2003 PC Cavendish held a small Road Show in the Village Hall. It was well advertised in the Shop and in the 5Alive magazine. It was poorly attended. It was a good display with a variety of posters and information leaflets, but clearly there were few residents of the Parish that had time to come and find out what it was all about.

Action

The Community Police Officer is based at Pershore Police Station, Civic Centre, Queen Elizabeth Drive, Pershore. Telephone 08457 444 888 ext .

Issue 2 - Concerns

Only 36% of replies indicated that they had no concerns.

Solution

The Parish has enjoyed a statistically low level of crime over the years.

Action

All residents should maintain the vigilance that has helped keep the crime figure down. The Parish Council has representation on the Evesham, Pershore and District Police and Community Consultation Group

Issue 3 – Neighbourhood watch

The Neighbourhood Watch Scheme is under going changes

Solution

The Neighbourhood Watch scheme was started in 1993.

Partly funded by the Parish Council, the scheme involved the appointment of a link co-ordinator, together with a co-ordinator for each road, street, lane etc.

Each household was provided with explanatory literature, together with high profile stickers informing any visitor, both welcome and unwelcome that the property was being “cared for.”

The scheme operates for those who wish to use it.

Your coordinator's name and address, if unknown, is available from the Village Post Office. He or she will provide you with the information you require to ensure that you and your property are safe and secure and is available to give advice on any security matter.

Very simply, Neighbourhood Watch is just that. Keeping an eye on your neighbour's house while they are on holiday, out shopping, or just walking the dog. It doesn't take long to break into a house, shed or garage. Looking out for elderly neighbours is equally rewarding.

Reporting any suspicious activity must be made quickly to be sure that any action can be taken by the police. Telephone the local police station, and ask for an incident number

Don't wait for your co-ordinator. Do it yourself.

Early in 2004 Hill and Moor Neighbourhood Watch scheme became affiliated to the Evesham/Pershere section of the West Midlands Neighbourhood Watch and this ensures that every household in the Parish has the right to state on insurance forms that their household is a member of a Neighbourhood Watch scheme, and this should lead to a reduction in premiums.

The Parish Council is privileged to sponsor the Neighbourhood Watch scheme for the Parish and sincerely trusts that crime levels will continue to fall from even the very low levels they are at present, and with the cooperation of every parishioner, we can enjoy piece of mind that our property is safe and secure at all times.

Action

The Parish Council continues its support for the Neighbourhood Watch.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH CO-ORDINATORS

<u>Area</u>	<u>Co-ordinator</u>	<u>Address</u>
Blacksmiths Lane	Mr Ron Ford	The Tors, Blacksmiths Lane,
Bridge Street	Mrs Jean Roberts	Lower End Farm, Bridge Street,
Chestnut Close	Vacancy	
Cherry Orchard Road	Mrs Audrey Miller	Wayfield, Cherry Orchard Road,
Haig Villas	Mrs Audrey Miller	Wayfield, Cherry Orchard Road,
Church Lane	Mr Brian Lampard	Moorhens, Church Lane,
Evesham Road	Mr Chris Roberts	Thatched Cottage, Evesham Rd
Gibbs Close	Mr Peter Bland	No 4 Gibbs Close
Hill	Mrs J Fulton	Warrens Cottage, Hill
Manor Orchard & Backway	Mr Martin Charles	Cherry Tree, Blacksmiths Lane
Manor Road	Mr Martin Charles	Cherry Tree, Blacksmiths Lane
Maytree Road	Mr Michael Martin	Pandora, Maytree Road,
Old Manor Close	Mr Martin Charles	Cherry Tree, Blacksmiths Lane
Oldham Green	Mr Ron Ford	The Tors, Blacksmiths Lane
Salters Lane	Mr Kim Hawtree	Elm Cottage, Salters Lane

Local Government and Information

Statistics

Question LG.1 - Where do you get information about activities in Hill and Moor?

Question LG.2 - Do you think that your elected Parish Council is aware of your concerns and feelings?

Question LG.3 - Do you think that your elected District Council is aware of your concerns and feelings?

Question LG.4 - Do you think that your elected County Council is aware of your concerns and feelings?

