

MUCH BIRCH PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL ON THURSDAY
10TH MAY 2007 AT 8.00 PM IN THE COMMUNITY HALL

PRESENT

Mr D Davies (DD), Mr P Groom (PG), Mr J Jones (JJ), Ms Vivien Short (VS), Mr G Sims (GS).

IN ATTENDANCE

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

CSO Fiona Witcher - West Mercia Police (until Agenda item 8).

All members present, signed their declarations of acceptance of office, immediately prior to the meeting.

1. Election of Chairman

Dave Davies was unanimously re-elected as Chairman.

Mr Davies signed his declaration of acceptance of office and thanked Members for their support. He then thanked outgoing Members, Dick Brimacombe & Colin Anderson.

2. New members to the Parish Council

The Chairman welcomed new Member, Vivien Short.

3. Election of Vice Chairman

John Jones was unanimously elected as Vice Chairman.

4. Apologies for absence were accepted from Menna Swift and Richard Smith (Herefordshire Councillor)

5. Declarations of interest

5.1 Mr Sims declared a Prejudicial Interest in agenda item 19.2, and signed the book accordingly.

6. Minutes of previous meeting - 1.3.07.

The Minutes were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

7. New Code of Conduct

The Clerk explained the implications of section 12 in the New Code of Conduct.

Members agreed to consider item 12 and adopt the New Code at the June meeting.

The Chairman closed the meeting for a report
from:-

West Mercia Police

The Chairman re-opened the meeting

8. Finance - Bank Balance - £5993.57

8.1 HALC annual subscription 2007/8 - £176.14. - RESOLVED:- To pay subscription.

8.2 Insurance premium for 2007/8 - RESOLVED:- To pay the premium of £279.30 and consider amendments, if required.

8.3 Receipts noted as:-

8.3.1 ... First half of Precept 2007/8 - £3,500.00.

8.3.2 ... Eon pole rental - £2.67. **8.4** Noted:-

External audit called for 29th June.

9. Lengthsman Scheme

9.1 Areas of work for 2007/8 to be considered between meetings.

9.2 Noted:- first quarter allocation of £254.78.

10. Planning

10.1 Applications supported by Parish Council

10.1.1 - DCSW2007/1015/F ... St Gabriels Cottage

Single storey extension to rear and detached double garage.

10.1.2 - DCSW2007/1016/L ... Birch House Replacement of two windows on ground floor.

10.1.3 - DCSW2007/1087/0 ... Sandridge - Barrack Hill

New dwelling in garden to Sandridge.

10.2 Planning permissions granted by Herefordshire Council

10.2.1 - DCSW2007/0503/F - Much Birch VC Primary School

Removal of existing boiler room and tank enclosure and provision of new single storey extension and new fenestration to classroom and library. Provision of new oil store and enclosure.

10.2.2 - DCSW2007/0806/F ... Minster Farm

Revised details to previous approved detached house application

DCSW2005/3086/F.

11. 'SID' (Speed Indicator Device)

11.1 RESOLVED:- Clerk to investigate different models of 'SID', whilst pursuing permissions for siting of mobile 'SID'. **<Action-Clerk>**

11.2 RESOLVED:- Clerk to investigate costings for different 'SID' models.

11.3 RESOLVED:- Two pilot sites to remain at School and Kings Thorn. Tump Lane to remain as one of the six proposed permanent sites.

12. Local resident request for speed limit in Tump Lane

RESOLVED:- To re-investigate possibilities of a speed limit, via new Herefordshire Councillor.

13. Working Groups for 2007/8

13.1 Communication:- PG. JJ. VS. MS.

13.2 Finance:- JJ. PG. VS.

13.3 Lengthsman:- DD, PG & GS.

13.4 Planning- DD, PG.GS & MS

14. Herefordshire Partnership's Strategy for Older People in Herefordshire'

RESOLVED:- Strategy to be circulated and Clerk to forward comments.

15. Joint parish Communications Working Group

RESOLVED:- To accept, in principle, proposals contained in the report of a meeting held on 12.4.07.

16. Crossways and Forge Lane

16.1 RESOLVED:- Clerk to ascertain whether Crossways was an adopted highway.

16.2 RESOLVED:- Road repairs required by Herefordshire Council.

17. Matters raised for next Agenda

17.1 Bus Shelters - update on possible provision by Herefordshire Council.

18. Date of next Parish Council meeting - 7.6.07.

Remaining meeting dates 2007:-5.7; 6.9,4.10; 1.11:612.

19. PARISH LAND

19.1 ... North of Valley View - Barrack Hill

The new lease, as prepared by the Council's Solicitor, was signed by the Chairman and a copy handed to the proposed lessee, for consideration and signing.

19.2 ... Rear of Rosebank

19.2.1 - A resolution was passed to exclude the public, due to the legal nature of the business to be discussed.

19.2.2 - The Clerk outlined advice from the District Valuer, concerning the sale of a minor parcel of parish land. RESOLVED:- Clerk to obtain advice from Herefordshire Council, prior to decision on sale of land, being made at June meeting.