

MUCH BIRCH PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Held on
Thursday 4th September 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, PC Bundy, 11 Parishioners

1. To accept apologies for absence

None

2. Declarations of interest on agenda items

JJ declared a prejudicial interest on agenda item 7 .JJ gave a statement & left the room before discussion on agenda item 7 was entered into
MS declared interest on agenda item 18.2

3. To approve Minutes of previous meeting –03/07/08

Minutes agreed & signed

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.

Hire of SID (Speed indicator device) the cost to erect the sign on site and remove at the end of the hire period will be £100.00 per sign. The signs will be on site for 1 month and cannot return within 2 months

Road safety team have been out over August collecting speed data from the identified sites, speed data information to follow from HFDC.

HFDC have been out and attended to the road issues at Wrigglebrook.

Parish Lane - on going as negotiations are being entered into regarding the planning condition attached to planning permission. Top part of Parish Lane is being looked at by PROW regarding maintenance repairs.

Bus Shelter at Church stop- no further information received from HFDC .clerk to chase up.

Communications – terms of reference to be agreed still next meeting
09/10/2008 @ 7.30pm Much Birch Community Hall.

Lengthsman carrying out work identified at last meeting

Much Birch School Parking Problems- no further information Clerk to chase up for next meeting

5. To consider erecting a parish litter at the bus stop near Much Birch School.

Agreed: To erect litter bin at bus stop near Much Birch School, GS & DD to undertake task.

6. To consider organizing a parish litter pick.

Agreed: An action plan regarding a litter pick is needed JJ & VS to put together action plan and bring to next meeting

7. To consider speeding problems at area of The Thorne Much Birch

Agreed: A letter is sent to HFDC outlining speed problems and request that some speed calming measures are implemented. Clerk to send speed data to PC Bundy when received from HFDC and request some speed checks to be carried out with the speed gun.

A petition was handed to Parish Council by residents along The Thorn regarding asking for PC to take action regarding the speeding problems along this area of highway.

8. To consider residents letter regarding grass cutting at the Thorne bus stop area.

Agreed: The area concerned is not in the Parish of Much Birch but is in the Parish of Much Dewchurch. Clerk to contact Much Dewchurch PC and ask if it is possible for them to undertake the grass cutting at this location.

9. To consider request from Hereford Steiner Academy for a nominated member to the local community forum.

Agreed: Nominated member VS will be the representative from Much Birch Parish Council and if possible AC will attend if VS is unable to. Clerk to confirm in writing to Hereford Steiner Academy.

10. To consider letter from HFDC regarding mobile library consultation.

Information noted .Clerk to write to HFDC to complain that the venues for the consultation are quite a distance to travel and that perhaps closer venue could have been sort for parishes south of the river to attend.

11. To note letter from ward Councillor R Smith and respond to concerns raised regarding road safety on A49 & PACT meetings

Information noted

Agreed: letter to be sent to high ways agency regarding speeding at A49. Clerk to write to Herefordshire Partnership regarding the PACT meetings

12. To consider & respond to letter from HFDC regarding recycling in the county

Information noted.

13. To note notice of road closure at Wriggle brook Pitch road from 29th September 2008 for electrical work to be undertaken

Information noted

14. To consider further relevant information suitable for placing in the newsletter for Kingsthorpe &The Birches

Agreed: JJ & Clerk to put together synopsis of minutes from July meeting & information regarding the speed indicator device for the newsletter.

15. Lengthsman

15.1 To identify work to be carried out by lengthsman

Agreed: Grass cutting to be carried out at the area of pavement from the school towards the Thorne, ditch cleaning at Barrack Hill, Grass cutting at triangle on to A49, ditch cleaning at the area around The Thorne.

16. Planning

DCSW2008/2025/f Much Birch School Hereford

Description: Retention of timber building within grounds of Much Birch Primary School for the purpose of providing before and after school care and a nursery class

Application Type: Full

Council comment: Application Supported

DCSW2008/2032/F Kimberley Cottage Kingsthorpe Hereford

Description: Alterations to first floor extension

Application Type: Full

Council Comment: Application Supported

Applications commented on by planning working group since last meeting

DCSW2008/1726/F Newcroft Farm Much Birch Hereford

Description: proposed extension & alterations

Application Type: Full

Council Comment: Application Supported

Appeal Applications

Rangers lodge Little Birch Road Kingsthorpe Hereford

Proposed erection of a detached dwelling with ancillary works

Decision: Appeal upheld (see enclosed information)

Planning Permission Granted By Herefordshire Council

DCSW2008/1409/F Kepler, Wrigglebrook, Kingsthorpe, Hereford

Description: Erection of Conservatory

Application type: Full

DCSW2008/02882 Pilgrim Hotel Much Birch Hereford

Description: Erection of 4 no single story accommodation suites

DCSW2008/1158/F Gamberhead Farm Wormelow Hereford

Description: Upgrading of existing field access gate and track to form driveway to residential property. Change of use of land involved from agriculture to residential

Planning Permission refused by Herefordshire council

DCSW2008/1419/O Glen Helen Kingsthorpe Herefordshire

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

Application Type: Outline

17. HALC

To consider training sheets & book places as appropriate/ to note affordable housing seminar date & book places as required.

JJ to attend housing seminar 25/09/2008

18. Information

Information sheet noted

CORRESPONDENCE up to 29/08/08

Letter from Hereford Steiner Academy
Herefordshire Council – Mobile Library Consultation
Letter from Ward Cllr R Smith regarding PACT Meetings/Road Safety A49
Herefordshire Council – News on county recycling
Herefordshire Council – Road Closure notice
Letter from Much Birch Community Hall- proposed extension to car park
Herefordshire Council – Grant funding advice for parish plan actions
HALC-Information Corner
Herefordshire council – Newsletter
Festival Housing – Building Successful Communities 2008-13
Letter from parishioner – Much Birch School parking comments reply.

19. Finance

19.1 To note current bank balance
Noted as £ 9993.40

At this point JJ left the room and DD took over as Vice Chairman

19.2 To consider a donation request from Much Birch Community Hall regarding the extension of car parking facilities at the hall.

Agreed: A donation of £1000.00

JJ returned to the room and continued to chair the meeting

19.3 To consider purchasing a smart water sign for the parish from West Mercia police.

More information on price needed .Clerk to contact CSO Fiona Witcher for prices & report at next meeting

19.4 To consider further grant funding possibilities regarding parish plan actions
No grants identified for projects in the parish plan at present.

19.5 To agree invoices for payment

M Dyer £433.00 (lengthsman work)

ICO annual renewal £35.009 data protection)

A4 office products £13.50 (stationary)

Clerks expenses £4.72 (postage)

Agreed payments

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

Purchase of smart water signs, SID data collection information & identified sites,
Village Seat, Parish coat of arms,

21. To note date of next meeting

Thursday 2nd October@ 7.30pm

Signed

Dated.....