

**MUCH BIRCH PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Held on**  
**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2008 in Much Birch Community Hall**

**Present:** Chairman, Mr John Jones (JJ) Vice Chairman Mr D Davies (DD) - Mr Glenn Simms (GS) V Short Mrs A Cook (AC) Menna Swift (MS)  
**In attendance:** Kath Greenow (Parish Clerk)  
Cllr R Smith CSO Fiona Witcher, 3 members of the public.

**1. To accept apologies for absence**

**None.**

**2. Declarations of interest on agenda items**

**None declared**

**3. To approve Minutes of previous meeting -05/06/08**

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) Amey Wye Valley price for Installation of 4 sockets remain the same price as quoted in December 2007. Speed Date still awaiting for HFDC to collect Clerk was informed by Road Safety Team that this will possibly not take place until after September 2008.

Eon Grant application- letter received from Eon regarding application notifying that the application had not been successful.

Footpaths officer had been sent footpaths maps as well as the assistant footpaths officer.

Mrs Saddler had declined to take up the position of assistant footpaths officer as she was only interested in the post if nobody else came forward.

Parking issues at Much Birch School letter received from headmaster of the school requesting that Parish Council write to Cllr Wilcox of HFDC requesting his help in the matter. Letter also received from parishioner regarding concerns of how they will be affected regarding parking initiatives that may be implemented.

Lengthsman/Road safety

Lengthsman work has been identified as at last meeting and this will be carried out within the next week weather permitting. Road problems identified in the parish and a meeting with HFDC to be arranged before next meeting .Problems at Wrigglebrook ref drainage, village hall ref broken drain cover.

Communication group meeting had been deferred to a later date.

**5. SID (Speed Indicator Device)**

5.1 To consider revised price for installation of 4 Sid sockets

**Agreed that:** The price given by Amey Wye Valley of £500.42 + VAT for installation only of 4 sockets.

Clerk asked to contact HFDC road safety team to request that the speed data is collected before September.

During discussion regarding the SID it was agreed not to continue with the purchase of a SID due to concerns regarding the overall cost and whether the SID would prove to be effective. It was agreed to contact HFDC regarding the possible hire of a SID and Clerk requested to contact HFDC and find out how long the list was for hire and cost of hire and to ascertain as to whether it is still possible for Amey Wye Valley to install the 4 sockets or if this has to be included in the hire cost of HFDC .Clerk to report back at next meeting

## **5.2 To consider information received from The Herefordshire Partnership- Parish Planning and Road safety (SID)**

Information noted

## **6. To consider HFDC letter regarding removal of 111 telephone boxes in Herefordshire by BT**

**Agreed that:** Response to letter is sent objecting to the closures.

## **7. To consider & respond to HFDC Core Strategy- Developing Options Consultation**

**Agreed that:** Document to be circulated to members and the planning working group to meet and respond to questionnaire.

## **8. To consider letter from residents regarding proposals for alleviating parking problems at Much Birch School**

**Agreed that:** Clerk to write Letter of response to concerned parishioners outlining that the council have noted the comments & concerns raised and we will keep them in the loop regarding progress what HFDC suggest to alleviate the parking problem at the school.

## **9. To consider written request to Cllr Wilcox HFDC regarding possibility of installation of a 20mph speed limit at location of Much Birch School.**

**Agreed that:** Clerk to contact Cllr Wilcox requesting 20mph along the location of Much Birch School. Clerk to copy in Cllr Smith regarding the letter sent.

It was suggested that this on going problem of parking at the school should be brought up at the PACT meeting in August as there is only so much that the Parish council can do regarding the issue. This is a school problem and it is for the school to resolve the problem and take control, parents need educating regarding the parking problems as they are the ones creating the problem.

(MS) reported that Much Birch School had won an award for their travel plan and had been presented with a cheque for the school of £500.00

**10. To consider further relevant information suitable for The Newsletter for Kingsthorne & The Birches and website.**

**Agreed that:** Information regarding the decision not to purchase a SID, School Parking Information regarding appointment of footpaths officer. Communications Group.

**11. Lengthsman.**

11.1 To identify work to be carried out by lengthsman

Work still to be carried out that has been previously identified by pc. No other work identified.

**12. Planning**

**Planning Applications for comment**

DCSW2008/1409/F Keppler, Wrigglebrook, Kingsthorne, Hereford

Description: Erection of Conservatory

Application type: Full

Council Comment: Application Supported

DCSW2008/1419/O Glen Helen Kingsthorne Herefordshire

Description: Site for construction of dwelling served by sewerage treatment plant

Application Type: Outline

Council Comment: Application Unsupported

**Planning Permission Granted By Herefordshire Council**

DCSW2008/0911/RM Sandridge, Barrack Hill, Little Birch Herefordshire

New dwelling in garden of Sandridge

**13. HALC**

To consider training sheet and book places as appropriate

Noted that: Housing Seminar 25<sup>th</sup> September

Venue & time to be confirmed

**14. Information**

HALC-Information Corner

Community First- Newline

The Herefordshire Partnership- Parish Planning & Road Safety

EON- letter ref; Grant Application HFDC-Draft Archaeology & Development

Supplementary Planning Document (SPD)

HFDC- Removal of 111Telephone boxes in Herefordshire by BT

HFDC-Shaping our Place2026- Core Strategy Options Consultation

HFDC-Poly Tunnels Supplementary Planning Document (SPD)

HFDC-June Newsletter & Information

**15. Finance**

15.1 To note Current Bank Balance

Noted as £10,328.87

15.2 To agree payment of clerks salary from 1<sup>st</sup> June – 30<sup>th</sup> June 2008 £168.58

**Agreed payment**

**15.3 To consider Clerks payment of £168.58 for July 2008 as next Parish**

**Council meeting not until 04/09/2008**

**Agreed Payment:** of £168.58 cheque post dated for 03/08/2008

**16. To raise matters for next meeting (no discussion)**

Bus Shelter at Church stop

Community Hall –Donation to extension of car park

Grant Funding

Precept – Budgeting

Resident’s proposal for coat of arms for the parish

**17. To note date of next meeting**

Noted as Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2008

**Resolution passed to exclude the public & press due to legal & confidential nature of the business to be transacted**

**18. Clerks contract**

**Agreed:** Clerks contract & signed

Signed .....

Dated.....