

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

Collective

Present: Mr John Jones (JJ), Chairman Mr D Davies, (DD) Vice Chair Mrs A Cook (AC), Mrs M Swift (MS), Mr G Simms, (GS)

In attendance: Kath Greenow (Parish Clerk). 2 members of the public

1. Apologies accepted from:

Ms V Short, (VS) Cllr R Smith

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

3. RESOLVED: Minutes of Parish Council meeting 03/06/2010 agreed & signed as a true record

4. Police report – no police present.

5. Ward Councillors report

Ward Cllr not present at meeting

6. Public forum.

A member of the public raised the question about the stile at striking gate .Clerk was asked to contact Herefordshire Council PROW to report the matter.

Other questions asked were about the bus stop request at The Thorn road. No response from officer concerned as he was on sick leave. Clerk was asked to chase up and report back at next meeting.

Disposal of grass cuttings at Wrigglebrook and over grown hedge. Clerk asked to write a letter to landowner asking them to refrain from disposing grass cuttings near the roadside. JJ to advise clerk of name of landowner & address ref over grown hedge for clerk to write to and ask for it to be cut back.

7. Clerks report

Clerk reported that she had contacted Amey requesting an update bus stop at The Thorn but had not been able to speak to the officer concerned as he was off sick.

A bus shelter had finally been installed by Amey at The Church stop during the week.

8. RESOLVED: Synopsis of parish council meeting in July for The Birches newsletter

I was noted that the parish council had not received a letter requesting a donation towards The Birches & King's Thorn newsletter as required and outlined to the village hall secretary last year. All donation request need to submit a donation request letter along with financial evidence and an explanation / reason for donation request.

9. Lengthsman

Work identified

Grass cutting at: Tickle withy pitch, Tump Lane Hedge cutting & verge cutting, weed killing along roadside towards the primary school

Clerk was asked to contact Amey Herefordshire to ask for replacement of 30mph signs as they had graffiti on them.

10. RESOLVED questionnaire completed from Herefordshire Council -Safer Herefordshire Main areas of concern Road safety, speeding, and anti social behaviour

11. RESOLVED: Clerk to contact the headmaster of Much Birch Primary School to arrange a meeting with Mr Howard and parking enforcement team local rural police team and representatives of the Parish Council with regard to ongoing parking problems outside the school. Also to meet with the headmaster with regard to sending a letter out to parents with regard to on going parking problems

12. RESOLVED: Planning

No applications for comment

12.1 Planning applications granted by Herefordshire Council noted

12.2 Letter from planning enforcement officer ref: The Castle Inn Little Birch - noted

12.3 Letter from Herefordshire Council regarding planning appeal lodged with planning inspectorate for refusal of planning permission of The Granary Minster Farm Much Birch Hereford – revision of application DCSW2005/3085/F to incorporate existing lean to for living accommodation

13. Meetings

13.1 HALC training noted

13.2 Date of next parish plan meeting tbc

13.3 Next PACT meeting on 27/07/2010 at 7pm

RESOLVED: to ask following questions about way forward with regard to parking problems outside Much Birch Primary School and action plan, Safety Concerns for children crossing over the A49 towards The Tump.

13.4 RESOLVED to nominate A Cook to HALC'S executive committee.

14. Finance

14.1 Current bank balance noted as £13248.71

14.2 Resolved to pay:

Clerks expenses (postage) £9.92

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

15. Correspondence

Correspondence noted

16 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 2nd September 2010@ 7.30pm Much Birch Community Hall

Signed.....

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