

MUCH BIRCH PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Held on
Thursday 7th October 2010 in Much Birch Community Hall

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

Mr D Davies, Ms V Short,

In attendance: Kath Greenow (Parish Clerk). Rural Policing team C.S.O Kevin Powell & 3 members of the public

1. Apologies accepted from:

Cllr R Smith

2. AC declared a personal interest on agenda item 16.4 and GS declared a prejudicial interest on agenda item 12

3. **RESOLVED:** Minutes of Parish Council meeting 02/09/10 agreed & signed as a true record

4. **Police report** – There had been a theft of trailers in the area recently and there had also been some thefts of diesel from outlining areas in recent weeks.

School parking problems had prompted the police to put some cones along the bottom end of King's Thorn road near the junction of the A49 to stop parents parking too near the junction, which was causing a obstruction of the highway .A letter had been handed out to parents by Pc Bundy informing them of the dangers of parking too near the junction quoting highway code rules with regard to parking too near a junction.

Parish Councillors asked for the local police team to continue visits to the area when the school day starts & finishes when possible. Efforts were also being undertaken to alleviate the parking problem at the school with Herefordshire Council Highways& Police but once again it was raised that parents **MUST** play their part in helping to alleviate the problem by dropping of/ picking up their children at the school and then leaving the school.

5. Ward Councillors report

No report from Ward Cllr

6. Public forum.

Parishioner raised concerns with regard to the speed of traffic through King's Thorn. She walked here children to Much Birch School on a daily basis along the pavement. It was asked if there was anything that could be done to help with traffic claiming and if the pavement could be cleared of over grown grass & weeds.

7.

RESOLVED that the land administered by The Much Birch Old Charities was to be retained for the benefit of the parish and that a fixed term agreement to be offered for those parishioners who may wish to rent the land. Clerk to send

a letter to Mr Brimacombe informing the charity of the Parish Council's recommendation.

8. Clerks report

Clerk reported that she had contacted Amey and a site meeting will take place on 8th October at 10.30am with Mark Wright senior technician Amey with regard to bus stop at King's Thorn. PROW have been contacted again with regard to request for gates at some location on the footpaths through the parish. Clerk & chairman had meet with Hayley Crane regarding the verbal proposals brought to the attention of Mr J Spreckley at the last meeting regarding the affordable housing at Minster farm. There was confusion on the affordable element of housing left after taking into consideration the court farm development .The development at Court Farm had not been given planning permission as such as the element of affordable housing requested in the proposed was 35%,but Herefordshire Councillors at the area planning meeting had stipulated that the element be 50% of affordable housing. The developer was aware of this and he has been given until the New Year to consider this by Herefordshire Council.

The Parish Council reiterated again that they could not comment further on the proposed affordable housing scheme at The Minster Farm until a planning application had been submitted by the developer of The Minster Farm affordable housing scheme.

9. LENGTHSMAN

9.1 RESOLVED work to be carried out by lengthsman

Clearing back of grass & weeds along pavement leading towards Much Birch School. Checking & clearing out of ditches as required through the Parish.

Wrigglebrook lane: grass cutting required along some sections of the verges. Grips to be checked at Wriggle brook where Welsh Water have recently be carrying out work.

Work identified needing attention by Amey Herefordshire:

Pots hole need filing in along Tump Lane Hollybush Lane. Update required on grit bins asked for in the parish.

The Clerk asked to arrange a Parish Walk with Amey Herefordshire.

10. RESOLVED: To request again more grit bins in the parish at previously identified sites in the Parish Gilston, Pages & Pitch Barrack Hill

11. RESOLVED: to request a vehicle activated sign at King's Thorn Clerk to contact AMEY officer of Traffic and if required arrange a site meeting.

12 To be discussed in closed section due to confidential nature

13. RESOLVED: to include a synopsis of the minutes of the last meeting. And info on Parish Plan meeting footpaths info, info regarding hedgerow cutting .Parking problems at the school.

14. Planning

14.1 RESOLVED: that there will be an extra ordinary meeting on 21st October at 7pm at Much Birch Community Hall to consider The Core Strategy –

Shaping Our Place 2026 follow on consultation paper preferred options – Hereford

To comment on Planning Application

14.2 DMS/102279/FH - Rosslea, Much Birch Herefordshire

Description: Proposed conservatory

Parish Council Comment: Application Supported

Application considered by Planning Working Group after the meeting

DMS/102373/FH- Newcroft Farm Much Birch Herefordshire

Description: Proposed detached garage.

Parish Council comment: Application supported

14.3 Application granted planning permission by Herefordshire Council
DCWS0009/1430/F- Church View Barn Minster Farm, Much Birch Herefordshire

Amendments to approved plans – conversion of barn to dwelling

14.4 **RESOLVED:** footpaths officer & Mo Ross to look at proposed diversion site and report back any concerns if required. In principal the Parish Council were happy to support the diversion as outlined in a previous meeting in 2008/9
Footpaths report was read out and noted

14.5 **RESOLVED** to put Parish Council's name forward regarding the new "Right to build proposals as outlined by HALC.

15 Meetings

15.1 Next Parish Plan Meeting 28/10/2010 noted

15.2 Next PACT meeting noted as 11th November at 7pm Much Birch Community Hall

15.3 **RESOLVED:** to request agenda items to go on to the agenda from Much Birch Parish Council

1. To consider speeding issues through King's Thorn
2. To request response to request by Parish Council's more grit bins for parishes and to request a plan for parishes that run the lengthsman scheme to have grit placed at a designated secure site so that the lengthsman can replenish the grit bins and spread the grit when Amey are concentrating on the major routes. This was discussed at an emergency coordinators meeting in March since then nothing on this has come forward from Amey Rural parishes always suffer when we have severe weather conditions and this must be addressed by Amey as people in the rural parish need to get to work etc if at all possible,
3. To attend to those proposals / consideration highlighting the recent meeting at plough lane regarding parking problems at Much Birch School and parents parking on the junction near the A49 police have been placing traffic cones at the junction to deter parents from parking near the junction.

15.4 HALC AGM noted as Saturday 16th October 9.30am – 3.30pm MS attending for Much BIRCH Parish Council

16. Finance

16.1 Current bank balance noted as 14896.43

16.2 **RESOLVED** to pay:

Clerks annual payment for use of home office £100.00

16.3 Much Birch Website fee £42.27

16.5 **RESOLVED:** GS to locate further information and prices regarding a new wooden notice board

16.6 **RESOLVED:** to purchase a new litter bin to be sited at the Church bus stop.

If a cheque is required up on ordering it was agreed that a cheque could be signed.

16.7 Noted remittance of 2nd precept payment for £3500.00

17. Correspondence

Correspondence noted

18. Matters for next meeting (no discussion)

Consideration of donation to King's Thorn & Birches newsletter

19. Next Meeting Thursday 4th November 2010@ 7.30pm Much Birch Community Hall

A resolution was passed to exclude members of the public due to a confidential nature

Signed.....

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