

Hill & Moor Parish Council

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

Held at Lower Moor Village Hall

Thursday 9th January 2025 at 7pm

Present: Cllr. Paul Jeanes (Acting Chair – Chair after item 4), Cllr. A Jeanes; Cllr. D. Nuttall, Cllr. A Nuttall, Cllr. P. Stone + 2 vacancies

Also present: (WDC)Cllr L. Tucker; 10 members of the public.

1. To appoint a Chair for Hill and Moor Parish Council. Cllr. A Nuttall Proposed Cllr. Jeanes as Chair. Seconded by Cllr. Stone. It was further proposed that a Councillor would be nominated as Vice Chair in the absence of the Chair at any meeting should the need arise. All in favour.
2. **To report that Cllr. Betteridge resigned as Chair of the Council and as a Councillor on 24th December 2024.** The Clerk reported the resignation to Wychavon District Council on 26th December 2024. A Vacancy Notice was then put up within the parish and on the Parish Council website.

3. **Apologies:** None

Absent: Cllr. Boatright

4. **Declarations of Interest: Cllr. P Jeanes declared a Disclosable Interest in item 9A due to the fact that there were items of reimbursement contained within the financial payments on the Payments List.**

The meeting was adjourned for Public Question Time

Notes can be found at the end of these minutes.

5. **To consider the approval of the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council on the 7th November 2024:** It was agreed that the Ordinary minutes of the Parish Council meeting of the 7th November 2024 were a true and accurate record. Proposed by Cllr P Stone and seconded by Cllr A Nuttall that the Minutes be approved. All in favour.

6. District Councillor report: Cllr. Liz Tucker

4th March will be the Inspectorate Hearing for the SWDP in Worcester. The SWDP Action Group is meeting this Sunday to devise a plan.

Deadline for anyone participating in the meeting is 1st March. 11th February is deadline for any questions for the Inspectors which have to be relevant to our submission.

Planning:

New Applications were reported as listed under planning below in item 10.

Reorganisation – WCC has requested that County Elections in May be postponed for a year. No more details available on this at present.

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“Smelly Ditch” is problematic again. Cllr. Jeanes agreed to investigate.

7. County Councillor report: Cllr Boatright – No report received.

8. Parish Councillor reports

Cllr. A Nuttall – Reported on Tree Inspection and Maintenance Policy –

Cllr. P Jeanes agreed to investigate Land Registry to explore ownership of certain trees within the parish.

Haigh Villas copse to investigate.

It was discussed that the Parish Council explore a bi-annual survey and maintenance.

9. Progress reports

(a) Playing Fields – Section 106 work with Smart Cut completed except the application of weed killer still to do as is the reseeding of grass from the bonfire.
Lawn mower to be serviced by Smart Cut in January.
No moles reported.

(b) Play Area- Nothing to report

(c) Footpaths – Footpath between Bridge Street and Blacksmiths Lane is overgrown.

(d) Village Hall- Reported by Cllr. Stone.

The Kickboxing group has discontinued using the Village Hall.

The Village Hall Broke even over the last year.

Solar Panels need some work which will be costly. Cllr. Stone discussed grants available for upgrading solar panels.

(e) Flooding – Flooding in Boggs Lane.

The Brook fills up and spills onto the road.

The bank is going into the ditch.

Bin lorries are reversing into the lane causing damage.

Holly Cottage land sale completed today. The drain running across the land has been agreed with the developers that they will re route it with a new drain around where the house is to be built.

(f) Landfill site – everything is ok

(g) Lengthsman – Not yet submitted his invoice for December. There is a large budget left to spend from that given by WCC. Cllr. Jeanes to discuss this with the Lengthsman.

(h) SWDP – See District Councillor report. The days when Throckmorton are being looked at are 12th and 13th March 25.

(i) Urgent Decisions Group – Cllr. A Nuttall agreed to become a member of the Urgent Decisions Group.

(j) Village Categorisation update – Cllr. Nuttall is looking at putting together a survey to go forward as evidence to get the categorization downgraded.
Item deferred to March PC Meeting.

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(k) Blacksmiths Lane Hedge – nothing further to discuss.

10 Planning

a) New planning applications:

Application Number	Address concerned	Description of works	DEADLINE	
W/24/02295/LB	Holly House, Manor Road, Lower Moor, Pershore, WR10 2NZ	Demolition of existing aluminium conservatory and brick outbuilding and replacement with two-storey extension and oak link affecting a Grade II listed building	9/1/25	No objection
W/24/02325/FUL	The Cottage, Church Lane, Lower Moor	Change of use of garden studio (residential) to business use	9/1/25	Response submitted
W/24/02566/FUL	The Firs, Throckmorton Road, Lower Moor, Pershore, WR10 2JZ	Construction of 2no. live/work units	13/1/25	No Objection

b) To receive Decision Notices:

