

MUCH BIRCH PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 5TH APRIL 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 G Sims (GS).

IN ATTENDANCE

Mrs L Wilcox - Parish Clerk. 6 members of the public.
Mr G Davis - Herefordshire Councillor (from item 7).
CSO Fiona Witcher - West Mercia Police (until Agenda item 5).

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE - John Jones

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST on agenda items - none received.

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING - 1.3.07.

Agreed & signed as a true record.

4. CLERK'S UPDATE ON ACTION ITEMS

4.1. 'SID' (Speed Indicator Device - Awaiting Council approval of suggested pilot sites.

The Chairman closed the meeting for a report from:- *West Mercia Police, as well as Open Discussion for local residents* The Chairman re-opened the meeting

5. FINANCE - Bank balance - £4262.55 noted.

5.1 Donation to Herefordshire Citizens Advice Bureau. RESOLVED:- To donate £25.

5.2 Grants awarded by HALC. under 'Parish Talk' Project. noted:-

5.2.1 ... Newsletter £300

5.2.2 ... Notice-board for Kings Thorn Common £300

RESOLVED:- To fix a wall mounted board to the inside of the bus shelter.

Clerk to ascertain difference in cost.

<Action-Clerk>

6. LENGTHSMAN SCHEME

6.1 Report for 2006/7. - The Clerk confirmed that all monies for 2006/7 had been claimed.

The funding had been spent on:-

6.1.1 ... Hedge cutting (twice) in Tump Lane.

6.1.2 ... Weed killing in Tump Lane and between school and Kings Thorn.

6.1.3 ... Ditching works on Barrack Hill.

6.2 Outstanding invoices for 06/07 - RESOLVED:- To pay Lengthsman £810.00.

7. PLANNING

7.1 Applications supported by Parish Council

7.1.1 ... DCSW2005/3086/F ... Minster Farm

Revised details to previous approved detached house application

DCSW2005/3086/F

7.1.2 DCSW227/0913/F ... Much Birch CE School. Parent waiting shelter/cycle **shelter**.

7.2 Planning permissions granted by Herefordshire Council - noted:-

7.2.1 ... DCSW2007/0083/F ... Claypitts House - Hollybush Lane Proposed new garage, shower room and porch.

7.2.2 ... DCSW2007/0515/F ... Middle Ash - Tump Lane. New external balcony and stair to garden.

7.3 Planning refusals by Herefordshire Council

7.3.1 ... DCSW2007/0159/F ... Land adjacent to The Slinget-Tump Lane Erection of a detached dwelling and ancillary garage.

7.4 Withdrawn application

DCSW2007/0327/F ... Cranberry Bungalow - Poolspringe Farm
Removal of agricultural occupancy condition to redundant agricultural workers bungalow SH629/81 condition 2 refers.

8. ELECTION OF PARISH COUNCILLORS - 3.5.07. 8.1 The Clerk explained the process for the forthcoming election.

9. CONSULTATION

9.1 Herefordshire Partnership's Strategy for Older People in Herefordshire.
RESOLVED:- To circulate for comment at next meeting.

10. INFORMATION SHEET noted.

11. MATTERS FOR NEXT AGENDA

11.1 ...Crossways and Forge Lane

12. DATE OF NEXT (ANNUAL) MEETING - 10.5.07.

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

Thanks to outgoing Councillor

On behalf of the meeting, the Chairman thanked Mr Brimacombe for his excellent service to the Parish Council, over the previous 15 years and wished him the very best for the future, following his retirement from the Parish Council at the elections in May.

RESOLVED:- To exclude the public due to the legal nature of the business to be transacted.

13. PARISH LAND

13.1 ... North of Valley View - Barrack Hill

The Clerk outlined the Solicitor's advice on prospective lessee comments on the draft lease. RESOLVED:- To follow legal advice. **<Action-Clerk>**

13.2 ... Rear of Rosebank

Members considered additional advice from the District Valuer, on the sale of a minor parcel of land. RESOLVED:- Clerk to negotiate with District Valuer. **<Action-Clerk>**

SIGNED

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