

Hill & Moor Parish Council

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

Held at Lower Moor Village Hall

Thursday 13th March 2025 at 7pm

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

Also present: (WDC)Cllr L. Tucker; Cllr. D Boatright (WCC)- 8 members of the public.

- 1. Apologies:** Cllr. David Nuttall, Cllr. Annabel Nuttall (late - arrived at 7.45pm) Item 6.

Absent: None

- 2. 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.

- 3. To consider the approval of the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council on the 9th January 2025:** It was agreed that the Ordinary minutes of the Parish Council meeting of the 9th January 2025 a true and accurate record. Proposed by Cllr P Stone and seconded by Cllr A Jeanes that the Minutes be approved. All in favour.

- 4. District Council report: Cllr. Liz Tucker**

Jack Smythe- Feedback on the Throckmorton Development hearing.

It seems to me that it went as well as it could reasonably be expected. At the close the hearing, the inspector thanked everyone for their contributions and indicated that we had given them lots to think about as to whether the site was developable and deliverable. Tantalisingly, she also stated that they will have to consider in light of the uncertainties expressed whether to downgrade the allocation to a “broad location for growth”. The council’s side of the room looked crestfallen when she said that!

The case officer for the inspectors indicated that they intended to produce their letter to the council setting out their “big picture” assessment on the soundness of the plan in June with the full report expected in early 2026.

Wychavon have given a £250 grant to each parish council to celebrate V.E. Day.

All parish and town councils have been awarded £250, as a contribution towards events in the communities to mark the 80th anniversary of the end of the Second World War in Europe, on 8 May 2025. As the funding has been approved, it will be paid automatically into the Parish Council’s bank account on 17 March.

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As well as this dedicated fund, the council is also scrapping fees for road closure notices for anyone holding a street party either on Monday 5 May, Thursday 8 May or over the weekend from 9 May to 11 May.

On the 19th March WDC are meeting to discuss options on reorganisation.

Planning –

- 3 holiday Lodges Firs Farm
- Refusal of the application for 2 live/Work units Firs Farm
- Land behind Chestnut close – planning granted 5 years ago and work has not yet started.
- 17 holiday Lodges at the Springs – 3 lodges unlikely to go ahead which may leave just 14 lodges (not definite)
- Florence Cottages- Row of terraced cottages doesn't have to have matching tiles. Cllr. A Nuttall agreed to feedback.

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

SWDP – WCC – the area to watch is the strategic infrastructure- finances for strategic development on roads etc is not being identified. No commitment on funding has yet been given.

June/July its likely to get some feedback but it is likely to be 2026 before anything is decided.

Severn Trent are working on the A44. Severn Trent Bridge St, potholes are being filled.

Unitary Authority- document has to go to government in March. All local authorities are voting on this and the local authorities have individual positions on this matter.

6. Parish Councillor reports

Tree Policy- Cllr. Nuttall is waiting for quotes

Cllr. P Jeanes

Streetlight in Church Lane covered in ivy. Prysman will not repair until the light until the ivy is cleared. Cllr. Jeanes is exploring ideas to get it cut back as it may need a Cherry-Picker.

Defibrillator deployed last night but not used. Battery is unaffected. Defibrillator cabinet is to be left unlocked.

Severn Trent are creating a Whatsapp Group to keep the village updated. Severn Trent will report to the PC every month.

Holly House – behind Holly House they are building a new house. New drain to be installed.

7. Progress reports

- (a) Playing Fields – cutting has commenced with Smart Cut.
- (b) Play Area- Nothing to report
- (c) Footpaths – Footpath between Bridge Street and Blacksmiths Lane is overgrown. Tim has started to cut this back but is currently out of action. He will resume on his return.
- (d) Village Hall- Reported by Cllr. Stone. Events are taking place. It is difficult to get things off the ground- VE Day activities to be discussed at the next Village Hall meeting.