Issue 1 - Information

The Parish Council was interested to see how the Parish residents keep themselves informed of Parish matters.

Solution

The 5Alive Magazine came highest at 84%, with the Post Office and Local Papers equal at 46%.

With 53% of household having access to the Internet, it is a little surprising that only 7% visit the Parish website at, www.hillandmoor.co.uk

The Parish web site also contains copies of the 5Alive diary and the Parish Church Services.

Action

The Parish Council is considering a bi-annual newsletter that could, perhaps, be distributed with the 5Alive magazine.

Issue 2 – Council Awareness

The Parish Council was concerned to see how few residents considered that the three councils were aware of any concerns that may exist in the Parish, particularly the Parish Council itself, although we are a little better thought of than the other two with 33% of replies saying that we were ‘Aware’ or ‘Quite Aware’.

Solution

The Parish Council holds their meetings monthly, normally the first Thursday. The meeting starts at 7.45pm, but the Council allows 15 minutes from 7.30 should any resident wish to address the Council on any matter concerning the Parish. Residents are welcome to attend and to remain for the rest of the meeting.

The 5Alive magazine is less informative than it used to be. The editors have restricted contributions to 200 words. The Council minutes appear in the Evesham Journal and in the Parish web site, (www.hillandmoor.co.uk). The latter carries an archive of the past year's minutes.

Important notices are usually posted on the Parish notice board, opposite the Old Chestnut Tree Inn

Action

The Parish Council will consider alternative methods of keeping residents informed.

Sport and Recreation

Statistics

Question - Do you see the need for additional games facilities in Hill and Moor? 65% replied no, but there were many good suggestions.

Question - Do you consider that the children's play area is 'Good', 'Reasonable', 'Needs Additional Facilities'? 72% said Good or Reasonable.

Issue

These comments have been considered at length, but the Parish is very small and few suggestions seemed possible to include in the Parish Plan in the immediate future.

Solution

As far as leisure facilities go, Lower Moor has the benefit of a recreation ground of some two and a quarter acres.

The whole ground is fenced within the environs of the village and with what is planned to be dense hedging on the north side of the ground which borders the now upgraded A44. Unfortunately, it will be some years before most of the hedging will be sufficiently mature.



The football pitch has already been turned through 90 degrees to facilitate the installation of a cricket wicket in the area that used to be the southern goalmouth. The wicket has been laid with 'Astroturf', which it is hoped will last for many years and will provide a first class bowling surface. There are, of course, some minor limitations of the cricket boundary and only time will tell if any damage limitation fencing will need to be installed.



The children's play area is of sufficient size to accommodate the younger population of the village at present, but it would be fair to keep an open mind on adding to this area.

A metalled car park serves the recreation ground, although spaces are limited.

There is a regular regime of maintenance for the children's play area, which is carried out by a representative of the Parish Council. The Playing Field is cut on a regular basis. A Tree Warden keeps an eye open for damage, disease and replacement.

The edge of the car park has been utilised as a basketball practice area with a single basket set at the regulation height. This is an experimental fixture at present to establish its worth, but early indications show it is quite popular with older children.



The Future

Many ideas have been put forward for additions to the playing field and although the majority of the area is taken up with the football and cricket pitches, there may be other additions that will benefit the village as a whole.

Some suggestions have included a youth shelter, which some villages already have. Ideas on this have ranged from a 'Victorian' bandstand type to a modern purpose built structure with simple open sides. Bearing in mind the rural nature of the village (at least until the A44 came) a strong timber structure similar to that in Rous Lench may be suitable.

With the possible advent of a strong cricket club, it may be a time to consider the provision of a proper pavilion. The village hall is of course within reasonable distance, but it seems that no self-respecting village that fields a cricket eleven is without a pavilion.

Action

This topic will be kept under review by the Parish Council.

There are many Sport and Recreational facilities in the area and some of these are included in Appendix B at the end of the Parish Plan.

Additional Issue

Residents are reminded that there are some allotments available for rent. For further details contact a Parish Council member.

Environment – EN1 – Hill and Moor

Statistics

Question - Do you think that there are some aspects of the Parish of Hill and Moor need enhancement, improvement or provision? 53% of replies said, Yes.

