

MUCH BIRCH PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Held on
Thursday 1st October 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) Mrs M Swift

In attendance: Kath Greenow (Parish Clerk) C.S.O Fiona Witcher

4 members of the public

1. Apologies

Cllr Richard Smith

2. No declarations of interest were declared

3. RESOLVED: Minutes of Parish Council meeting 03/09/09 signed after an amendment had been made to apologies to add Mrs M Swift

4 West Mercia Police report:

Damage reported to the burger bar van along A49 lay by. A number off trailers had been stolen from the area recently. Speed gun checks were being carried out in a number of local areas.

5. No ward Councillor

6. Public forum.

Parishioner raised the matter that tarmac had broken up on the road beyond Much Birch Church and needs attention.

7. Clerks report

Clerk reported that one of the identified sites for the Parish Freighter to stop was classed as unsuitable by Herefordshire Council and another location was required if .The site suggested by Herefordshire Council was Wormlow Park .

Birches newsletter: both JJ and she had met with Mrs Mathews & John Bryant about concerns over the newsletter as highlighted by cllrs. Mrs Mathews asked if more information could submitted by Much Birch parish as there had not been much information regarding parish news etc from parishioners. The concerns over fees and collection of fees for advertising were also discussed and it was said that this matter was under review .It was suggested by Mrs Mathews that the Parish Councils contribution to the newsletter could be friendly rather than political.

Village Sign: A meeting had taken place with regard to the possibility of a sign and the information had been sent to cllrs in their agenda packs.

Highways issues: There were problems with contacting highways officers and being able to report highway defects through street scene at present .The problem had been raised with HALC and reported to HFDC parish liaison officer. It was understood that there are a few teething problem with the change over from HFDC to Amey contractors.

Bus Stop request: HFDC has indicated that it is possible to erect a bus stop sign opposite the old shop at King's Thorn. The officer dealing with this request will be in touch with the council once the returns from annual leave.

8. RESOLVED: To put a report on the meeting of 03/09/09 & the parish plan meeting on 27/10/09 along with the details of the parish freighter booked for 31/10/09 in the The Birches & King's Thorne newsletter.

9. Adoption of bt phone kiosk at King's Thorn

RESOLVED: to ask parishioners for ideas as to what the phone kiosk could be used for if it were to be adopted.

10.Lengthsman

10.1 **RESOLVED:** work identified to cut back grown vegetation at the lower end of Wrigglebrook lane and pages pitch.

Some hedgerows were overgrown around this area clarification on ownership required before ant action can be taken.

11. Parishioners letter regarding Tump lane road issues had been passed onto HFDC. Some surfacing work has been carried out on the road in the last few weeks.

12. Planning

DCSW0009/1909/F- Primrose Cottage, Much Birch Hereford

Description: Demolition of existing garage and construction of new garage in same location

Application Type: Full

Council Comment: Application Supported

13 Meetings

No HALC training dates at present .Clerk to email cllrs with training dates when the information is sent out by HALC.

13.2 Dated noted for HALC AGM as 10/10/09 9am – 3pm (JJ) hoping to attend

13.3 Dated noted for Parish Plan update meeting at Much Birch Community Hall Tuesday 27th October 7.30pm

14. Correspondence

Correspondence noted as:

Letter from parishioner regarding future planning application.

Letter from Herefordshire Nature Trust regarding existing new parish ponds project

15. Finance

15.1 Current bank balance noted as £13,259.50

15.2**RESOLVED:** to pay following invoices:

M. Dyer – Lengthsman £275.50

A4 office Products £18.16

HALC (posters) £3.00

Much Birch Community Hall Booking for Parish Meeting on updating Parish Plan £14.50

15.3 **RESOLVED:** deferred until next meeting as more information required

16. Matters for next meeting (no discussion)

Section 106 – update

Village sign – update & final decision

Adoption of BT phone kiosk & final decision

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

26. Next Meeting Thursday 12th November 2009 @ 7.30pm Much Birch Community Hall

Signed.....

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