

MUCH BIRCH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of Much Birch Parish Council held on the Zoom Platform, during Covid 19 Virus Lockdown, on Thursday 9th July 2020 from 7.30 pm

Present:

Cllr Alison Cook (Chair)
Cllr Roisin Burge
Cllr Steve Turner

In attendance:

Parish Clerk; Alison Wright

Open Session:-

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.
There were no comments during the Open Session.
The Open Session closed at 7.31 pm.

1.0 Apologies for Absence

There were apologies received from Cllr David Baldwin, Cllr Veronica Thomas and Footpath Officer Steve Owen. Cllr Andy Crum was not present.

2.0 Declarations of Interest

There was one declaration of interest made. This was for Cllr Turner in regard to planning application 201701.

3.0 Minutes of previous meeting

3.1) The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting, held on the 11th June 2020, were approved as a true and correct record of the Meeting.

4.0 Reports

4.1) P.C.S.O. from West Mercia Police

Golden Valley Briefing sent when received.
Hereford Newsletter and free SmartWater cycle kits
Rural & Business Crime Newsletter - June

4.2) Ward Councillor Ward Cllr Toni Fagan had sent her apologies.

4.3) Locality Steward James Howells, the Locality Steward, had sent his bulletins.

5.0 Update on Correspondence

The updates were noted and included from Herefordshire Council:
Reminder survey to inform planning for future support to community groups
Affordable Housing in Herefordshire - We would like to hear your views
Covid Reopening.19.June.2020
DISCRETIONARY GRANT - EMAIL TO BUSINESSES, for your information
Letter of thanks from HM Lord-Lieutenant
Survey to inform planning for future support to community groups
Emergency Active Travel Measures in Hereford

HALC

HALC Information Corner & attachments
HALC Coronavirus Issue 3

Invitation to Zoom Session - 'Global Problems, Global Solutions' workshop 16-7-20

6.0 Financial Report

6.1) The following bank balances were noted:

@ 13 th May 2020 HSBC Community Account	£12,160.49
@ 13 th May 2020 HSBC Community Projects Account	£9,488.84

6.2) To approve list of payments (circulated separately)

The following payments were approved:

Payments to be made from main account

Clerk paid in accordance with contract HM Revenue & Customs (tax)	£145.00
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Payments to be made from Community account

Nil

Resolved: that the payments were passed for payment: (proposed by Cllr Turner and seconded by Cllr Cook) Unanimous.

6.3) To sign and approve Annual Governance Statement 2019 – 2020

The Annual Governance Statement for 2019 – 2020 was approved by the Parish Council and signed by the Chair and Clerk as appropriate.

6.4) To sign and approve Accounting Statement 2019 – 2020 and Exemption Certificate

The Accounting Statement for 2019 – 2020 and Exemption Certificate were approved by the Parish Council and signed by the Chair and Clerk as appropriate.

Accounting papers would be sent to the Auditor, as required, and also be displayed on the website.

7.0 Village issues update

7.1) To receive any update on Village issues

The PCC would be writing to seek support for the churchyard mowing plus memorial clock maintenance.

8.0 Planning Matters

8.1) To consider any planning applications

There were two new applications for consideration:

Planning Consultation - **201725** - Land at Former Mushroom Farm, Much Birch, Hereford
Approval of reserved matters

The Parish Council considered the application 201725 and there were no objections.

Planning Consultation - **201701** - Plot 3 - Land West of Underhills, Holly Bush Lane, Much Birch, Herefordshire, HR2 8HX

Proposed variation of condition 2 of planning permission 170308 (Construction of 3 detached dwellings with garages and associated drainage, landscaping and alterations to existing access) to amend the dwelling design for plot 3.

The Parish Council considered the application 201701 and there were no objections.

9.0 Parish Roads and Footpaths

9.1) To note any defects to be reported to Balfour Beatty

To be revisited in September.

9.2) To put forward work for the Lengthsman

Drain blocked at Wormelow near the shop. Drain outside “Underhills” on Hollybush Lane also blocked. The Lengthsman would also pick up the Footpath Officer’s recommendations, where possible.

9.3) Footpath Officer – to receive any update or action points

Footpath Officer Steve Owen had sent his apologies. He had also sent a report detailing some defects for attention. In addition, the footpath sign was missing from path MB4 and this had been reported to Balfour Beatty.

10.0 Neighbourhood Plan- update

The consultation period had ended on the 8th July. The Steering Group were awaiting any comments that had been received by Herefordshire Council. The next step would be to appoint the examiner and the Group would be advised of their options for choosing an examiner.

11.0 Parishes’ Newsletter and Much Birch Website

11.1) To consider items suitable for inclusion in the newsletter and on the website plus Twitter. Clerk would send a précis to the Newsletter. The accounts would be uploaded to the website.

12.0 Matters to be raised on the Agenda for the next meeting

All the usual items would be included.

13.0 Confirmation of the date of the next Meeting

The next Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council would be held on the Zoom Platform on Thursday 3rd September 2020, from 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 7.50 pm

Signed:

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Chairman

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Date