

## MUCH BIRCH PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 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), Mrs M Swift (MS).

### IN ATTENDANCE

Mrs L Wilcox - Parish Clerk. 10 members of the public.  
Mr R Smith - Herefordshire Councillor.  
CSOs Fiona Witcher & Kevin Powell - West Mercia Police

**1. Apologies for absence** - None, all members present.

### 2. Declarations of interest on agenda items

2.1 Prejudicial Interest declared by Glen Sims on Agenda Item 9.2.

### 3. Approval of Minutes of previous meeting - 10.5.07.

RESOLVED:- To adopt the Minutes, with the following amendment-

Page 8/07 ...'In attendance' - delete second line (Mr G Davis .....

Page 8/07 ... 'Apologies for Absence' - add:- 'Herefordshire Councillor Mr R Smith.'

The Chairman closed the meeting for reports from:  
*West Mercia Police report & Herefordshire Council, followed by:-  
Presentation on Housing Needs Survey by Rural Housing Enabler for Herefordshire*  
The Chairman re-opened the meeting

### 4. Adoption of new Code of Conduct

Following a briefing by the Clerk and discussion, it was RESOLVED:-

4.1 ... To adopt The Local Authorities (Model Code of Conduct) Order 2007'

4.2 ... To adopt paragraph 12(2) of the above Order.

### 5. Lengthsman Scheme

5.1 Lengthsman payments - none outstanding.

5.2 Areas for attention:-

5.2.1 ... Ditches at top of Barrack Hill (opposite Eden lane and outside Eden Lane).

5.2.2 ... Ditches from Parish lane to Cress Cottage.

5.2.3 ... Cleaning of sign at bottom of Barrack Hill.

### 6. Planning

#### 6.1 Permissions granted by Herefordshire Council

6.1.1 - Much Birch Primary School - Parent waiting shelter/cycle shelter.

6.1.3 - Birch House - Replacement of two windows on ground floor.

6.1.3 - St Gabriel's Cottage - Single storey extension to rear and detached double garage.

#### 6.2 Planning application refused by Herefordshire Council

6.2.1 - Sandridge - Barrack Hill - New dwelling in garden.

#### 6.3 Planning application supported by Parish Council (under planning policy)

6.3.1 - The Old Cedars ... To erect a conservatory to the rear of the property.

## **7. 'SID' (Speed Indicator Device)**

The meeting considered 'SID' options for the parish. RESOLVED:- Interested members to attend demonstration of new version of SID at Herefordshire Council's Plough Lane offices on 26<sup>th</sup> June at 1.30 pm.

Noted:- Herefordshire Council had carried out extensive research on 'SID' options-Parish Council to await their final two options.

## **8. Matters for next Agenda**

8.1 To set up an Employment Working Group (VS).

8.2 Parish Plan - To discuss housing development clarification sheet (VS).

## **9. PARISH LAND**

### **9.1 North of Valley View - Barrack Hill**

9.1.1 ... Signed copy of lease received from prospective lessee, at meeting.

9.1.2 ... Lessee given key to padlock on gate to field.

9.1.2 ... RESOLVED:- To pay contractor for cutting hedge and field - £136.00.

### **9.2 Rear of Rosebank - NB Mr Sims left the room.**

The Clerk outlined the current position to new Parish Councillors. RESOLVED:-New Parish Councillors to have sight of confidential advice from Valuation Office, in readiness for further discussion on proposed sale of small strip of parish land to current lease holder, at next meeting.

## **10. Finance**

10.1 New signatories for Building Society account - RESOLVED:- To remove Mr Brimacombe and add Vivien Short and Menna Swift to the remaining two signatories:-John Jones & Peter Groom. Any two of the four signatories to sign cheques.

10.2 Donation request from Vitalise - Charity for benefit of disabled people and their carers.

RESOLVED:- Not to donate, but to place request letter on notice-board.

10.3 Consideration of amendments to insurance policy, deferred to July meeting.

## **11. To note date of next Parish Council meeting - 5.7.07.**

Remaining meeting dates 2007:- 5.7; 6.9; 4.10; 1.11; 6.1