

MUCH BIRCH PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Held on
Thursday 2nd October in Much Birch Community Hall

Present: Chairman, Mr John Jones (JJ) - Mr Glenn Simms (GS) V Short Mrs A Cook (AC) Menna Swift (MS)

In attendance: Kath Greenow (Parish Clerk)

Cllr R Smith, PC Bundy, 4 Parishioners & CSO Fiona Witcher

1. To accept apologies for absence

Dave Davies, Cllr R Smith,

2. Declarations of interest on agenda items

None

3. To approve Minutes of previous meeting 04/09/2008

Minutes agreed & signed after an amendment was made to minute 9 VS will be representative from Parish Council on the Steiner Academy local Community Forum not AC.

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.

A site visit at Much Birch School has been arranged with Clive Hall Herefordshire Council Highways & Cllr B Wilcox With JJ & Clerk attending along with west Mercia police and if possible representative from Stagecoach bus company and the Headmaster of Much Birch School relating to parking problems & traffic congestion as a result of parents parking on the highway, and to also look at the problem of speeding along Kingsthorne.

Lengthsman work due to be carried out in the next few weeks.

5. To note information from HFDC regarding speed data collection at Kingsthorne and school locations.

Speed data noted, site visit with HFDC arranged as Clerk had already reported.

6.

To consider & agree charges for moving around of SID by Herefordshire Council and fee for sockets to be installed by Amey Wye Valley.

Agreed to hire SID from HFDC and Amey Wye Valley to install the 4 sockets at the following locations 1. Site at School, 2. Kingsthorne 3. Barrack Hill 4. Tump Lane

7. To consider undertaking maintenance of village seat at junction of A 49 (by the school)

Agreed to purchase green paint and AC to arrange for volunteers to undertake the painting of it.

8. To consider residents request for a Parish Coat of arms.

Agreed to ask the year 6 of Much Birch School to design a coat of arms for the parish. Clerk to write to the school asking if they would like to carry out to project.

Clerk to report back at next meeting.

9. To consider further relevant information suitable for placing in the newsletter for Kigsthorn & Birches.

Agreed Synopsis of minute of meeting on 03/07/2008. No further information to add.

10. Lengthsman.

10.1 To identify work to be carried out by lengthsman.

Agreed The area at the top of Tump lane grass needed cutting. No further work identified.

11. Footpaths.

To receive footpaths report.

GS & MR to put together a list of footpaths in the Parish. Information available if possible at next meeting.

Clerk to enquire about P3 (Parish Paths Partnership) grant for 2009/10

12. Planning.

DCSW2008/2434/RM Land adjacent to Orchard House Lower Wrigglebrook Kingsthorne

Description: Detached dwelling

Application type: reserved matters

Council Comment –Application Unsupported.

DCSW2008/2245/F Court Farmhouse, Much Birch Hereford

Description: Convert existing farmhouse into two four bedroom dwellings, convert existing garage into one bedroom dwelling

Application Type: full

Council Comment- Application Supported

Applications commented on by planning working group since last meeting

DCSW2008/2186/F The Chalice, Kingsthorne, Herefordshire

Description: Alterations and single story extension to existing dwelling

Application Type: full

Council Comment: Application supported

13.HALC

To consider training sheet and book places as appropriate.

HALC conference 11/10/2008

Clerk, JJ & MS to attend

14. Information

To note information sheet

Noted.

Herefordshire Council –Letter from Cllr B Wilcox (cabinet member for highways & transportation) Much Birch School parking issues.

Herefordshire Community Safety- Questionnaire

West Mercia Police Authority- Combined Equalities Questionnaire

Herefordshire Council- Parish Freighter Bookings

Information from Herefordshire Council – Road Safety Unit- speed data collection

Herefordshire Council- remittance advice of precept payment

15. Finance

15.1 To note current bank balance

Community account balance £ 14042.21

15.2 To consider & agree budget for 2009/10

Resolved Precept £6500.00

15.3 To consider purchasing smart water signs for the Parish from West Mercia Police

Agreed To purchase 6 signs under(BOGOF) offer . GS & DD to put up signs when they arrive

15.4 To agree purchases /Invoices

Agreed Payments/Invoices to the following

Donation to Much Birch Community Hall £1000.00

Clerks salary August & September 2008 £337.16

Clerks Expenses (postage) £ 11.52

16 To raise matters for next meeting (No discussion)

Report on meeting with HFDC Highways Clive Hall & Cllr Wilcox

Parish freighter booking

17. To note date of next meeting

Noted as Thursday 6th November 2008 @ 7.30pm

A resolution was passed to exclude the public & press due to the legal & confidential nature of business to be transacted

18. Clerks annual appraisal

Clerk's annual appraisal carried out

Agreed From April 2009 clerks' hours to increase from 5 hours per week to 6

Signed.....Dated.....