

MUCH BIRCH PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Held on
Thursday 1st April 2010 in Much Birch Community Hall

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

In attendance: Kath Greenow (Parish Clerk). 1 member of the public

1. Apologies accepted from: Mr D Davies, Cllr R Smith, Fiona Witcher C.S.O-West Mercia Police,

2. Declaration of interest declared by (AC) on agenda item 20.3

Declaration of interest (prejudicial) declared by JJ on agenda item 20.7

3. RESOLVED: Minutes of Parish Council meeting 04/03/10 agreed & signed as a true record

RESOLVED: Minutes of extra ordinary meeting on 09/03/10 agreed & signed as a true record

4. Police report – no police present .

5. Ward Councillor report- No ward councillor present

6. Public forum.

A member of the public raised the concern over the amount of pot holes still waiting to be attended to.

7. Clerks report

Clerk reported that she had reported to highways the potholes in the parish .A email had been sent to Cllr Wilcox asking him to attend the next PACT meeting in May with regard to concerns over road safety on A49. A letter has been sent to HALC but no reply as yet to questions asked ref HALC Accounts 2008/9

8. Information to go into The King's Thorn & Birches Newsletter and onto Much Birch website

Synopsis of parish council meeting in March for The Birches newsletter.

Website – information on Parish Plan update and next meeting of Parish Plan Steering Group.TBC

9. Lengthsman

Work identified

Ditch requires cleaning out at Barrack Hill. Check over of other ditches in the parish.

10. Highway issues

RESOLVED: to report: damage to verge along Kings Throne near Blue House.

Hedge cutting debris along Wriggle brook lane. Kerbing requires attention at Wormelow Shop as they are starting to come lose and uneven. Pot hole at Tump Lane near bottom end by Violet museum. Pothole near Mount Skip It –off the top of A49leading towards Kings Thorn.

11. RESOLVED: To incorporate concerns of crossing A49 and road safety options near this location in to the letter to be sent to Mr R Ball.

12. RESOLVED: To write to R Ball Herefordshire Council regarding road safety on A49 and ask what road safety measures will they be putting in place along the A49.

13. RESOLVED: to hire sids in the parish at the following locations Windrush May, Barrack Hill in July, Much Birch School & Tump Lane in Sept, Windrush & Much Birch School in Jan 2011.

14. RESOLVED: to accept resignation of Revd Kay Garlick as a trustee of The Much Birch Old Charities and appoint Revd Mark Johnson as new trustee.

RESOLVED: to ask Mr Brimacombe to come along to the Annual Parish Meeting in may to give a report on the Much Birch Old Charities

15. RESOLVED: to contact Herefordshire council highways concerning request for extension of 40mph along A466 near Gamber head

16. RESOLVED: to put together a flyer inviting people to come along to the next parish plan meeting date to be confirmed. Email to Cllrs date of next Parish Plan meeting when a date has been confirmed. Clerk to contact booking clerk of Much Birch Community Hall and ask for date that the hall is free.

17. Footpaths report. GS reported that a gate has been put in place a Trevervan Farm. Further footpaths work required at various location .Another footpaths inspection will also take place in the near future.

18. Planning

18.1 To comment on the following planning application

DMSW/100419/F- Court Farm Much Birch Hereford- Variation of condition 13 of planning application number DCSW/100419/F

Parish Council Comment: Application Supported

19. Meetings

19.1 HALC training no dates for training at present

19.2 Next Parish Plan meeting TBC

20. Finance

20.1 Current bank balance noted as £11772.83

20.2 Budget for end of year 2009/10 noted

20.3 Resolved to pay:

Clerks expenses (postage) £4.51

Much Birch Community Hall Scheduled Parish Council Meetings for 2010/11 £108.00

A4 Office Products £11.74

Herefordshire Council Hire of Sid's £587.50

Shaws & Son (good councillors guide book – new edition) £15.95

20.4 RESOLVED: Annual risk assessment reviewed & approved.

20.5 RESOLVED: Clerk to source prices for new wooden/metal noticeboard and report back at next meeting

20.6 remittance of lengthsman scheme grant for 209/10 noted £936.00

20.7 **RESOLVED:** to give a donation to Much Birch PCC towards churchyard maintenance for 2010/11 sum of £110.00 and to give a donation towards maintenance of the War Memorial clock the sum of £40.00

21. Correspondence

Noted

Letter from Mr & Mrs Joseph read out by JJ Resolved: Clerk to contact Herefordshire council regarding hedgerow concerns and write to Mr & Mrs Joseph outlining what they need to do to have the problem attended to.

21.1 letter from Kings Caple Primary Scholl noted.

22. 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.

17. Next Meeting Thursday 14th May 2010@ 7pm Much Birch Community Hall

Signed.....

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