

MUCH BIRCH PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Held on
Thursday 2nd JULY 2009 in Much Birch Community Hall

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

In attendance: Kath Greenow (Parish Clerk) Ward Cllr R Smith, PC Bundy
4 members of the public

1. Apologies

Mr D Davies (DD)

2. No Declarations of interest were declared

3. Resolved: Minutes of Annual Parish Council meeting 11/06/09 agreed & signed as a true record

4 West Mercia Police reported that there had been some break ins at rural churches in the area over the last few weeks.

5. Report from ward Councillor No matters relating to the Parish. He reported on HFDC relocation of retail market in Hereford and informed the PC that at present an injunction had been taken out by the butter market traders more information available about this in HFDC website. ESG has been called in by 3 members of community services select committee and as a result there will be a meeting of HFDC on ESG on Monday 13/07/09 10.30am @ Brockington.

6. Public forum.

Parishioner asked about the state of the roads around Aconbury. This is not part off Much Birch but Little Dewchurch.

7. Clerks report

Clerk reported that lengthsman would be carrying out grass cutting work in the parish shortly. A meeting had taken place with representatives from Much Birch PC HFDC highways officer regarding a number of road issues that were of concern in the parish, these being Holly bush Lane & pages pitch all of which have a number of pot holes, Wrigglebrook lane required a further inspection by HFDC regarding issues concerning erection of a safety barrier near the bottom end of wrigglebrook. The issues raised were noted by HFDC and would be put into the ¼ maintenance schedule for highways to be carried out.

It was highlighted by the officer that there were a number of road issues in the parish already in the schedule to be carried out, which were carried out through a process of prioritisation .Meeting to be arranged by Clerk.

Snow clearance issues .Minor roads (u roads) are not part of the winter gritting programme at present.

Parish Lane update.

Clerk had contacted public rights of way and planning enforcement section to find out what if any headway/ plan had been made for addressing the top end of Parish Lane and the

bottom end of the lane .Both departments seemed to feel that until their particular area had been addressed they could not move forward with the matter. Clerk asked if both departments could liaise with each other to address the issues and report back to Parish Council.

SID's

Confirmation from HFDC that there would be 2 SID's in the parish during Aug and another 2 in September at the sites requested.

8. RESOLVED: to book Parish Freighter for October 2 sites @ £40.00 per site Tump Lane area and Bus shelter area at King's Thorne

9.RESOLVED: To put a synopsis of minutes of 11/06/09 in the The Birches & King's Thorne newsletter along with Chairman's annual report and ward Cllr Smith's annual report Chairman's report and ward Cllr smith report to also go onto the Much Birch website. Further item for the newsletter is the about the daffodil bulbs that The Parish Council are ordering and that parishioners can contact the clerk if they would like some to plant out on the frontage of their property. Parish Communications Much Birch finance group to meet regarding a donation to The Birches &King's Throne newsletter for 2009/10 .It was pointed out by Councillors that the donation for 2008/09 had been made in Feb 2008 and that the Parish Council did not owe for this year (2008/09) as had been indicated by Little Birch Parish Council.

10. RESOLVED: JJ &MS to attend WMRS presentation on 7th July 2009 at The Courtyard 9.30am – 12.30

11. LENGTHSMAN.

RESOLVED: further work for lengthsman as Strimming of pavement area up from Much Birch School to end of pavement area near village as grass is encroaching on to the pavement. A number of sign posts through the parish need cutting around as the hedge is covering the actual sign. Crash Barrier at Barrack hill needs grass cutting back and trimming of the hedge behind the barrier.

12. Snow Clearance as reported by Clerk in her report earlier.

RESOLVED: Clerk to ask HFDC about contractors that are registered with HFDC for snow clearance and ask for a list of the areas that they cover.

13. RESOLVED: to ask for 50 sandbags and JJ to contact Clerk with a suitable site for the storage of the sandbags. When the site for the sand bags has been confirmed clerk to put an item into the newsletter so that parishioners are aware of where they can collect them from when required.

14. Grit bins were provided by HFDC and they were topped up at intervals throughout the year and were for the purpose of gritting the minor roads and **NOT** for parishioners own use to grit their drive ways with. HFDC were happy to meet again to explore areas that needed more grit bins to ensure that the problem areas within the parish had sufficient grit and were assessable for use on the highways. A list of all the grit bins in the parish at present was handed to the clerk by AC.

RESOLVED: to meet with HFDC highways and identify areas where more grit bins were required in the parish.

15. RESLOVED: Clerk to contact HFDC officer regarding a village sign for King's Thorn.

16. RESOLVED: Clerk to contact ward councillor over the matter and ask for his help in pushing the matter on. Clerk to also contact HFDC & Highways Agency for an update on the requested bus shelter at Church stop on A49.

17. RESOLVED: to update Parish Plan and ask HALC to come along in September to an open meeting and steering group set up from those attending the meeting.

18. RESOLVED: nominated person for The Pride of Herefordshire Awards Mr John Bryant for his input and commitment to the community.

19a. RESOLVED: to purchase one bag of daffodil bulbs and as offer states get one free, as offered by Really Welsh. Any one interested implanting some daffodil bulbs along the frontage of their property in the parish to contact the parish clerk.

19b Footpaths

19.1 RESOLVED: not to appoint a footpaths contractor for work required on the parish footpaths.

19.2 RESOLVED: work to be carried out on MB17 under P3 scheme GS to acquire a quote for materials from supplier and report to Clerk.

RESOLVED: Budget of £300.00 .GS to contact farmer to gain access to MB17 with regard to materials

20. PLANNING

Planning application for comment:

Application: DCSW0009/1249/F- Lynwood, Wrigglebrook, Kingsthorne, Hereford

Description: Proposed new house- revised scheme to planning permission

DCSW/2006/3042/F repositioning of some external openings

Application Type: Full

RESOLVED: Application Supported

Application DCSW2009/1313/F- Owaissa Kingsthorne Hereford

Description: Two Story extension and conservatory with veranda

Application Type –Full

RESOLVED: Application Supported

21. MEETINGS

HALC training dates – non at present

22. CORRESPONDENCE

Herefordshire Council- Parish Freighter Service --- info given out in last agenda pack

The Herefordshire Partnership- Pride of Herefordshire Awards 2009 Herefordshire Council –

Provision of sandbags 2009/10 info given----- out in last agenda pack

West Midlands Regional Spatial Strategy- phase three revision

Really Welsh – daffodil bulbs offer

23. FINANCE

23.1 Bank Balance noted Community Account £ 11741.32 Community Projects Parish Plan a/c £2000.00

23.2 Remittance noted shares payment offer £19.94

23.3 Remittance noted –VAT reclaim of £135.59

RESOLVED: payment of:

23.4 M. Dyer £142.50

23.5 Clerks expenses (postage) £3.05

24. RESOLVED: lease not up for renewal until August 2010

25. Matters for next meeting (no discussion)

Agenda items for next meeting to be sent to clerk at least 5 working days before next meeting.

26. Next Meeting Thursday 3rd September 2009 @ 7.30pm Much Birch Community Hall

Signed.....

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