There are six major issues that arise from this question and they are summarised below:

Issue 1 – Village Entrance

A total of 7 answers to this question have commented on the poor appearance of the Entrance to the Village of Lower Moor since the bypass work, which was never completed.

Solution

The Parish Council is pursuing the bypass contractors 'Halcrow' who are responsible for completing the contract.

Action

This is an on going issue that will be monitored.

Issue 2 - Parking

Parking problems feature 8 times, mostly in Bridge Street, Manor Road and, at times, Cherry Orchard Road.

Solution

This is a difficult problem and must be seen in the light of a small rural village with some properties lacking proper parking space and having to rely on 'on road' parking.

Action

Residents with these problems are respectfully requested to take care in these situations and park in the correct traffic direction and as close to the road side as possible.

Issue 3 - Footpaths

There are 13 comments about Footpaths, and they come under two main headings. One is a criticism of the maintenance of some paths, which is already under consideration. The other is referring to the provision of pavements in several areas of Lower Moor.

Solutions

There are two topics here.

First, public footpath maintenance and standards, the Parish Council try to keep abreast of this problem, and take appropriate steps

Second, footpath or pavement requests for various parts of the Parish have been considered at length, and the consensus of opinion is that the physical constraints within the village would make their provision difficult or impossible.

We are awaiting an update on the current state of the footpath through ‘Springs’.

Action

There is no immediate action to be taken.

The Parish Council has obtained a comprehensive Footpath Map for the Parish, which is published see Appendix C.

Issue 4 – Street lighting

There are 12 requests for more and better Street lighting.

Solution

Further street lighting would be very expensive and not in keeping with the rural nature of Hill and Moor, particularly when there are several comments on the excessive lighting on the new junction to the main road,

We are investigating a new maintenance agreement for the current street lighting, which will insure more regular inspection and action.

Action

This topic will be kept under review.

Issue 5 – Dog Fouling

The problem of Dog fouling is mentioned in replies to the Questionnaire, and in the ‘Young Peoples Questionnaire’.

There were only 3 comments in the answers to the Main Questionnaire, less than 2%, and one further comment in the Young Peoples Questionnaire, however, the Parish Council considered it of importance.

Solution

This topic applies both on the footpaths and on the George V Playing Field. The dog fouling on the Playing Field is particularly distressing when one considers the number of children of all ages playing and exercising on the field.

It is clear that better protection is required on the Field and posters have been ordered together with two further dog bins to be added to the existing one by the car park gate.

Plastic bags (pooper scoopers) are currently available at the Village Shop. Dog owners are reminded that it is permitted to put such plastic bags into the bag left for the weekly rubbish collection or in the bins provided. Recent surveys of the field by Council members have shown a marked improvement and that is a good sign for everyone who uses it

Action

Nobody wants to stop the enjoyment of the Playing Field for either dogs or people, this is a resource that we all need. Dog owners are urgently requested to observe the law in this regard, and ensure that nothing is left on the Playing Field, or any public footpath, that could cause distress or inconvenience to other users

Issue 6 – Speed of Traffic

Speed is also reported as ‘of concern’, and mentioned 19 times in answers to questions in this survey..

Solution

A brief assessment of this problem identifies local residents as the main culprits, displaying a complete lack of regard for their neighbours.

One serious danger spot is the junction by the Old Chestnut Tree Inn, where drivers have been seen travelling too fast and sometimes on the wrong side of the road.

Action

Drivers are urgently requested to moderate their speed in the Parish and make it the safest Parish in Worcestershire.

Environment – EN2 – Landfill Site

Statistics

Question - Do you have any concerns regarding the Hill and Moor Landfill site? 75% said Yes, they did have concerns.

Issues

There were a large number of separate concerns recorded in the questionnaire; the main topics can be summarised as 193 comments on 6 different subjects. These are dealt with below.

Solutions

The Parish Council aim to persuade the Hill and Moor Landfill Site management to produce and circulate a News Letter so that all residents are more aware of the problems and the steps taken to alleviate them. It is felt that a better understanding of these matters would make residents less concerned. Where concern continues, then the matter can be taken up with the Landfill Site management.

The subject of Smells and Odours, 62 comments.

