

MUCH BIRCH PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Held on
Thursday 3rd June 2010 in Much Birch Community Hall

Present: Mr D Davies, (DD) Vice Chair Mrs A Cook (AC), Mrs M Swift (MS)
In attendance: Kath Greenow (Parish Clerk). Cllr R Smith 5 members of the public

1. Apologies accepted from: Chairman, Mr J Jones (JJ)

Ms V Short, (VS) Mr G Simms, (GS)

Vice Chair took the meeting in absence of the chairman

2. Declaration of interest declared by (MS) on agenda item 11 (personnel interest declared)

3. RESOLVED: Minutes of Annual Parish Council meeting 14/05/2010 an amendment made in respect of finance 19.4 which should have read 19.2 Minutes agreed & signed as a true record

4. Police report – no police present.

5. Ward Councillor reported- That matters relating to affordable housing needs were now being attend to by Hayley Crain as Keith Parry of Community First was no longer in post due to grant funding cut backs by Herefordshire Council.

Cllr Smith had had a formal acknowledgement with regard to road safety concerns regarding A49 and Mrs Davies sketch of proposed safer crossing barriers etc on the A49 near the Much Birch School.

A further pact meeting has provisionally arranged for 24th June.

Information given on Pride of Herefordshire Awards

Cllr Smith had had an email relating to the change to footpath MB4 in the parish and asked if the parish council had been consulted on this as well.

6. Public forum.

A member of the public raised the continued concerns over inconsiderate parking of cars by parents at Much Birch School. Part of the problem seems to be that parents are arriving far too early to pick up their children to ensure they get a parking place. Parking has started to drift down towards the bus stop and on to the road opposite the bus stop which is causing considerable traffic problems during start of the school day and end of school day. Parking is also extended down toward the junction of A49 The Parish Council were asked by parishioners to attempt to get the problem addressed in a way that would benefit all parties concerned.

7. Clerks report

Clerk reported that she had contacted Amey requesting an update on pot hole that had been attended to and pot holes still waiting to be filled in. No response had been received back. Clerk to chase up again.

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

8. RESOLVED: Synopsis of parish council meeting in March for The Birches newsletter and parish plan update information.

Information for the website: Parish Plan information on next meeting.

9. Lengthsman

Work identified

Hedge cutting back at Top of the Thorn as is over grown and causing visibility difficulties for road users. A fallen Tree near Cress Cottage needs attending to. Clerk to check with landowner with regard to it being cleared.

10. Planning application DMSW/1000855/F Land at or near Windmill Hill, Pencoyd Court & Trevasse Farms, also Court Farm at Much Birch Herefordshire Proposed erection of polytunnels (retrospective)

RESOLVED: Application Supported and it was felt this would help benefit the local community regarding employment.

11. RESOLVED: Clerk to contact the headmaster of Much Birch Primary School to arrange a meeting with Mr Howard and representatives of the Parish Council with regard to ongoing parking problems outside the school.

RESOLVED: Clerk was asked to contact local rural police team to ask if they could increase their patrols near the school during peak times in the morning & afternoon with a view to enforcing the non parking at the bus stops either side of the road near the school and near the junction leading onto the A49

12. RESOLVED: To support Mrs Davies's drawing of her proposals for safety barriers to enable safe crossing of the A49 to & from Tump Lane.

Cllr Smith informed Cllrs that he had had formal notification from highways regarding the proposed drawings and he also pointed out that Amey have a responsibility to with regard to road safety at this location.

13. RESOLVED: To defer response to Safer Herefordshire consultation until next meeting in July.

14. RESOLVED: AC to ask webmaster to look at information received regarding Avon line broadband information and report to the Clerk ready for next meeting.

15. Meetings

15.1 HALC training dates for training noted Clerk was asked to email training dates to the chairman.

15.2 Next Parish Plan meeting noted as Friday 25th June at 7.30pm Much Birch Community Hall

16. Finance

16.1 Current bank balance noted as £13473.22

16.2 Resolved to pay:

Clerks expenses (postage) £4.92

Payment Deferred to HALC of £225.35 ref annual subscription until a letter had been received from HALC with regard to queries raised by the council on the HALC accounts for 208/09

17. Correspondence

Correspondence noted

Herefordshire Council Letter ref salt bins

18 Matters for next meeting (no discussion)

Presentation from Mr D Brimacombe on Much Birch Old Charities

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

17. Next Meeting Thursday 1st July2010@ 7.30pm Much Birch Community Hall

Signed.....

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