

MUCH BIRCH PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Held on
Thursday 3rd September 2009 in Much Birch Community Hall

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

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

1. Apologies

Mrs Menna Swift (MS)

2. No declarations of interest were declared

3. RESOLVED: Minutes of Parish Council meeting 2/07/09 agreed & signed as a true record minutes of 19/08/09 an amendment made to parishioners present from 2 to 3

4 West Mercia Police no report due to not being able to attend meeting

5. Councillor Smith reported on the transfer of HFDC highways over to Amey .Contact for road issue the same as before. Amey Chief is Ruth Kinsella. The bus service review will have no impact upon Much Birch. Next PACT meeting 13th October Much Birch Community Hall.

New wheely bins will be delivered to household in the next few weeks.
Report on the revision of HFDC constitution was also given.

6. Public forum.

Parishioners raised the following issue which the ward councillor addressed
Wheely bins Holly bush lane road issues.

Other issue raised by parishioner to the Parish Council were about The Birches & Kings Thorn newsletter these were addressed by the chairman.

7. Clerks report

Clerk reported that lengthsman had carried out work requested in the parish.

Parish Freighter had been booked for 31st October at two locations 1st location Kings Thorn bus stop by the car park area between 11am-1pm and the 2nd location along Tump lane area near the garage between 2pm -4pm. Clerk reported that despite sending the Parish Council's information into the editor of the The Birches & Kings Thorne newsletter no report was put in.

A meeting regarding the request for a village sign is to take place with HFDC officer when he returns from annual leave.

Hollybush lane- A meeting has taken place with HFDC highways officer and she has emailed her response to say that she has had site meeting with the area supervisor and pointed out the poor road surface of both Hollybush and Pages Pitch. He was aware of the problem and both locations have been submitted for consideration for next years programme. In the meantime, the worst of the potholes will be filled. The problem of the drop off adjacent to

the culvert has been attended to and is now banked, apparently it was not suitable for fencing or barrier work as there are gabion baskets in the verge at this point.

Parish Lane- Clerk reported that she had had an email from PROW to confirm that the drain pipe under public road U71603 at the south end of Parish Lane (MB29) has been identified and cleared by Highways. This leaves the way open for the proposed drain down Parish Lane to be installed and connected. A request has been made for costing for a tarmac apron with integral 'sleeping policeman' and capture pit at the end of the lane (this latter needing to fit into the lane drain). Costings have been given for the work at the top of the lane.

Church Bus stop at Much Birch – A proposal has been submitted to Amey Mouchel for their consideration. Parish Council will be notified of the outcome in due course.

9. RESOLVED: To put a synopsis of minutes of 02/07/09 & 19/08/09 in the The Birches & King's Thorne newsletter

10. RESOLVED: not to continue with communications group and it was reiterated again that Much Birch Parish Council website would remain under the full control of Much Birch Parish Council.

11. RESOLVED: Clerk to contact the bus company regarding request for provision of another bus stop opposite the old shop near Kings Thorn.

12. RESOLVED: Delegated to clerk to fill in online National Highways & Transportation questionnaire.

13 Lengthsman

13.1 RESOLVED: work identified as checking around the road signs that require the grass cutting from around them.

14. No discussion due to oversight. To be considered at next meeting

15. Footpaths report from GS & MR

MB13 footpath problems being investigated. The footpaths marker post a Gilston is still on the ground needing attention and re siting in an upright position again. The Farmer has agreed to help with getting the material required to attend to the little foot bridge at MB

16. Planning

No planning applications for comment

Planning Permission given by Herefordshire Council

Church View Barn DCSW0009/1430/F-Proposed amendment to approved plans – conversion of barn into dwelling

Lynwood Wriggle Brook Kingsthorpe Herefordshire DCSW0009/1249/F-
Proposed new house – revised scheme to planning permission
DCSW2006/3042/F repositioning of some external openings

Owaissa Kingsthorpe Hereford

DCSW0009/1313/F- Two Story extension and conservatory with veranda.

17. Meetings

HALC training dates noted

**Next Pact meeting Thursday 17th September at Much Birch Community Hall
7pm**

18. Correspondence

Correspondence noted as:

HALC Information Corner

Bt- Invitation to adopt local phone box (Much Birch)

Letter from Parishioners on Holly Bush Lane

19. Finance

19.1 Current bank balance noted as £ £11,069.47

19.2**RESOLVED**: to pay following invoices:

M Dyer (Lengthsman) £269.48

ICO (Annual fee) £35.00

Clerk expenses (postage) £7.42

REALLY Welsh Trading Company £30.00

A4 office products £53.56

Payment was also made to Little Birch Village Hall Committee for I donation to The Birches & Kings Thorn newsletter for 2008/09 £350.00 & for 2009/10 £350.00

21. Matters for next meeting (no discussion)

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

Adoption of BT telephone kiosk in Much Birch

26. Next Meeting Thursday 1st October 2009 @ 7.30pm Much Birch Community Hall

Signed.....

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