

MUCH BIRCH PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 1ST MARCH
2007 AT 8.00 PM IN THE COMMUNITY HALL

PRESENT

Mr C Anderson (CA), Mr R Brimacombe (RB), Mr D Davies (DD) - Chairman, Mr P Groom (PG), Mr J Jones (JJ).

IN ATTENDANCE

Mrs L Wilcox – Parish Clerk. 6 members of the public.

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** accepted from Mr Sims.

2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** received on agenda items:-

2.1 Prejudicial Interest declared by David Davies on agenda item 8.2 – Parish Lane.

2.2 Prejudicial Interest declared by Colin Andersons on agenda item 8.2 – Parish Lane.

3. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING** agreed as a true record, with the following amendment:-

3.1 Minute 12.2 – delete 'handed' and replace with 'to be forwarded'.

4. CLERK'S UPDATE ON ACTION ITEMS

The Clerk updated the meeting on <Action> items, including:-

4.1 No advice yet received from Solicitor on Agenda Item 10.1.

5. **FINANCE** – Bank balance noted as £5238.35

5.1 Donation to Community Newsletter

RESOLVED:- To donate £350.

6. **LENGTHSMAN SCHEME** - Areas of work identified as:-

6.1 Ditching works on Barrack Hill.

6.2 Roadside pavement weedkilling & clearance in the following areas:-

6.2.1 ... From school to Kings Thorn.

6.2.2 ... Tump Lane and Tump Lane estate.

7. PLANNING

7.1 RESOLVED:- To comment as per attached item 7. Minute.

7.2 NOTED:- UDP papers currently held by Mr Groom. He would pass on to one of the other Councillors.

<Action-Mr Groom>

8. ROAD ISSUES

8.1 'SID' - (Speed Indicator Device)

Councillors reported back in a positive way, on the recent 'SID' Open Evening at Kingsland.

RESOLVED:- To hire a mobile 'SID' for two x four-day sessions at a cost of £100 per four day session. Priority given to two sites:- 1) Kings Thorn and 2) School.

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8.2 Parish Lane

NOTED:- Possible Herefordshire Council (Rights of Way Section) improvements to Parish Lane, during financial year 2007/8. Likelihood of road planings being rolled in. Previous deposits of scalplings had washed away in times of heavy rain.

8.3 School request for pavement extension from A49 to school.

RESOLVED:- To support school request.

9. PARISH PLAN

9.1 Outstanding action items under Environment Section of Action Plan, considered:-

9.1.1 ... Bulky refuse Collection – Clerk to publicise Council bulky waste collection.

9.1.2 ... Parish recycling point – RESOLVED:- Not to pursue. <Action-Clerk>

10. PARISH LAND

10.1 ... North of Valley View – Barrack Hill

RESOLVED:- To await legal advice on prospective lessee comments on draft lease.

A resolution was passed to exclude the public, due to the legal nature of the business to be transacted. Item 10.2 was therefore taken at the end of the meeting, when the public had left.

11. CONSULTATIONS

11.1 Code of Conduct – proposed amendments.

RESOLVED:- To note HALC comments on behalf of Herefordshire Parish & Town Councils.

11.2 Review of Herefordshire schools

RESOLVED:- Clerk to seek further information. <Action-Clerk>

12. CALOR VILLAGE OF THE YEAR

RESOLVED:- To enter the 2007 Competition.

13. INFORMATION SHEET noted.

14. MATTERS FOR NEXT AGENDA

14.1 Condition of Roads:- Crossways and Forge Lane.

15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 5.4.07.

Remaining meeting dates 2007:-10.5; 7.6; 5.7; 6.9; 4.10; 1.11; 6.12.

Item10.2 ... Rear of Rosebank

RESOLVED:- Parish Council minded to agree to increased area of land for sale, subject to advice from the District Valuer.

<Action-Clerk>

SIGNED **DATE**

NOTE

The Chairman closed the meeting between Agenda items 4 and 5, to enable open discussion with local residents.