

MUCH BIRCH PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Held on
Thursday 6TH November in Much Birch Community Hall

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

In attendance: Kath Greenow (Parish Clerk)

3 Parishioners & CSO Fiona Witcher

1. To accept apologies for absence

Cllr R Smith,

2. Declarations of interest on agenda items

VS & DD declared an interest on agenda item 11 Planning application
DCSW2008/2546/F

3. To approve minutes of previous meeting 02/10/2008

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.

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 Kingsthorpe. Meeting to take place. 19/11/08
Lengthsman work has been carried out a part of Barrack Hill. Weed killing to be carried out when weather permits.

Clerk reported that HFDC would be undertaking work relating to the SID in the coming week.

Clerk reported that PROW were proposing that the top part of the lane had a series of "sleeping policemen" to keep the flow of surface water to the east of the lane and lead it into a collection point by Reculver. This would feed into a pipe which is suggested would run down the centre of the lane and under the road to the ditch opposite. This is all being costed by AMEY at present.

5. To consider closing date, judging process & prizes for the coat of arms project being undertaken by Much Birch School (Yr6 pupils)

Agreed: To set up a working group AC, JJ, and GS & MS To meet and report back at next meeting

6. To consider parish freighter collection

Agreed: To request a visit in late spring 2009, confirmation regarding location for freighter to stop at to be decided near the time of visit. Clerk to ask if there is the possibility of a "green" freighter available for garden rubbish to be disposed of.

7. To comment on communities & local government consultation on Code of conduct for local authority members & employees

Deferred to next meeting

8. To comment on communities & local government consultation on The Making of Byelaws.

Concerns were raised relating to the making of a byelaw & enforcement of a byelaw from PC point.

Agreed: To respond to consultation outlining concerns and objection to the proposals

9. To consider further action regarding speeding problem along Kingsthorne.

Agreed: No further action until the meeting has taken place with Clive Hall HFDC & Cllr B Wilcox

10. Lengthsman.

10.1 To identify work to be carried out by lengthsman.

Agreed: Clearing out of the ditch along whole of Barrack hill to be carried out cutting. Parishioner requested that the area around Wrigglebrook needs attention a letter outlining the problems was given to PC to consider. Clerk & Chairman to visit the area and advise council at next meeting.

11. Planning.

11.1 To consider section 106 (planning Gain) & identify community needs list for submission to HFDC planning section.

Agreed: Planning working group to met and bring proposals to next meeting

Planning Applications for comment

DCSW2008/2546/F Highland Cottage, Parish Lane, Hereford HR2 8AT

Description: Proposed conservatory

Application Full

Council Comment –Application Supported

Planning Applications Granted by Herefordshire Council

DCSW2008/2032/F-Kimberly Cottage Hereford HR2 8AL

Description: Alterations with first floor extension to North West elevation

DCSW2008/2025/F- The Cabin Much Birch VC School, Much Birch Hereford

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

DCSW2008/2186/F- The Chalice, Kingsthorne, Herefordshire

Description: Alterations and single story extension to existing dwelling

Application Type: full

DCSW2008/2245/F –Court Farm, Much Birch, Hereford,

Description: Convert existing farm house into two four bed dwellings, convert existing garage to one bedroom dwelling

12. HALC

21.1 To consider training sheet and book places as appropriate.

No Training at present

12.2 To note date of next PACT meeting 27/11/08 at Golden Valley Community Hall, Peterchurch 7pm

Noted

13. Information

To note information sheet

Noted.

Highways Agency – Reply on Road safety on A49

Herefordshire Council – Parish Freighter Bookings

Herefordshire Council- Draft Archaeology Strategy and Strategic Plan 2008-2011 Consultation

(On line)

Herefordshire Council – Draft Shop Front Design- Consultation (On line)

Communities & Local Government Consultation – The Making and enforcement of Byelaws

Communities & Local Government Consultation –Codes of Conduct for local authority members & employees.

Much Birch Community Hall Management Committee – Letter of thanks for donation to car park extension.

Herefordshire Council – 2nd Precept payment Remittance Advice

Much Birch Community Hall –Letter regarding hall bookings & hire charges 2009

14. Finance

14.1 To note current bank balance

Community account balance £ 12614.52

14.2 To agree purchases /Invoices

Agreed payments/invoices to the following

Clerks salary October 2008 £168.58

Clerks expenses (postage) £ 11.52

HALC Posters for noticeboards £6.00

A4 Office Products £40.45

15 To raise matters for next meeting (No discussion)

Report on meeting with HFDC Highways Clive Hall & Cllr Wilcox

Items suitable for Newsletter & website

Working group report ref Coat of Arms

Planning Working Group ref: section 106 list

17. To note date of next meeting

Noted as Thursday 4th December 2008 @ 7.30pm

Signed.....

Dated.....