

MUCH BIRCH PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Held on
Thursday 11th June 2009 in Much Birch Community Hall

Present: Chairman, Mr J Jones (JJ) -) Ms V Short Mrs A Cook (AC)
Mr D Davies (DD)
In attendance: Kath Greenow (Parish Clerk)
3 parishioners, PC Bundy

1. Apologies

Mrs M Swift (MS), Mr G Simms (GS) Ward Cllr R Smith

2. No Declarations of were declared

3. Resolved: Minutes of Annual Parish Council meeting 07/05/09 agreed & signed as a true record

4 West Mercia Police reported that the area had a low crime. He reported that that there would be a rolling plan implemented shortly regarding speed enforcement in the area.

5. No report from ward Councillor as not present at the meeting

6. Public forum.

A parishioner raised the matter of a number (32 in all) of pot holes along Holly Bush Lane and asked Parish Council to take up the matter.

7. Clerks report

Clerk reported that lengthsman would be carrying out grass cutting work in the parish shortly areas at present were Wrigglebrook and Barrack Hill.

8. Report given by (AC) on pact meeting 26/05/09 and noted

9. RESOLVED: to request a visit by parish freighter Clerk to ask if it would be possible for the freighter to have two split sites on one day. I was noted that Little Birch Parish Council had the freighter booked for August

10. RESOLVED: synopsis of minutes for newsletter as usual and to also include a question to parishioners if they require sand bags for the Parish and ideas for the most suitable, accessible sites in the parish

11. Lengthsman

1.1 RESOLVED: work identified as grass cutting along wriggle brook, cutting back of hedge at area near Tump Lane, (junction leading onto Monmouth road) top of Tump Lane near A49 Junction grassed triangle area needs cutting back .Cutting back of vegetation around all the road signs in the parish. Clerk asked to arrange a visit from HFDC highways officer for the area as there were a number of issues needing their urgent attention.

12. RESOLVED: that the Snow clearance issues that were raised needed HFDC's in put to helping find a way of addressing the problem when we have snow. This matter would be included in the visit by HFDC highways.

13. Request for Sandbags –Deferred to next meeting

14 RESOLVED: to request to HFDC for hire of Sid's for August & September at sites Tump Lane & Much Birch Village in August. Much Birch School area &

Barrack Hill area in September. Clerk to also chase up the speed data from the previous Sid's

15. RESOLVED: To ask HFDC about having a indicative speed sign on the A49 in the direction leading from Hereford to village by B&B sign. Clerk to contact PC Bundy and HFDC (and Highways Agency if required to)

16. Clerks asked to seek further advice from HFDC regarding village sign at Much Birch

17. Planning

Applications for comment

17.1 Application: DCSW2009/0884/F-Penny Pit Farm Much Birch Hereford
Description: removal off condition 2 of planning permission SE2002/2300/F-The development shall be carried out in all respects strictly in accordance with the approved plans (drawing nos 445/6A, 7B received on 27/10/03, 8C, 9B, 10C recieved 21/12/03) except where otherwise stipulated by conditions attached to this permission.

Council Comment- Application Supported

Application Type: Full

17.2 Application: DCSW0009/0972/F- Cyprus Cottage Wrigglebrook Hereford

Description Proposed Dwelling

Application Type Full

Council Comment; Concerns regarding the site access and concerns over development of this area already.

17.3 RESOLVED: To make further comment to planning inspectorate regarding the porosity test and have they been carried out and that this application is not supported by the Parish Council as outlined in their letter to HFDC planning dept when application was sent back for comment

18. Meetings

No HALC training dates at present

19. Correspondence

Noted

Herefordshire Council- Parish Freighter Service

The Herefordshire Partnership- Pride of Herefordshire Awards 2009

Letter from Jesse Norman- Save our small shops

Herefordshire Council – Provision of sandbags 2009/10

19.1 No further action regarding Jessie Norman request due to time expired

19.2 Nomination of Pride of Herefordshire award- deferred to next meeting

20. Finance

20.1 Current bank balance noted as £13957.53

20.2 Noted payment from HBOSPLC £76.88

20.3 RESOLVED: to send letter to HSBC to request transfer of £2000.00 from community account into community projects account letter signed by 2 signatories on account

21. Presentation received by Lynda Wilcox of HALC on updating the parish plan .information given to each councillor outlining the process and timetable

Matters raised for next meeting

Bus Shelter improvements on A49

Update of Parish Plan – process

Snow clearance – information from HFDC

Pride of Herefordshire awards – nomination

Village sign – info from HFDC

Grit bins

Sand bags – provision of

RESOLVED: Dates for next meeting Thursday 2nd July 2009 at Much Birch
Community hall 7.30pm

Signed.....

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