The Landfill Site has a sophisticated Odour Control system in place, which largely keeps this problem under control. There was one major incident at the end of September ('03) when this system failed and there were several complaints at that time. Normally the system works well and prevents a number of incidents from developing too far. There is another cause of smells in this area, particularly in summer, which is that of rotting vegetable matter in the fields. This is a matter of vigilance, and residents could help by reporting when this is noticed.

Flies, mostly in summer, 59 comments.

Scientific research has shown that flies do not normally migrate from landfill sites to residential areas. The landfill site is one possible source of flies but not considered to be the ONLY source. Several improvements to the Fly Protocol have been suggested and implemented.

Birds, 15 comments.

This is a worry for residents of Hill and Moor and also for those in Wyre Piddle. The Landfill Site management have several methods in use to attempt to control birds. One is to have falcons patrolling the Site from time to time. It is a difficult problem will be monitored by the Parish Council.

Access from the bypass.

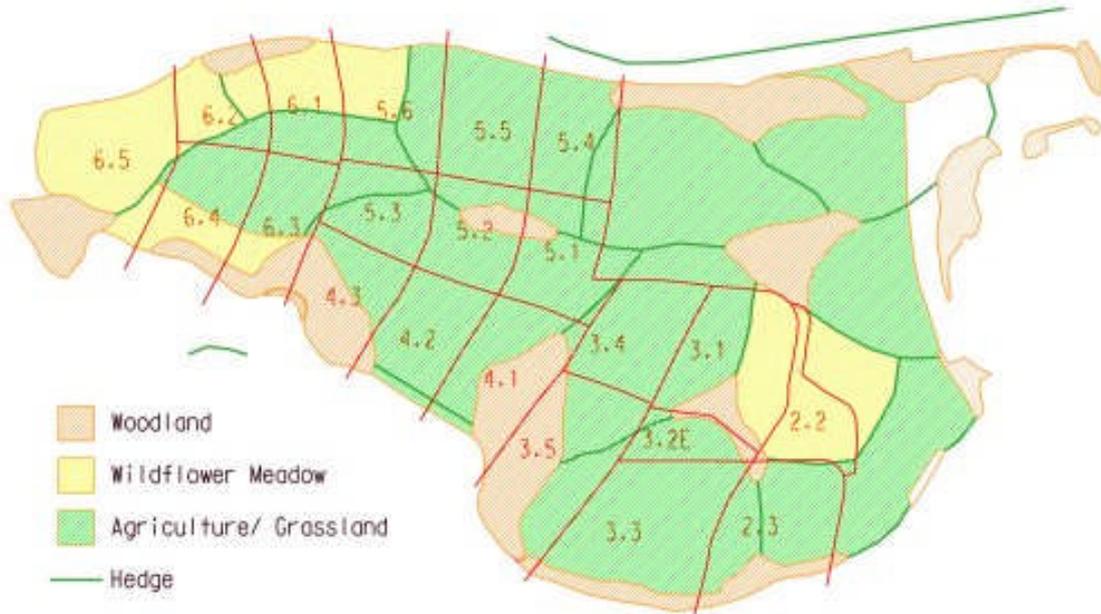
There are 15 comments on the fact that the proposed road from the bypass has never been completed, and these are supported by a number of comments related to heavy traffic on the Throckmorton Road and its junction with the A44. The Parish Council will continue to press for the completion of this access.

Fires at the Landfill Site.

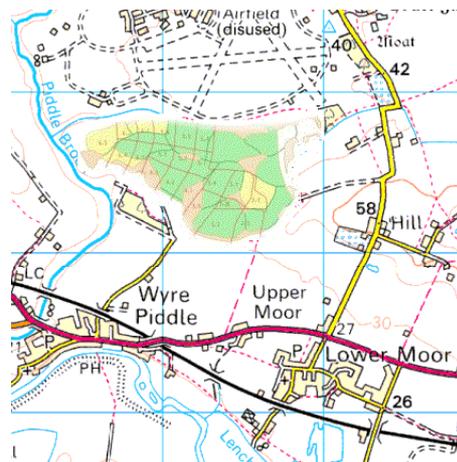
There has been some concern over fires, plural. There was only one fire, in October ('03), which was prolonged because the Fire Service advised that it should be left to burn out. It occurred in the composting area and was not the result of burning rubbish. Better temperature and moisture detection has been installed together with better monitoring procedures.

