

MUCH BIRCH PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Held on
Thursday 4th October 2007 in Much Birch Community Hall

Present: Mr D Davies (DD)-Chairman, Mr G Simms (GS) Ms V Short (VS, Mrs M Swift (MS)
In attendance: Mrs K Greenow (Acting Parish Clerk). PC Bundy, CSO Fiona Witcher, together with 6 members of the public.

1. To accept apologies for absence

J Jones (Vice Chairman), Mrs L P Wilcox (Parish Clerk), Cllr Richard Smith (Ward Councillor)

2. Declarations of interest on agenda items

Mr D Davies & Ms V Short declared a prejudicial interest on agenda item 9.

3. To approve Minutes of previous meeting - 6th September 2007

The minutes were agreed and signed by the chairman

At this point, the chairman adjourned the meeting to allow contributions from West Mercia Police, and members of the public to speak.

The Chairman then re-opened the meeting.

4. SID (Speed Indicator Device)

4.1 To consider hiring Herefordshire Council SID

4.2 To consider number of sockets, risk assessment & declaration and undertaking

Resolved that; a SID would be purchased from Morelock who supply SIDs and would give the necessary training given to the person appointed to attend to the SID.

A letter to be sent notifying Herefordshire Council Highways of intention to purchase a SID from Morelock. No further action to be taken until reply from Herefordshire Council Highways on intension to purchase SID. Clarification on number of sockets & sights for SID need to be confirmed at next meeting, subject to response from Highways. Grant available from Eon, information from clerk needed regarding grant.

5. Lengthsman

5.1 To consider lengthsman work to be carried out

A number of areas were identified as needing work carried out.

Weed killing along Kingsthorpe, Wrigglebrook has a number of drainage problems.

(DD) to liaise with Lengthsman and new clerk (when appointed) on areas to be addressed

Problems of over hanging hedges along the Parish (DD) to speak to landowners concerned and ask if a further cut of hedgerow is possible due to road safety concerns.

6. To consider problems along Tump Lane

Weed killing required along the lane (DD) to liaise with lengthsman

7.HALC

To consider training sheet and book places as required

No training dates booked

8. PLANNING -To consider planning sheet

Application for comment

DCSW2007/2976/F.....Underhills, Hollybush Lane Much Birch Hereford

New portal farming agricultural building. To replace old storm damaged Dutch Barn. Dutch Barn to be demolished and new building to be built adjacent to the old site. Application supported under Parish Council Policy

9. To consider survey of Parish Lane residents re; Improvements to lane

Discussion on this item could not take place due to insufficient councillors present.

Resolved; that this item is put on the agenda for next meeting

10. FINANCE

10.1 To consider conclusion of audit.

Notice of conclusion to be advertised on notice board when new clerk appointed

10.2 Payment of audit £58.75 & payment of acting clerk £100.00

Resolved; that the following payments were made

UHY Hacker Young - Auditor £58.75

K Greenow -Acting clerk £100.00

11. To note information sheet

Herefordshire Council - notification of second precept payment

British Red Cross- showcasing village warden event 31/10/07 10.30 am - 3pm at How Caple Grange, How Caple Hereford

Herefordshire Council - Local Development Frame work - core strategy & poster.

Highways Agency- Helping you plan road journeys for central England Sept/Nov 2007

Herefordshire Council - Re elections and new code of conduct

Community First - Parish Plan newsletter

12. To raise matters for next meeting (no discussion)

To declare vacancy of Parish Councillor

To consider Grant for Community Centre

13. To note date of next Parish Council meeting

This was noted as 1st November2007 @ 7.30pm