

MUCH BIRCH PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Held on
Thursday 3rd February 2011 in Much Birch Community Hall at 7.30pm

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

In attendance: Kath Greenow (Parish Clerk) Cllr R Smith, 4 members of the public, David Powell Herefordshire Director of Resources. Alistair Walsh / Stooke Hill & Walsh.

1. Apologies – West Mercia police

2. Declarations of interest declared on agenda items by

Menna Swift personal interest on agenda item 14. Traffic Order outside Much Birch Primary School

John Jones personal interest on agenda item 8, 10, 18.2- Much Birch Community Hall payment of hall hire

Glen Simms declared a prejudicial & personal interest on agenda item 24. Parish Land rear of Rosebank.

Alison Cooke personal interest on agenda item 18.2- Herefordshire Council –Sid hire

3. RESOLVED: Minutes of Parish Council meeting 09/12/2010 agreed & signed as a true record

4. No police report

5. Ward Councillors report

Ward Cllr Smith suggested that PC keep an eye on the works scheduled to be carried out on A49 and to contact him if the work is not as agreed at the pact meeting in July 2010 .He also reported that Herefordshire Council had undertaken an affordable housing needs survey in LLanwarne and Llandiabeo. Much Birch Parish Council had not been consulted on the housing needs survey and this had been brought to Herefordshire Council's attention and has now been withdrawn as any housing need was identified it would be located in Kings Thorn .Cllr Smith informed the Parish Council that he would not be standing at the next election.

Chairman thanked Cllr Smith for all his hard work and involvement with Parish issues over the years.

6. Public forum.

Parishioners raised issues regarding potholes at Aconbury close needed attention,

7. Presentation was given by David Powell of Herefordshire Council on the proposal budget 2011/12 a leaflet hand out was given to those present.

The Parish Council asked to be more involved regarding the budget for 2012/13 as the consultation on this budget 2011/12 was poor and they had not consulted or actively involved as Parish Councils. It was requested that the Parish Council's were more actively involved in the future especially in the light of the Localism Bill that was being considered by the current coalitions parties (Big Society)

8. Mr Walsh of Stoke Hill was present at the meeting and gave a presentation on the Elmeys and land adjoining Hillcroft Much Birch and the outline proposals of development of the site.

RESOLVED: That the Parish Council could not give a view on the presentation given by Mr Walsh and they encouraged him to speak to Herefordshire Planning Services in the first instance. The PC would ask Herefordshire Council to keep them in the loop if this proposal were found to be acceptable under UDP policies. It was noted that the proposal spoken about did not include any affordable housing.

9. Clerks report

Clerk reported back regarding potholes reported

Communication was poor at present in getting information about what has been done in the parish and what work is still left to undertake in the parish by Amey. Clerk had contacted Amey regarding possible bus stop and their response was "Although a contribution to the cost of the scheme would assist, the actual evaluation of the site and costing of the work needs to be scheduled in to Amey's bus stop infrastructure programme. We will therefore consider including the stop when the 2011/12 programme is drawn up"

Grit bins – one has been sited at Forge Lane by Amey the 2 grit bins requested by Parish Council have as yet not been sited These being Gilston & pages Pitch (old grit bin at this location needs removing as it is broken)

10. Clerks advisory report regarding donations / Grants policy and donation to Little Birch Village hall Parish newsletter was noted by Cllrs

11. **RESOLVED:** that a working party consisting of JJ, VS & MS will look at the donations & grants policy and any recommendation to amend it will come before Council at the next meeting. Date for working group to meet Friday 11th Feb at Much Birch Community Room 10 am.

12. **RESOLVED:** to include a synopsis of the minutes of the last meeting and highway code Laws on parking at junctions, Parking on the highway at night and school parking.

Dog fouling issues in the parish and Herefordshire Councils dog control order on dog fouling..

13. Road issues for reporting to Amey. Identified as Pot holes at Aconbury close, The Thorn which was patched by Amey last year but the area worked upon has broken up and needs attention. Tump lane a number of pot holes the road has become uneven and needs attending to

14. **RESOLVED:** that Clerk contact Sergeant Tim Dougmore regarding school parking issues asking for his support for a TRO and signage near the school.

15. Lengthsman

15.1 expenditure to date on lengthsman work £584.25

15.2 **RESOLVED:** No further work identified

15.3 **RESOLVED:** No further grit bins required at present.

16. Planning

No applications for comment

16.1 Planning application granted/ refused by Herefordshire Council

Sandridge Barrack Hill Little Birch Herefordshire- New Dwelling in Garden of Sandridge

Proposed Non Material amendment – Non Material amendment to DCSW2008//0911RM to relocate flue, remove glazing bars in windows, show position of solar panels/ tubes and show roof material

1 Church View Minster Farm Much Birch Herefordshire – Amendment to approved plans DCSW/205/3085/F

17. Meetings

17.1 Training date noted – Informal evening on Elections at Brockington on 8th Feb. Chair & Clerk attending

17.2 Update on Parish Plan. TBC

18. Finance

18.1 Current bank balance noted as £13,366.33

18.2 **RESOLVED** to pay: A4 Office Products £75.36

Clerks expenses (postage) £3.42

Herefordshire Council SID's hire Sept 2010 £235.00

Valuation Office Agency £587.50

Much Birch Community Hall Hire £17.00

18.3 **RESOLVED:** to note payment made to Little Birch Village Hall re Letter received

18/12/2010 for donation towards parish newsletter 2010/11 £350.00

19. RESOLVED: Dates for Parish Council Meetings

3rd March 2011 7th April 2011 May – Elections take place on Thursday 5th May

Thursday 12/19th May 2011? TBC 2nd June 201 7th July 2011 1st September 2011

6th October 2011 3rd November 2011 1st December 2011 12th Jan 2011 2nd February 2012

1st March 2012

20. Correspondence

Correspondence noted

21. Matters for next meeting (no discussion)

Review of winter conditions/ Action Plan

22. Next Meeting Thursday 3rd March 2011 @ 7.30pm Much Birch Community Hall

23 RESOLVED: to Pass a resolution to exclude the public & press due to a legal & confidential nature of business to be discussed

Signed.....

Dated.....