Visual Aspects, of size, eyesore and duration, over 30 comments.

The projected plan has been well thought out and it will blend in with the landscape in due course, meanwhile what is happening? The Site is being filled in cells each with the object of creating the framework of the final plan. The following shows the cells and the eventual planting plan:



Cell 3.3 has had its temporary cap installed in July '04 and 3.2 is expected September '04. Both will be fully restored by July '05. Cell 3.1, to the north will be capped in September '05 and fully restored in July '06. The highest peak that can be seen now at the junction of 3.1 and 3.2, being the final height, which will be the same as height as Hill, 27 metres above Upper Moor. It is not going any higher than that. Cell 3.5 will be next, capped in September '06, with cell 3.4 capped a year later.



As for the eyesore, it is at its worst right now, we are told, and will start to look more mature as work progresses. The sharp edge that is seen now will get better as cells 4, 5 and 6 are completed,

The current plan is until 2016, and the Parish Council would not like to see this date exceeded.

Actions

There have been a few problems at the Landfill site during the past year which have been under constant review by The Environment Agency and Wychavon Environmental Health. However, the Parish Council consider that the Landfill Site is being managed within the current criteria and will continue to monitor the management of the Site.

A recent survey by a well-known consultant on the subject, reported that the site was well maintained in general, but made three recommendations, all of which have been implemented. The Council will continue to press the Site management on the subject of News Letters to the residents of Hill and Moor.

The Parish Council has representation on the Liaison Group committee, which monitors the operation and management of the site, and has an input to decisions made.

The County Council has recently published a new waste disposal strategy, which includes Landfill, Recycling and the new technology of Fibrecycle processing.

The Parish Council will pursue this topic further.

Environment EN3 – Thockmorton Airfield

Statistics

Question - What type of development would you like to see at Throckmorton airfield?

Issues

This was an open question to gather opinions from the residents of the Parish on the future of Throckmorton Airfield.

Solutions

As stated clearly on the Questionnaire this question was more of interest to Wychavon District Council in formulating their Local Plan for the area. All four Parishes that are adjacent to the airfield have contributed to this survey of opinion. Hill and Moor's contribution was well answered and is summarised below:

Industrial Development

There were several answers relating to some form of industry, 30 altogether, under headings such as Science Park, Technology Park, Business, Retail Park or Industrial site. One included 'garden centre'. These have been collected under one heading because they all amount to the same type of development. Where the word Industry is used it is usually stated as 'Light Industry'.

Rural Development

The second largest heading includes 29 suggestions on green belt preservation. Once again the comments are varied, and can be summarised under the following topics: Nature, Wildlife, Forestry, Conservation or Park Land. Another topic that could be included is related to Agriculture or Farming, these occurred 5 times. These topics together illustrate the huge importance that our Parish places on maintaining the Rural Aspects of our area.

Housing Development

The mention of Housing appears 27 times. Many answers raised this point, some specifying 'Affordable Housing'. The Parish Council is concerned that if Housing were considered then a huge development of amenities, and general infrastructure would have to be included. Another problem has been identified by answers in the questionnaire, that of health hazards. Some sort of reference to buried animals and their health risk occurs 10 times in answers to this question, and more in other questions.

Sport Development

There were references to Sport in various forms, in 6 answers. These include swimming, skateboarding and even walking.

Action

The Parish Council have already passed this information to Wychavon District Council.

Young People

The Parish Council was very keen to see the opinions of the younger residents of the Parish. The 'Young Peoples Questionnaire' was developed to allow them to join in having their say about the Parish.

Statistics

Parish Youth attend 11 different schools with Pershore High School being the most used.

Of the many spare time pursuits mentioned the most popular were Sport, Cycling, TV, Computers, Electronic Games and Music.

Activities within the Parish mostly included those not in Hill and Moor but more Fladbury and Pershore. There is a list of sport and recreational facilities in the Appendix B at the end of this Parish Plan

Issue 1 – What do you like about Hill and Moor

Many comments were made on a wide variety of topics.

