

MUCH BIRCH PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Held on
Thursday 5th March 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) Mrs M Swift (MS),
In attendance: Kath Greenow (Parish Clerk)
3 parishioners Ward Cllr R Smith,

1. Apologies accepted from
CSO Fiona Witcher
2. JJ declared a prejudicial interest on agenda item9
3. Minutes of meeting 05/02/09 an amendment was made to number of parishioners present as 3 and not 2 minutes agreed & signed
- 4 No report
5. Cllr Smith reported on removal of the Parish freighter service which he had raised concerns about at the last PACT meeting. PACT meeting were not good at the present time due to concerns over chairing of the meeting, agenda, action sheet. A49 road safety Cllr Smith said that he would be speaking to HFDC and Highways Agency on this matter. Council Tax for 2009/10 proposal at present was 3.9%
6. Matters raised during public forum where concerns from 2 parishioners relating to a planning application on the agenda. Application (DCSW 2009/0329/RM) Land at Rangers Lodge Little Birch Lane Wrigglesbrook Kingsthorpe Herefordshire- Erection of new dwelling with ancillary works
7. Clerk reported back on action items from last meeting.
Update of Parish Plan meeting with HALC ref up dating a parish plan procedure etc.
Risk assessment required to be carried out before end of March 09
8. **RESOLVED:** No comment on consultation for Communities & Local Government
Communities in control: real people real power code of recommended practice on local publicity
9. **RESOLVED:** to donate to parochial church council of Much Birch £100.00 towards the grass cutting £30.00 towards maintenance of parish church clock for 2009/10
10. **RESOLVED:** MS to attend No Wrong Door workshop 26/3/09
11. **RESOLVED:** Clerk to send off to CPRE for litter picking kits & promotional leaflets for a parish litter pick on Saturday 2nd May 10am meeting at Kingsthorpe bus shelter car park area details on where litter pick will take place to be confirmed at next meeting.
12. **RESOLVED:** deferred to next meeting
13. **RESOLVED:** Resolved synopsis of the minutes of 05/02/09 and information on parish litter pick, parish paths partnership scheme for the newsletter. Minutes of 05/02/2009 for the website
14. **RESOLVED: Resolved** work identified at Barrack hill – culvert needs attention & Tickle Withy Pitch 2 small mounds of soil need removing.
15. **Planning**
Cllr Smith informed the council that he has not able to give a view regarding the application for comment by Parish Council.

15.1 Resolved: application DCSW2009/0329/RM Erection of a detached dwelling with ancillary works - Application unsupported and a letter outlining the following reasons why the application is unsupported:

(1) Over bearing impact, (2) form & mass of the building. (3) Drainage (4) The character & appearance of the site (amenity) (5) Visual impact (loss of light to neighbouring property) (6) Access on and of the property. Clerk to email draft to JJ before sending the letter off.

Resolved: to ask in the letter that this application is brought before the planning committee

Resolved: for JJ to attend the planning committee meeting if required a statement given outlining the reasons why the council are unsupportive of this application as outlined above in 15.1 .

16. Meetings

Resolved: HALC training- GS to attend Public Right of way event 12/03/09

17. Correspondence

Noted:

Letter from Much Birch Parochial Church Council

CPRE- Letter – Stop the Drop

Herefordshire Council – letter from Cllr Jarvis –Waste Management Strategy for Herefordshire & Worcestershire 2004-2034

Herefordshire Council- No Wrong Door – Developing Locality Teams for Children & Young people in Herefordshire HALC- Training Information

Public rights of way-12/03/2009

St Michael's Hospice – letter regarding St Michael Silver Anniversary

Herefordshire Council- Funding Directory Feb 09

Herefordshire Council – Briefing for Parish Councillors form Anthony Bush

18. Finance

18.1 Current bank balance £ £11,349.63

18.2 **Resolved:** to pay

18.3 Clerks Salary (March 2009) £168.58

18.4 Clerks Annual mileage £7.25

18.5 Clerks expenses (postage & envelopes) £11.96

18.6 HALC – Training £40.00

18.7 A4 Office Products £24.71

18.8 **Resolved:** payment of final invoice for lengthsman work being carried out during March 09

18.9 **Resolved:** to carry out a risk assessment. Finance working group to meet and undertake a risk assessment and report back at next meeting

19. Resolved: second account for community project to be opened Clerk to contact bank to source best value account and report back a next meeting

19.1 Resolved: amendment made to financial regulations Contacts 11.1b to insert £1500.00 and section11.1e to insert £1500.00 -financial regulations adopted.

20. Matters raised for next meeting

Power of Wellbeing information

21. Next Meeting noted as Thursday 2nd April @ 7.30pm

Signed.....

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