

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 11th June 2020 from 7.30 pm

Present:

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

In attendance:

Parish Clerk; Alison Wright, Lengthsman; Paul Wright and Ward Cllr; Toni Fagan

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 were no declarations of interest made.

3.0 Minutes of previous meeting

3.1) The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting, held on the 5th March 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

The Bulletins, with updates, had been received and circulated.

4.2) Ward Councillor Ward Cllr Toni Fagan explained about there being grant money from Fastershire for help with communications during the Covid 19 Virus Pandemic.

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:

- Funding for trees for Parish Councils - The Tree Council Branching Out Fund is now open!
- Volunteer Survey
- Short Breaks Capital Funding - Round 2
- Local food/deliveries and warmer homes update
- Planning for phased returns to schools for some pupils from 1 June
- FLOODING – Ongoing support to you and the community
- Safeguarding Coronavirus (COVID-19) Information Bulletin
- Talk Community Covid-19 Response Opening Times

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

HM Revenue & Customs (tax)	£64.20
Herefordshire Council (Election May 2019 recharge)	£76.97

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. It was commented that the Herefordshire Council Election recharge delay in billing the recharges had been attributed to Covid 19 but the impact of the virus issue had only really commenced in March.

7.0 Village issues update

7.1) To receive any update on Village issues

There had been no update regarding the parking at the Cabin Childcare next to the School. It was commented that the mini person bollards appeared to be an effective method for deterring parking.

The Notice Board maintenance would be postponed until the virus situation improved.

8.0 Planning Matters

8.1) To consider any planning applications

There was one new application for consideration:

APPLICATION NO & SITE ADDRESS: Planning Re-consultation - 192979 - Land at Tump Lane, Much Birch, Hereford,

DESCRIPTION: Application for approval of reserved matters following outline approval 130945 (APP/W1850/W/17/3180227) for Appearance, Landscaping, Layout and Scale for the erection of 20 dwellings and associated community building and associated works.

APPLICANT(S): Ms Avril Shaw

GRID REF: OS 349813, 230590

APPLICATION TYPE: Approval of Reserved Matters (Amended)

The Parish Council had not seen any comments, from social media, regarding application 192979 Approval of Reserved Matters (Amended). The Parish Council reserved to comment that there were no objections to the details in the amended application.

9.0 Parish Roads and Footpaths

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

The issue of speeding past the bus shelter at Kingsthorpe was commented.

9.2) To put forward work for the Lengthsman

Drain blocked between Paiges Pitch and Wrigglebrook Lane on Barrack Hill. Drains at the bottom of Wrigglebrook Lane required attention. A request was made for a strim around the salt bins to try to protect them from mower damage.

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

Footpath Officer Steve Owen had sent his apologies. He would be getting back to path walking and reporting in the near future.

10.0 Neighbourhood Plan- update

The Regulation 16 process had commenced for the Much Birch Neighbourhood Development Plan. The communications could be evidenced regarding media or internet consultation.

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 Regulation 16 Neighbourhood Development Plan details and the link to the plan on the Herefordshire Council website would also be included in the précis.

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

All the usual items would be included. Also on the Agenda - the adoption of accounts for 2019 – 2020

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 9th July 2020, from 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 7.58 pm

Signed:

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Chairman

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Date