The most frequently mentioned was that of peace and safety. The point was made that the Parish, and particularly Lower Moor was off the beaten track without main road traffic. Our Young residents felt safe in our Parish and found their neighbours to be friendly.

The presence of the King George V Playing Field, often spoken of as the Park, was seen as a bonus for the Young contributors. Similarly, walking, with or without dogs, is mentioned among some of the activities.

The Post Office and Shop are commented upon several times, mostly in connection with Sweets and the like.

Solution

The rural features of this small Parish are some of the nicest aspects about Hill and Moor and our Young contributors have highlighted them. Every effort must be made to preserve these features and perhaps improve them.

Action

The Parish Councillors have always considered these features as important and will continue to do so.

Issue 2 – What do you dislike about Hill and Moor

Were we right to ask such a question? Certainly we were, although we did receive some criticism in the answers that we received. However, many comments echo some of those in the main Questionnaire.

Several comments appeared about the landfill site, together with smells and flies. There were ten of these, one third of the contributions.

The biggest problem was that there is little for the Young residents to do, particularly the organised type of activities. Comparisons have been made with Fladbury where these activities do exist.

Solution

The Landfill site Queries have been answered in the main part of the Parish Plan and will not be covered again here.

Activities for the Young have been seen as a problem in Hill and Moor for some time. Attempts have been made in the past but with a poor response. There has been little enthusiasm in the past and a lack of helpers prepared to help with these activities. Fladbury is larger and has had a base for these activities for a long time.

Meanwhile a comprehensive list of Sport and Recreational facilities is included in Appendix B. These vary from local facilities in the greater Parish of Fladbury and also those taken from the Wychavon Sports Directory.

Action

The Parish Council is keen to support any activities that could be started in Hill and Moor. Any one who is prepared to start or assist in such activities should contact a Parish Councillor and a list of such volunteers will be made and maintained.

Such volunteers are reminded that there may be some sort of security checks that are necessary under today's rules.

Appendix A

Bus Timetables

Worcester Pershore Evesham, Weekdays

Worcester Bus Stn		0905	1005	1105	1205	1305	1405	1505
Pershore, Brd St	0810	0930	1030	1130	1230	1330	1430	1530
Wyre, Anchor	0820	0940	10430	1140	1240	1340	1440	1540
Fladbury, School	0827	0947	1047	1147	1247	1347	1447	1547
Evesham Bus Stn	0845	1005	1105	1205	1305	1405	1505	1605
Worcester Bus Stn	1625	1720	1750	1940	2115	2215	2315	
Pershore, Brd St	1650	1745	1815	2006	2141	2241	2341	
Wyre, Anchor	1700	1755	1825	2014	2149	2249	2349	
Fladbury, School	1707	1802	1832	2020	2155	2255	2355	
Evesham Bus Stn	1725	1820	1850	2035	2210	2310	0010	

Worcester Pershore Evesham, Saturdays

Worcester Bus Stn			0905	1005	1105	1205	1305	1405
Pershore, Brd St	0757	0850	0930	1030	1130	1230	1330	1430
Wyre, Anchor	0807	0900	0940	1040	1140	1240	1340	1440
Fladbury, School	0814	0907	0947	1047	1147	1247	1347	1447
Evesham Bus Stn	0832	0925	1005	1105	1205	1305	1405	1505
Worcester Bus Stn	1505	1625	1740	1940	2115	2215	2315	
Pershore, Brd St	1530	1650	1805	2006	2141	2241	2341	
Wyre, Anchor	1540	1700	1815	2014	2114	2249	2349	
Fladbury, School	1547	1707	1822	2020	2155	2255	2355	
Evesham Bus Stn	1605	1725	1840	2035	2210	2310	0010	

Evesham ,Pershore Worcester, Weekdays

Evesham Bus Stn	0715	0855	0955	1055	1155	1255	1355	1510
Fladbury, School	0733	0913	1013	1113	1213	1313	1413	1528
Wyre, Anchor	0740	0920	1020	1120	1220	1320	1420	1539
Pershore, Brd St	0750	0930	1030	1130	1230	1330	1430	1550
Worcester Bus Stn	0820	0955	1055	1155	1255	1355	1455	1617
Evesham Bus Stn	1615	1835	2005	2115	2215	2315		
Fladbury, School	1633	1851	2020	2127	2230	2330		
Wyre, Anchor	1640	1857	2026	2136	2236	2336		
Pershore, Brd St	1650	1906	2034	2144	2244	2344		
Worcester Bus Stn	1715	1933	2100	2210	2310			

