

# MUCH BIRCH PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of Much Birch Parish Council held at the Much Birch Community Hall on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2022 from 7.30 pm

### Present:

Cllr Alison Cook (Chair)  
Cllr David Baldwin  
Cllr Chris Pickering-Grey

### In attendance:

Parish Clerk; Alison Wright, Footpath Officer; David Irwin and Lengthsman; Paul Wright plus one member of the public

### Open Session:-

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.  
The Open session closed, there being no comments.

### 1.0 Apologies for Absence

There were apologies for absence received from Cllrs Roisin Burge, Andy Crum, Joseph Goldsmith and Ward Cllr Toni Fagan.

### 2.0 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest made.

### 3.0 Minutes of previous meeting

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting, held at the Much Birch Community Hall on the 10<sup>th</sup> November 2022, 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 – Newsletter circulated when received.

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. Also Members Monthly Update received and Street works updates.

### 5.0) Update on Correspondence

5.1) To receive any correspondence – noting the Information Sheet (including any update on meetings attended by councillors)

### Correspondence from Herefordshire Council

Herefordshire Council:

### Meeting Attendance Update

No further update.

6.0 Financial Report

### 6.1) The following bank balances were noted:

@ 13<sup>th</sup> Nov 2022 HSBC Community Account                      £18742.24

### 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 for December HM Revenue & Customs (tax)	£116.00
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**Resolved:** that the payments were passed for payment: Unanimous.

It was noted that the Birches Newsletter team had been asked for a sight of their latest accounts, in keeping with the terms of the Much Birch Parish Council Donations Policy. These had not been supplied, as at the date of the meeting. The Parish Council would review the situation in January 2023.

**7.0 Update on speeding and Community Speed Watch**

The Chair advised that she had chased up the PCSO in regard to the CSW. The PCSO was chasing this up with the CSW co-ordinator. This would be followed up again in the New Year. The Chair was still awaiting authority to proceed.

**8.0 Planning Matters**

**8.1) To consider any planning applications and appeals as may be advised**

There were two new applications for consideration of comments.

**APPLICATION NO & SITE ADDRESS:** Planning Consultation - 223790 - Cedar Villa, Much Birch, Hereford, Herefordshire HR2 8HY

**DESCRIPTION:** Proposed rear and side extension including internal alterations and alterations to parking arrangements.

**APPLICANT(S):** Edgerton

**GRID REF:** OS 351400, 229590

**APPLICATION TYPE:** Full Householder

The parish council considered the application 223790 and resolved to support the application (no objections).

**APPLICATION NO & SITE ADDRESS:** Planning Consultation - 223393 - Whitacre, Wormelow, Hereford, Herefordshire HR2 8EJ

**DESCRIPTION:** Proposed demolition of existing run down single storey rear extension and construction of a new single storey rear extension.

**APPLICANT(S):** Mrs Benjamin

**GRID REF:** OS 349243, 230088

**APPLICATION TYPE:** Full Householder

The parish council considered the application 223393 and resolved to support the application.

**9.0 Parish Roads and Footpaths**

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

Wrigglebrook Lane to Cress Cottage – there was mud on the road from the adjacent fields. There had not been a response from the Environment Agency on this to date. The Chair would follow up on this. Some potholes had been filled and the grit bins were okay. The sign where the speed limits alters; going from Cress Cottage to the A49 was obscured by hedging.

**9.2) To put forward work for the Lengthsman**

To check the drains etc. in the environs of Cress Cottage and to clear seedling tree saplings as identified on bank, in Ladywell Lane close to Diamond Cottage. In regard to the junction at Parish Lane with Little Birch Road, ditch issue opposite triangle to be checked.

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

Mr David Irwin, the Footpath Officer can be contacted on 01981 345109 or by e mail at [David.Irwin13@btinternet.com](mailto:David.Irwin13@btinternet.com)

The Footpath Officer updated the meeting regarding an issue with path MB2, signage and barbed wire, which would be advised to the PROW Team at Hoople. No further footpath report this time.

**9.4) Update on parish land (as applicable)**

Follow up action as may be required (PC to contact the tenant re cost of reinstatement of the fence-line). No fence reinstatement had taken place as at the date of the meeting.

**10.0 Parishes Newsletter and Much Birch Website**

10.1) To consider items suitable for inclusion in the newsletter and on the website plus Twitter. Clerk would send a précis to the Newsletter and ask for amendment to Cllr Crum’s new address.

**11.0 To discuss any matters relating to the Local Area Plan (Core Strategy) revision, Neighbourhood Development Plan and the consultation process – as applicable**

The Transport Hub consultation was still open. Cllr Pickering Grey commented that the Neighbourhood Development Plans were still current following a recent meeting on the Core Strategy revision.

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

All the usual items would be included. Also Community Speed Watch and parish land.

**13.0 Confirmation of the date of the next Meeting**

The next Meeting of the Parish Council would be held on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2023 from 7.30pm in the Much Birch Community Hall.

*The meeting closed at 7.55 pm*

Signed:

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Chairman

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Date