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- (e) Flooding – no issues currently.
- (f) Landfill site – everything is ok – Meeting next Monday
- (g) Lengthsman – Out of action due sickness
- (h) SWDP – covered elsewhere on agenda. (District Councillor’s Report.
- (i) Urgent Decisions Group – Nothing to report.
- (j) Village Categorisation update – nothing happened as yet
- (k) Blacksmiths Lane Hedge – Once Lengthsman is back at work he will resume hedge-cutting.
- (l) Investigation on Land Registry to explore ownership of certain trees within the parish. Trees on path behind Back Way – nothing further to report
- (m) Haigh Villas copse to investigate.
- (n) explore a bi-annual survey and maintenance of trees – nothing further as yet
- (o) Bridge Street and the lack of care from HGV drivers accessing the Sewage Treatment site at the bottom of Bridge Street. Reported.
- (p) speak to the local Police regarding a vehicle speeding down Bridge Street. Reported to Police.

8 Planning

a) New planning applications:

Application Number	Address concerned	Description of works	DEADLINE	

b) To receive Decision Notices:

Application Number	Address concerned	Description of works	Hill & Moor PC response	Wychavon Decision
W/24/01854/FUL	Sandfields Farms Limited, Wyre Piddle Bypass, Upper Moor, Pershore, WR10 2PX	Erection of an extension of the existing packing building, the extension of the existing hardstanding and associated development.		APPROVED
W/22/01354/CU	Sandfields Farms Limited, Wyre Piddle Bypass, Upper Moor, Pershore, WR10 2PX	Siting of 35 caravans for seasonal works accommodation, including winter storage, erection of recreation room and associated developments as approve		APPROVED

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

Application Number	Address concerned	Description of works	Outcome
Planning permission not applied for	Florence Cottages	complaint regarding a breach of planning and other anonymous complaints regarding the conduct of the workman	

9 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 13th March 2025 Cllr. P. Jeanes declared a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest and left the meeting.

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

Payments for approval 13th March 2025			
Inv. Date	Payee	Detail	£ inc VAT
12/01/2025	C Hirst	January Expenses	64.60
24/01/2025	C Hirst	Jan Sal	524.00
05/02/2025	HMRC	Tax Jan	131.20
16/01/2025	Tim Hodges	Lengthsman Dec	115.50
16/01/2025	Tim Hodges	Handyman Dec	105.00
03/02/2025	EON	Playing Field Energy	26.69
05/02/2025	Npower	Street lighting	223.22
01/03/2025	WDC	Litterbin empty/cleanse	112.87
	C Hirst	Feb salary	524.20
	HMRC	Feb tax and employer contributions NIC	131.00
	C Hirst	Clerk Expnses to 13th March 25	64.60
	Tim Hodges	Lengthsman Jan	203.00
	Smart Cut	Mower service	636.00
	Bishampton & Throckmorton PC	Contribution for legal costs SWDPR	800.00
	EON	Playing Field Energy	25.30
	Npower	Street lighting	
	Parish Online	annual sub.	45.00
	Paul Jeanes	Reimbursement fuel	48.10
TOTAL			3,780.28

Receipts	Detail	£
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WCC	Lengthsman Dec 24	115.50
	Lengthsman Jan	203.00
<u>TOTAL</u>	-	<u>318.50</u>

B To note the Budget Monitoring Report to 1st March 2025. Noted.

C To note the Bank Reconciliation to 1st March 2025. Noted.

D To assess the impact of the Precept on Council Tax Band D for the 2025/26 budget. The impact on Council Tax Band D for 2025/26 is £60.48. 2024/25 was £53.72 Therefore, on Council Tax Band D the council Tax for Parish rose by £6.76 from 2024/25 to 2025/26. A percentage rise of 12.6 %.

E To consider adding to the Throckmorton Development Campaign Budget. Cllr. Jeanes Proposed and Cllr. Stone Seconded that the Throckmorton Budget be increased to £2000 (£321.20) . All in favour.

10. Correspondence for Information

All correspondence received has been circulated.

11 To agree CCTV Policy.

Deferred to the May Meeting.

12. Summary of Councilors agreed actions: Policy for CCTV and Trees (Cllr. A Nuttall)

13. Date of next Parish Council meeting. Thursday 22nd May 2025 will be the Annual Parish Meeting immediately followed by the AGM of the Parish Council.

The meeting closed at 8.23 pm.

Public Questions

W/22/02389/FUL - A Parishioner raised concerns over access on Salters Lane to the withdrawn application Cllr. Jeanes agreed to report back as soon as we know.

W/22/02040/OUT- Outline Planning Permission for the construction of up to 31 dwellings and associated infrastructure – UPDATE- Draft 106 sent to Developer which is still being negotiated.