Application Number	Address concerned	Description of works	Hill & Moor PC response	Wychavon Decision
W/24/01655/FUL	Duffledown Farm, Wyre Piddle Bypass, Upper Moor, Pershore, WR10 2JR	Proposed replacement of an existing day room.		APPROVED
W/24/01848/HP	4 Old Manor Close, Lower Moor	Installation of Air Source Heat Pump (12kW)		Approved

c) To note or discuss Planning Correspondence, Information, and Issues:

Application Number	Address concerned	Description of works	Hill & Moor PC response	Wychavon Decision
W/24/01932/HP Associated Ref:W/24/01933/LB	The Old Post Office, May Tree Road, Lower Moor, Pershore	Extension to existing single-storey rear extension and internal alterations		Withdrawn

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W/24/00654/PIP
NOTIFICATION OF
PLANNING APPEAL

Land At (Os 9775 4746)
Evesham Road Upper
Moor

Permission in Principle for
the construction of up to
9no. dwellings

11 Finance:

A To report on the financial situation of the Parish Council and to approve invoices for payment. To approve all payments not previously approved up to 9th January 2025 Cllr. P. Jeanes declared a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest and left the meeting.

Cllr. Stone Proposed and Cllr. D. Nuttall Seconded that all payments be approved. All in favour.

PAYMENTS at 9th Jan **2025**

Payments for approval			
Inv. Date	Payee	Detail	£ inc VAT
05/11/2024	Tim Hodges	Lengthsman Timesheet Oct	154.00
05/11/2024	Tim Hodges	Handyman Oct	105.00
11/11/2024	Prysmian	Streetlight repairs 2023/24	1,631.26
25/11/2024	C Hirst	Nov Pay with NALC Backpay	645.70
25/11/2024	HMRC	Oct Tax	161.40
22/11/2024	Pat Stone	Reimburse Xmas Tree	120.00
01/12/2024	P Jeanes	Reimburse fuel and lighting	48.28
02/12/2024	EON	Playing fields Energy	27.43
04/12/2024	NPOWER	Streetlight energy	198.72
05/12/2024	Tim Hodges	Lengthsman Nov	150.50
05/12/2024	Tim Hodges	Handyman Nov	105.00
24/12/2024	C Hirst	Dec Salary	524.20
24/12/2024	HMRC	Dec Tax	137.77
11/12/2024	Smart Cut Ltd	Field works S106	15,764.99
13/12/2024	Matthew Brain	Mole Catching	140.00
02/01/2025	EON	Playing Field Energy	27.90
04/01/2025	NPower	Street lighting	207.15
TOTAL			20,149.30

B To consider the Budget Monitoring Report to 29th December 2024. Noted.

C To note the Bank Reconciliation to 29th December 2024. Noted.

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D. To consider appointing 2 new bank authorization signatories for the bank following the resignation of Cllr. Betteridge. Cllr. P Jeanes Proposed and Cllr. A Jeanes Seconded that Cllr. Pat Stone and Cllr. Annabel Nuttall become authorized signatories with full access. All in favour.

10. Correspondence for Information

All correspondence received has been circulated.

- Email – 15/11/24- WCC- Managing Road verges to promote biodiversity - Worcestershire survey – Noted.

12. To agree CCTV Policy.

Deferred to the March Meeting.

13. Summary of Councilors agreed actions:

Cllr. P Jeanes agreed to investigate the “Smelly Ditch” and report back.

Cllr. P Jeanes agreed to investigate Land Registry to explore ownership of certain trees within the parish.

Cllr. P Jeanes to investigate Haigh Villas copse.

Cllr. A Nuttall to explore a bi-annual survey and maintenance of trees that are the responsibility of the parish.

Cllr. P Jeanes agreed to contact Cllr. Boatright WCC – Parishioners getting frustrated regarding Bridge Street and the lack of care from HGV drivers accessing the Sewage Treatment site at the bottom of Bridge Street.

Following Parishioner complaints, Cllr. P Jeanes agreed to speak to the local Police regarding a vehicle speeding down Bridge Street. It will also be raised at the next Neighbourhood Safety Meeting.

Cllr. P Jeanes to add Cllr.A Nuttall to the Whatsap Urgent Decisions group.

14. Date of next Ordinary Parish Council meeting and items for next agenda: Thursday 6th March 2025. It was agreed to revert to Parish Council meeting bi-monthly in January, March, May, July, September and November taking place on the 1st Thursday of the month. All in favour.

The meeting closed at 8.35 pm.

Public Questions

A Parishioner asked for an update in traffic on Bridge Street with Sewerage Works being undertaken. Cllr. Jeanes said that he would ask Cllr. Boatright to investigate with the contractors and report back.

4th March will be the Inspectorate Hearing for the SWDP in Worcester. The SWDP Action Group is meeting this Sunday to devise a plan. An email will be sent out to residents on the mailing list.

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