

**MUCH BIRCH PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Held on**  
**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2010 in Much Birch Community Hall**

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

In attendance: Kath Greenow (Parish Clerk).

**1. Apologies accepted from:** Mr D Davies & Cllr R Smith

**2.** No declarations of interest declared on agenda items

**3. RESOLVED:** Minutes of Parish Council meeting 04/11/10 agreed & signed as a true record

**4.** No police report

**5. Ward Councillors report**

No report from Ward Cllr

**6. Public forum.**

No public present at meeting

**7. Clerks report**

Clerk reported back regarding request for siting of bus stop near the Old Shop Kings Thorn. Amey officers indicated that there could be a bus stop sign sighted on the opposite of the road near The Old shop, however this would have to be assessed under the next years budget. With regard to siting a bus stop/ shelter near the Old Shop leading from Kings Throne this had a number of problems that could not be overcome according to Amey officers. To site a shelter they would need to acquire some land near the telephone box and there was also the concern over the pitch of the road and visibility criteria that had to be met in all it was the view of Amey that this stop could not be achieved or viable due to the number of issues that would need to be addressed.

Clerk asked to contact Amey to ask for price of bus stops and report back at next meeting

**8.** Highways issues to report to AMEY.

Nothing to report

**9. RESOLVED:** To defer the decision of hiring further SID's until next meeting.

The concern with regard to speeding through the parish was still an issue and it was considered that the best way forward was to call a Parish Meeting where parishioners could come and air their views on speeding in the Parish. The clerk was asked to contact and invite Sgt Tim Dougmore of West Mercia rural policing team along to the meeting when a date had been set.

**10. LENGTHSMAN**

**No further work identified.**

**RESOLVED:** to purchase 2 x grit bins for the parish to be sited at Pages Pitch and Wrigglebrook.

**11. RESOLVED:** to include a synopsis of the minutes of the last meeting and request regarding parking at junctions and on pavements during bad weather.

Website AC asked about putting planning approval notice received from Herefordshire Council on the Parish website. Clerk to contact Herefordshire Planning service to check and

if this was allowed. If this was acceptable then the clerk was asked to send the approved planning application notices on to the webmaster.

**12.** Update on footpaths –Work required on the footpaths is ongoing. P3 expenditure info to be sent to Footpaths officer and assistant officer.

**13. Planning**

**Planning application for comment:**

DMS/102976/F – 1 Church View Barn Minster Farm Much Birch Hereford

Description: Amendment to approved plans DCSW2005/ 3085/F

**RESOLVED:** Application Supported

**14. Meetings**

14.1 HALC – Chairs & Clerks informal evening 26/01/2011 JJ & Clerk to attend

14.2 Parish Plan meeting 17/01/2011 7pm Much Birch Community Hall

14.3 Update on PACT Meeting 11/11/2010 noted by Cllrs.

**15. Finance**

15.1 Current bank balance noted as £14200.95

15.2 **RESOLVED:** budget and set precept for 2011/12 at £6000.00 and **RESOLVED** to transfer £3000.00 into community projects account

15.3 **RESOLVED** to pay: A4 Office Products £19.94

Clerks expenses (postage) £9.84

15.4 **RESOLVED:** to purchase wooden

Noticeboard at a cost of £585.00 + VAT

**RESOLVED** payment to be made to Draig Joinery when noticeboard has been completed GS to contact company making noticeboard

**16. Correspondence**

Correspondence noted

**18. Matters for next meeting (no discussion)**

**19. Next Meeting** Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2011 @ 7.30pm Much Birch Community Hall

Signed.....

Dated.....