

MUCH BIRCH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Much Birch Parish Council held at Much Birch Community Hall on Thursday October 6th 2011

No. MBPC/MR/oo1

Councillors Present:

Cllr. Dave Davies (Chair)
Cllr. Alison Cook (Vice-Chair)
Cllr. Andrew Crum
Cllr. Glen Sims
Cllr. Stephen Turner

Clerk: Mo Ross

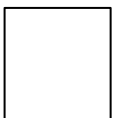
Also present: 9 members of the public

Public Participation:

The Japanese Knotweed at various locations within the parish has not yet been dealt with and a request was made that this delay be raised with Amey. Concern was expressed about the height of hedges along the Thorn and Barrack Hill. Notification was given that the footpath MB24 at its intersection with the B4348 is obstructed and overgrown.

The Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council was formally opened by the Chairman

- 1.0 **Apologies**
Apologies received from Ward Councillor Russell B. Hamilton and CSO Fiona Witcher
- 2.0 **Declarations of Interest**
None
- 3.0 **Minutes**
The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting MBPC/MW/003 held on 1st September 2011 were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.
- 4.0 **Financial Report**
It was **agreed** to carry this item forward to the agenda for the next ordinary meeting, as invoices unlisted on the current agenda, no payments could be made. **Action Point:** Clerk to report to next meeting, and to present any outstanding invoices for payment.
- 5.0 **Parish Council Co-option**
Mr. Michael W. Smith, a qualifying candidate was **Unanimously Accepted** to fill the Casual Vacancy on Much Birch Parish Council.
He completed and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office of Councillor form.
The General Notice of Registrable Interests form would be completed as soon as possible and returned to the Clerk.
- 6.0 **Reports:**
As apologies had been sent by both Ward Councillor Hamilton and CSO Witcher, no reports received.



7.0 Parish Council Owned Land

It was **Resolved Unanimously** to instruct the District Valuer to value the Parish Land. **Action Point: Clerk** to instruct the District Valuer as above, and to ascertain the basis on which the valuations are made.

A query was raised as to whether there should be a current member of the Parish Council on the Board of Trustees of Poor's Acre. **Action Point: Clerk** to contact Mr. Brimacombe for information.

8.0 Membership of Parish Paths Partnership Scheme

The letter from the PROW P3 Warden Manager Mr. Tim Thompson was considered.

Agreed to carry this item forward to the agenda for the next meeting.

Action Point: Clerk to liaise with Footpaths Officer, the previous permanent Clerk, and Mr. Tim Thompson; to establish the current status of agreed works, and to reconcile finances related to the scheme.

9.0 Public Right of Way Diversion

The Diversion Order for MB16 (part) and MB18 (part) was noted.

10.0 Herefordshire Council/AMEY Winter Initiative

It was **Resolved Unanimously** to apply to join this scheme. **Action Point: Clerk and Chairman** to liaise with the Clerk and Chairman of Little Birch Parish Council, and application form and accompanying documents to be sent to AMEY. With reference to possible requirement for emergency supply of sand bags: **Action Point: Cllr. Smith** to check condition of sandbags stored at Court Farm, and to report back to the next Parish Council Meeting in November.

11.0 Previous Action Points

Broadband Champion Updates: The parish does not currently have a Broad band Champion as such, but Terry Cook the Webmaster is receiving information for the Parish Council.

LDF Meeting Feedback: Cllr. Turner and Cllr. Cook attended the meeting, and reported that the meeting was well attended. District Councillors Hamilton and Wilcox were present along with representatives from HFDC. Topics such as the Localism Bill, and the Neighbourhood Development Scheme were discussed, and a lot of emphasis was placed on the provision of affordable housing. The Chairman thanked Cllr. Turner for his report.

12.0 Correspondence

The correspondence sheet was noted.

13.0 Parish Roads and Footpaths

The height of hedges along the Thorn was discussed. It was **agreed** that the height of the hedge in the curtilage of the Bower Cottage property was causing an obstruction of motorists' view of the road.

Action point: Clerk to write to the owner of the property requesting that the hedge be cut. It was **agreed** that efforts be made to establish the whereabouts of the owner of Kingsthorpe Cottage and to make contact with them if possible.

The overgrown hedges on Mr. E. Brooke's land were discussed, and it was **agreed** that the matter be passed to AMEY.

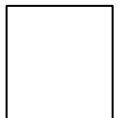
14.0 Matters related to the Clerk for the Agenda of the next meeting

Dore Community Transport Donation Request

Items considered suitable for inclusion in the newsletter and on the website.

Parish Council's Response to the LDF Consultation which closes on 28th November 2011

Footpath Matters



15.0 Confirmation of the next Ordinary Meeting, Time, Date and Venue

The next Ordinary Meeting of Much Birch Parish Council will be held **on Thursday 3rd November, at Much Birch Community Hall, commencing at 7.30.p.m.**

Meeting Closed at 9.15p.m.

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Councillor David L. Davies (Chairman)

Date: 3rd November 2011