Evesham , Pershore Worcester Saturdays

Evesham Bus Stn	0740	0810	0855	0955	1055	1155	1255	1355
Fladbury, School	0758	0828	0913	1013	1113	1213	1313	1413
Wyre, Anchor	0805	0835	0920	1020	1120	1220	1320	1420
Pershore, Brd St	0815	0845	0930	1030	1130	1230	1330	1424
Worcester Bus Stn	0840	1010	0955	1055	1155	1255	1355	1455
Evesham Bus Stn	1515	1630	1835	2005	2115	2215	2315	
Fladbury, School	1533	1648	1851	2020	2130	2230	2330	
Wyre, Anchor	1540	1655	1857	2026	2136	2236	2336	
Pershore, Brd St	1550	1705	1906	2034	2144	2244	2344	
Worcester Bus Stn	1615	1730	1933	2100	2210	2310		

Appendix B

Sport and Recreation Facilities

The following are extracts from the Fladbury Parish Information Sheet 2004.

Pre-school and playgroups

Fladbury	Denise Edmed	41955
	daytime contact number	07780811006
Croptorne	Karen Mason	561736
Charlton	Tracey Leaper	861436

Children and Young people's activities

Guides	Diane Richardson	870157
Brownies	Anne Sadler	860491
Rainbows	Karenza Chui	860768
Scouts	Ruth Owen	860712
Youth Group	Rector	860356

Sports and Social Clubs

Crickets Club Fladbury	Simon Purfield	761564
Football Club Fladbury	Tony Young	552679
Sheppey Junior Sports Club		
Croptorne	JohnAyliffe	860011
Tennis Club Fladbury	Richard Coles	860875
Canoe Club Fladbury	Russell Jones	861567
Bowls Croptorne	Margaret Anderson	861280
Table Tennis Wyre	Ray Griffith	552561
Yoga Charlton	Anna Wormington	861028
Keep Fit Croptorne	Jacqui King	860699
Discovery Award Association	Valerie Lampard	860077
W.I. Fladbury	Geraldine Cooper	860988
Croptorne & Chariton	Paula Stride	861073
Hill and Moor	Jackie Easter	861630
Wyre	Marie Cook	553211
2nd Tuesday Club		
Lower Moor	Myfi Weaving	552797
Fladbury Royal British Legion		
Ladies Section	Gwyneth Thomas	860218
Fladbury Social Club	Anita Spencer	861141
Pershore Duplicate Bridge Club	John Rosier	554410
Art Group Fladbury	Alice Favell	860585
Men's Barber Shop Singers	Andy Parsloe	860245
Ladies Barber Shop Singers		
Charlton	Phillipa Shaw	01684 274357
Dog Training Croptorne	Pauline Watts	552340

Sport and Recreation Facilities

Local activities at Lower Moor

Aztec Water Sports – Wind Surfing, Canoeing and Sailing

Lower Moor	Mark Fence	01386 860013
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Hill and Moor Cricket Club

Hill and Moor	Steve Norcott	01386 861290
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Village Hall

WI	Jackie Easter	01386 861630
2 nd Tuesday Cub	Myfi Weaving	01386 552797
Bingo (last Thurs)	Myfi Weaving	01386 552797
Art Class (Tu, We, Th)	Archie Nicholas	01386 553116
Bridge Club	Alan Boyse	01386 861787

The following are extracts from the Wychavon Sports Directory 2004/05, not including the above.

