

MUCH BIRCH PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Held on
Thursday 12th November 2009 in Much Birch Community Hall

Present: Chairman, Mr J Jones (JJ) Mrs A Cook (AC) Mrs M Swift (MS)

In attendance: Kath Greenow (Parish Clerk)

14 members of the public

1. Apologies Ms V Short, Mr G Simms, Mr D Davies

Cllr Richard Smith

2 Declaration of interest declared by (AC) on agenda item 19.4

3. RESOLVED: Minutes of Parish Council meeting 01/10/09 agreed & signed

4. RESOLVED: Minutes of Extra Ordinary meeting 27/10/09 agreed & signed

5. No police report.

6. No ward Councillor report.

7. Public forum.

Parishioner raised concerns over the closure of The Castle Inn and asked for support from the parish council at an open meeting on 17/11/09 organised by Little Birch Parish council.

8. Clerks report

No further correspondence from hfcd officers regarding Much Birch School traffic problems. Bus shelter request at Church stop, request for further bus stop at the location of The Old Shop. Clerk to chase up and report back at next meeting.

9. RESOLVED: to put a report from meeting in September into The King's Thorn & Birches and put full minutes of last meeting on Much Birch website.

10 .RESOLVED: Not to adopt phone kiosk in Much Birch due to lack of support from parishioners and cost involved in maintaining the phone kiosk.

11. Lengthsman

11.1 RESOLVED: No further work identified at present.

Sand bags that have been requested for parishioners use during times of flooding would be stored by Mr Smith and made available for parishioners to use when needed.

The Parish Council thanked him for his kind offer.

12 RESOLVED: to send a letter to Herefordshire Council planning department outlining the parish council's concerns over planning issues regarding the closure of The Castle pub and alterations made to interior of property.

13. RESOLVED: to hire 1 sid for December at to be erected at Windrush site. (AC) had carried out an analysis from the speed data information of the most effective sites where the sid's had been placed during August & September which was noted .It was asked if it is possible for the time of day to be added to the collating of information from the sid when in place. Clerk to contact road safety team to establish if this can be done when hiring the sid again.

14. New freighter charges for July 2010 were noted

15. Comments made relating to the new recycling scheme that Herefordshire council had introduced in November were noted. Some concerns raised over the difficulty some older

people may have in getting the full bin to the kerbside. If this was the case for some people they were asked to contact Herefordshire Council and ask for a smaller bin.

16. Planning

16.1. DMSW/092716/RM-Land adjacent to Burcot Kings Thorne Hereford
Construction of two story residential property including garage and parking

Application Type: Approval of reserved matters

Council Comment- Application Supported- request made to the planning department that the vehicle exit from the site as outlined in the layout point 5 is strictly implemented.

17. Meetings

17.1 HALC training dates noted.

17.2 Amey evening noted as Tuesday 24th November 7pm @ Brockington

17.3 Dated noted for Parish Plan update meeting at Much Birch Community Hall –deferred to next meeting

18. Correspondence

18.1 **RESOLVED:** Not to give a donation to Dore Community Transport.

18.2 Speed indicator information noted from hire of sid's during Aug/September

Correspondence noted as:

19. Finance

19.1 Current bank balance noted as £12569.08

19.2 Precept – deferred to next meeting

19.3 Completion of External Audit Noted no action items required from results of audit

19.4 **RESOLVED:** to pay

Clerks expenses (postage) £3.66

T Cook Website fee £31.03

Annual Contribution to Clerk for use of home office £100.00

19.5 **RESOLVED:** Alison Cook added to finance working group

20. 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. Deferred items from agenda

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

Signed.....

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