

MUCH BIRCH PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Held on
Thursday 6th March 2008 in Much Birch Community Hall

Present: Mr D Davies (DD)-Chairman, Mr John Jones (JJ) Mr G Simms (GS) Mrs M Swift (MS) V Short Mrs A Cook (AC)

In attendance: Kath Greenow (Parish Clerk), Cllr Richard Smith (Ward Councillor), CSO Fiona Witcher, 9 members of the public.

1. To accept apologies for absence

None

2. Declarations of interest on agenda items

A Cook declared a prejudicial interest on agenda item 17.4 and left the room before item discussion was entered into

3. To approve Minutes of previous meeting – 07/02/2008

Correction made to minute 10.7 .The minutes were agreed and signed by Chairman

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

The Chairman then re-opened the meeting.

4. Clerks report back on action items.

SID (Speed indicator device) Awaiting further correspondence from HFDC

Much Birch School traffic problems – update. Clerk is awaiting correspondence from HFDC

officer Clive Hall. School are in the process of carrying out a travel plan survey. Information as to the outcome of this survey will be made available to the clerk.

Lengthsman work carried out. Road work cleaning along Holly bush lane, Completed cleaning of ditches through the Parish. Work still to be carried out in the next month Hedge cutting at area of Bottom of Tump Lane & Weedkilling of pavements at Tump Lane.

Clerk reported that she had no correspondence or report from footpaths officer. Two letters had been written previously in December 2007 & January 2008 requesting clarification from footpaths officer regarding his continued role in this post.

Letter received from Mr Simms regarding the purchase of parish land at Rosebank a.

Mr Simms confirmed that he no longer wished to proceed with this purchase.

5. To consider request from Parochial Church Council of Much Birch for a donation to the grass cutting of the churchyard for 2008

Resolved that; Donation of £100.00 for 2008.

6. To consider letter received from 3 parishioners regarding footpaths in the Parish.

Resolved that; Application for the unmarked footpaths be added to the definitive map.

7 to 13 no agenda item due to error by clerk in numbering of agenda items.

14. Lengthsman

14.1 To identify work to be carried out by lengthsman

Work identified as work to be completed as noted in clerks report. Litter has become a problem in the

14.2 To consider administration claim fee for clerk.

Resolved that; Clerk to claim administration fee for administering the lengthsman scheme.

15. Planning.

No planning applications for comment

Applications commented upon between meetings

DCSW2008/0216/F The Underhills Holly Bush Lane Much Birch Hereford
Description; Replacement of storm damaged dutch barn with new steel portal frame building

Application Type .Full

Council Comment..... Application Supported

DCSW2008/0282/F Pilgrim Hotel Much Birch Hereford

Description; Erection of 4 no single story Hotel accommodation suites

Application Type .Full

Council Comments ... Application Supported

Planning permitted by Herefordshire Council

DCSW2007/3833/F.... Windover, Much Birch Hereford

Proposed erection of car port

Application Type Full

16. HALC

16.1 To consider training sheet and book places as appropriate

HALC training noted

Training evening on" Enlightened" to be attended by (MS) & Clerk

17. To note Information/ Correspondence

Noted

Herefordshire Council – Notice of review of polling places/stations within Herefordshire Unitary Council Area (under s 18c (5) of the electoral administration act 2006)

Herefordshire Citizens Advice- Letter of thanks for donation

Community First – Newline Magazine
Herefordshire Council – Information on Funding opportunities, new bus timetable. Biodiversity event.
HALC –Information Corner 20/02/08
Letter from Mr & Mrs Harris ref footpath through Much Birch
Letter from Mr Lecci ref Footpath through Much Birch
Letter from Mr Bryant ref footpath through parish
Letter from Parochial Church Council of Much Birch requesting a donation to grass cutting

18. Finance

18.1 To note current bank balance

Balance noted as £7830.46

18.2 To agree invoices for payment.

Payments agreed as follows

Parish Council Election Costs 03/05/07= £910.99

Mike Dyer (Lengthsman) £386.00

Cornhill insurance for litter bin & notice board £13.62

HALC Training £40.00

18.8 To agree payment of clerks salary from 28th January 2008-29th February 2008 £210.72 To agree payment of clerks mileage £62.61 and to agree payment of clerks expenses (stamps) £43.34

Agreed Payment of clerks salary from 29/01/2008- 29/02/2008 = £210.72.

Agreed payment of clerks mileage £62.21

Agreed payment of clerks mileage £43.34

19 To raise matters for next meeting (no discussion)

Footpaths officer, newsletter, working group, To pass a resolution to appoint a member to speak at southern area sub planning committee meetings of HFDC regarding planning applications within the parish, Communications group, To consider out come of Parish Lane consultation.

20. To note date of next Parish Council Meeting Thursday 3rd April @ 7.30pm

Date noted

Signed Dated.....