Archery

March Hares Archery	venue Throckmorton	01905 616415
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Basketball

Pershore	Ron Dadge	01386 554070
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Football

Drakes Broughton	Roger Merriman	01905 840591
Pershore Girls	Roger Thompson	01386 552347
Pershore Junior	Mrs Ludlow	01386 553133
Peopleton	Mr M McMinn	01905 613789

Golf

Evesham Golf Club	Dan Cummings	01386 861144
Vale Golf Club	Jamie Corral	01386 462781

Netball

Pershore	Jo Dodd	01386 556304
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Rugby

Pershore	Miss Emma Wilesmith	01905 27242
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Swimming

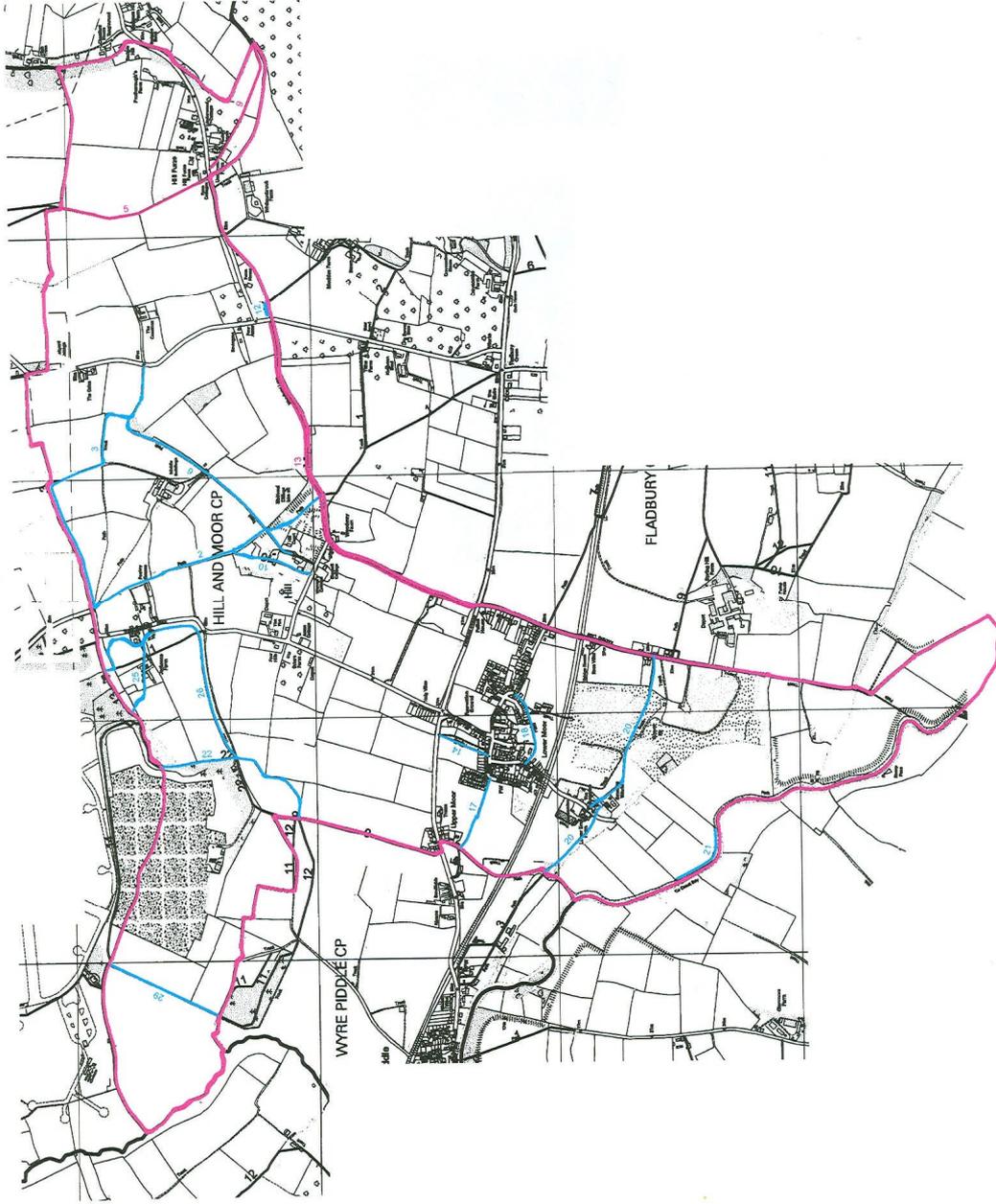
Pershore	Mike Eddles	01905357054
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Tennis

Pershore	Miss Julie Johnson	01386 861952
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Appendix C

Map of Hill and Moor showing Footpaths



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