

MUCH BIRCH PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Held on
Thursday 5th February 2009 in Much Birch Community Hall

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

In attendance: Kath Greenow (Parish Clerk)

CSO Fiona Witcher, 3 parishioners

1. Apologies accepted from

Mrs M Swift (MS), Ward Cllr R Smith,

2. VS & DD declared a prejudicial interest on agenda item 17 Parish Lane

AC declared a prejudicial interest on agenda item 24.2 payment to T cook (webmaster)

3. Minutes of meeting 04/12/08 agreed & signed

4. CSO Fiona Witcher Reported on the crime in the area reported that there was a new sergeant for the area "Tim Dougmore" next PACT meeting 26/02/2009 at Much Birch Community Hall.

5. No report from ward Councillor

6. Matters raised during public forum where concerns from 2 parishioner relating to a planning application on the agenda. Application (DCSW2009/0091/F Court Farm Replacement of 7 aging poultry houses)

7. Clerk reported back on action items from last meeting. Parish Freighter was booked solid up to June and no firm booking had been made by Parish Council .HFDC would be review the continuation of Parish Freighters in July. HFDC to inform Clerk when a decision had been made. Lengthsman has carried out some ditching work at Wrigglebrook. Clerk reported that she had contact HFDC footpaths warden regarding the footpaths issues raised by footpaths office, no correspondence received back from HFDC

8. **RESOLVED:** that the hire of 3 SID's in the Parish had proved to be successful in helping to alleviate speeding in the parish.

9. **RESOLVED:** Third site for to be opposite the old shop at Kingsthorpe (C1263)

10. **RESOLVED:** to hire a further 2 SID'S for April at Tump Lane & Kingsthorpe sites and a further 2 SID for MAY at Much Birch School area & Barrack Hill.

11. **RESOLVED:** deferred to next meeting.

12. **RESOLVED:** Questionnaire on Dog Fouling commented on.

13. **RESOLVED:** Complaints procedure adopted after addition to 6, second sentence to add " Shall do so not less than 7 working days prior to the meeting "

14. **RESOLVED:** Publication Scheme adopted and to go on website.

15. **RESOLVED:** Letter to Highways agency outlining the litter problem along the A49 and to request that a litter clear up is implemented.

16. **RESOLVED:** To update Parish Plan

17. **RESOLVED:** Letter to PROW regarding all issues highlighted previously along Parish lane

18. RESOLVED: Synopsis of the minutes from Dec and a report on the SID's that have been up in the Parish.

19. RESOLVED: Lengthsman to clean out ditch at Barrack Hill and to look at Pages Pitch area where a drain is blocked and report back on action required.

20. RESOLVED: to apply for P3grant (Parish Paths Footpaths).Footpaths report noted Some work required, Clerk to report issues to HFDC footpaths warden and request work to be undertaken by HFDC.

21. Planning

21.1 Date for planning working group to be confirmed

21.2 RESOLVED: To support planning application: DCCE2009/0091/F- Court Farm, Much Birch to replace seven aging poultry units (in two different locations) with four modern poultry units.

22. Meetings

RESOLVED: JJ to attend Power of Wellbeing 03/03/09 and Clerks & Chairman's evening 17/02/09
HALC- Training Information

Procedures & Finance- (Saturday) 07/02/09

Planning &Community Action – (Saturday) 28/02/09

The above three courses form the £90.00 Cilca package for Clerks, but are all open to councillors.

Power of wellbeing-03/03/2009

Public rights of way-12/03/2009

Clerks & Chairman's evening 17/02/08 (7pm)

Next Steiner Academy Meeting 6th March 2009

23. Correspondence

Noted

Herefordshire Council – Consultation –Dog Control Orders

Herefordshire Council – Forward Planning Questionnaire

WMRSS-Phase Two Revision

Pact Meeting information sheet

Rural Services Community

Bus Timetable

23.1 RESOLVED: no further comment on West Midland Regional Spatial Strategy -Phase Two revision.

24. Finance

24.1 Bank balance noted as £12,020.35

24.2 Noted receipt of ¾ lengthsman grant from HFDC

24.3 RESOLVED: To pay: A4 office Supplies £34.47, Lengthsman £164.50, Website, webmaster£29.44, Clerks Salary Jan & Feb, Clerks expenses £3.24, Clerks admin fee for lengthsman £101.91

25. Agenda items next meeting

To consider a 2nd account for community projects.

To receive a report from Steiner Academy meeting

To consider& adopt financial Regulations.

To consider a communications policy

To consider a contribution to Kingsthorpe & The Birches newsletter

To consider maintenance on the fence on Parish Land at Barrack Hill.

26. Next Meeting noted as Thursday 5th March @ 7.30pm

