

Hill & Moor Parish Council

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

held in Lower Moor Village Hall on

Thursday 5th October 2017 at 7pm

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

Also present: J. Adams, Clerk; County Cllr E. Tucker

- 1. Apologies:** Apologies had been received from Cllr D. Saunders.
- 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 31st August 2017 were a true and accurate record.
- 4. District and County Councillors reports:**

Station Road lights: Cllr Tucker explained it had been originally thought that the amount of cars emerging from the new development would necessitate traffic lights and this was written into the planning permission. Any changes to this arrangement following demands from the public would have to be paid by the County Council rather than the developer so this added a row about money to the ongoing wrangle. There was a great deal of local opposition to the lights.

Northern Link Road: The County Council was applying for grants to fund the remainder of the project. There had been an improvement in the bus service and timetables would be available from next week.

Cllr Tucker reported that the County Council's Safeguarding department was still hugely overspending, to the tune of £7½ M in the year so far. Further cuts were due to be made in Council spending and identifying these was providing a serious challenge. The County Council had not managed to get their accounts in on time: problems in School Finance earlier in the year had seen staff reallocated to this leaving other departments understaffed. Adding to these woes, the Head of Finance had announced his departure from the authority.
- 5. Parish Councillors reports:** Cllr Yarnold reported that he and Cllr P. Jeanes had met up with the organiser of the bonfire to discuss logistics.
- 6. Progress reports**
 - Playing Field and mowing: The container was untidy again and a plan was made to clear it up with help from the lengthsman.
 - Play area: Had been inspected earlier in the day. A bolt was missing from the rocker and the lengthsman would try to source a replacement. Cllrs P. Jeanes and Yarnold would follow this up.
 - PACT: Clarification was still being sought on the future of PACT.
 - Flood / Drainage: Cllr Yarnold reported a discussion with a resident regarding problems with a pipe in Blacksmiths Lane. Cllr Tucker had been in contact with the resident.
 - Footpaths: Cllr Tucker would enquire at Highways about the siding-out machine they reportedly owned, and to ask it if could be deployed along the path on the main road.
 - Village Hall: The new curtains were in situ.

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- g) Neighbourhood Watch: Cllr Saunders was not present. There had been a few responses following the newsletter.
- h) Landfill Site: The next meeting was in November.
- i) Lengthsman: Cllrs Yarnold and P. Jeanes would meet up with the lengthsman to discuss maintenance jobs.
- j) Newsletter: Cllr Yarnold thanked everyone who had helped distribute the recent newsletter.
- k) Report from NHB /S106 Group: Discussed later on the agenda.

7. Planning

a) New planning applications:

17/01789/HP Avonbrook, Bridge Street,
Lower Moor Proposed First Floor to previously approved double garage

The Council had no objection to application for Avonbrook.

17/01725/HP The Sheiling, Bridge Street,
Lower Moor, WR10 2PL Demolish existing utility room and re build joining to existing garage. This will extend the current utility room by 1.5 metres. Brick work to match existing

The Council had no objection to application for The Sheiling.

17/01775/CU Hill and Moor Meadows,
Evesham Road, Lower Moor Change of use of land to use as a residential caravan site for 3 gypsy families, each with two caravans, including laying of hardstanding and erection of two amenity buildings as approved under W/15/02815/CU without compliance with Condition 2 and 4 (so as to amend site layout and increase number of caravans allowed from 6 to 9 of which no more than 6 would be static caravans

The Council resolved to object to the application on the grounds that the sewage capacity would not support additional occupants; the proposal did not include the turning circle required on a previous application; the site plan overlapped with other applications so did not fairly represent the area available; the cramping of the site and resultant overbearing impact on neighbouring properties and the right of way. It was noted that the conditions imposed by previous permissions had a function and should not be dismissed via new applications.

17/01283/FUL Land Adjacent, Barlwyth
Cottage, Hill Furze, Fladbury Conversion of redundant barns into residential accommodation;
Construction of New dwelling on land formerly used as yard and parking for haulage company; Break up concrete yard and drive areas and construct new permeable drive and parking areas with shingle finish

The Council had no objection to application for Barlwyth Cottage.

b) Wychavon District Council Decisions:

17/01306/FUL Land off Bridge Street, Lower Moor

Proposal: Implementation of planning approval W/16/00649/PN for erection of 2 no. 4 bedroom houses and garages together with new access arrangements and ancillary works without compliance with condition 15 to allow for an amended design and access arrangement for the two dwellings.

Decision: Approved

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c) Planning Correspondence, Information and Issues: There were none.

8. To discuss tree work on the playing field: The item was deferred to the next meeting. In the meantime, Cllr P. Jeanes would strive to obtain further quotes.

9. To discuss the event at the Village Hall to display the grant funded projects available: Cllr A. Jeanes would be available to help set up the boards on the Thursday morning. A voting slip would be drawn up so that members of the public could vote for the projects that they preferred. Cllr P. Jeanes and the clerk would provide display boards to present the information. An updated poster of the multi-use games area would be requested from the playground supplier. Councillors were requested to attend to discuss the proposed projects with members of the public.

10. To discuss and set aside funds for a Christmas tree, lights and installation: The Council decided on a 12ft tree. Costs would be obtained and a budget of £200 was agreed.

11. To discuss the Clerk's pension scheme: It was confirmed that the Council would offer the Government's NEST scheme to employees and make voluntary contributions of 8% towards it.

12. To discuss an agreement with BT to take over the phone box in Cherry Orchard Road: It was agreed to sign and send off the contract to BT.

13. Finance: To report on the financial situation of the Parish Council and to approve cheques for payment

Income since last report

Worc. County Council	Grass cutting reimbursement	779.00
Wood Norton	Advert Field Day booklet	30.00
Wychavon DC	2nd half of precept	6,249.00
Lloyds Bank	Bank Interest - September 2017	0.45

Cheques for approval

		£	Cheque
Smart Cut	Grasscutting 7/8/17	192.00	1154
Npower	Streetlighting '17/18 Q1 Contract 1, 2 & 3	178.54	1155
J. Adams	Salary Sept '17	226.20	1156
J Adams	Allowances: Phone/Computer Sept '17	17.50	1156
HMRC	PAYE Q2 2107/18	169.60	1157
T. Hodges	Play area maintenance Aug /Sept	42.00	1159
Smart Cut	Grasscutting 8/9/17	192.00	1160
T. Hodges	Lengthsman work Aug & Sept 2017	371.00	1161

Balance as at 28/09/2017

Current account balance 22,705.30

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Savings account balance 10,022.57
(£10,000 Flood Alleviation)

Total cash assets 32,727.87

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It was resolved to approve the cheques for payment.

- 14. Correspondence for Information:** A family history request had been received by email. Cllr P. Jeanes had replied and Cllr Yarnold had also provided information. Notification of a meeting about the local bus service had been received and circulated, and forwarded to residents.
- 15. Clerk's report:** The Clerk reported that the contract with NPower for the power supply had been renewed.
- 16. Date of next meeting and items for next agenda:** The date of the next meeting was confirmed as Thursday 2nd November 2017. For the next agenda: Christmas lights, results of grant funding consultation, issues with badger damage to the field, tree inspections and resulting work required.

The meeting was closed at 9.00pm.

Public Questions

There were none.