

**LITTLE BIRCH PARISH COUNCIL –PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON  
Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2018 at 7.30pm - At Little Birch Village Hall**

**MINUTES**

**PRESENT:** Councillors; (BR) Ben Roberts (Chair); (MM) Mike Morley; (SN) Steve Naylor; (AW) Annette Wissler (from 7.39)

**ALSO:** Sophie Glover (Parish Clerk), (AM) Angela Middleton (footpaths officer).

**Meeting Opened: 7.30pm**

**A 10 minute period from 7.30 p.m. was allocated, before the meeting opened, to enable members of the public to address the Parish Council.**

No points were raised for the PC.

1.	<b>Apologies</b> - Ward Councillor (DH) David Harlow	<i>ACTIONS</i>
2.	<b>Declaration of interest</b> None	
3.	<b>Co-option of councillors</b> Two prospective councillors had submitted a paragraph about themselves, the Chair read these out and the cllrs then discussed the merits of both candidates. It was resolved that there were two excellent candidates to consider, and the PC felt very lucky to have such a difficult decision, but they voted to put Janet Gwinnett forward as our cllr.	<i>Clerk to write to both to let them know the outcome of the meeting, and do necessary paperwork.</i>
4.1	<b>Police update</b> Nothing had been sent. But the Golden Valley one had been circulated.	<i>Clerk to approach Sgt Emma Freer to see what was happening.</i>
4.2	<b>Ward Cllr report (Cllr Dave Harlow)</b> Sent and circulated to all.	
4.3	<b>Dave Atkinson, Balfour Beatty</b> - Reports sent weekly.	
5.	<b>To accept minutes of the February PC meeting</b>  Proposed: BR                      Seconded: MM All in agreement. It was resolved to accept that the minutes as a true record of the meeting.	
6.	<b>Action points from previous PC meeting (Feb)</b> All addressed, or on the agenda:	
7.	<b>Planning applications</b> The PC had had notification that the Appeal at Sunnybank had been successful, and planning had been granted. MM expressed disappointment that the PC had not been particularly vocal in supporting his appeal. The Chair felt that the PC had looked at their systems for responding to planning applications. MM also felt that this vindicated his opinion that the Ward Cllr had done a poor job in representing Mr Jones to the best of his ability. MM did let the meeting know that on the HC website the appeal is showing as 'refused', and the inspectors report is not on the website either.	<i>Clerk to approach planning to get this corrected.</i>
8.	<b>Footpaths officer/tree warden</b> Angela offered to do another parish walk in April – this will go on the newsletter and can go onto the website.	<i>Clerk to chase up the footpaths expert to meet the walking group –</i>

	She is also progressing the 'refreshments for walkers', getting a kettle etc in the church.	<i>suggested on a Monday afternoon.</i>
9.	<b>Neighbourhood Plan – update</b> Dr Nicholson has sent through a break down of comments on the Reg 14 consultation. The PC resolved to wait until they could have the new grant to get Dr N to do the next piece of work.	<i>Clerk to circulate Dr N's report with an attachment</i>
10.	<b>Community Assets</b> <b>The Castle Inn</b> Clerk to complete the Community Asset registration form this month.	
11.	<b>To note the contents of the information sheet and take any comments from that.</b> All duly read and agreed to.	
12. i  ii        iii iv	<b>Finance</b> Balances: HSBC account (at 4.2.18)           £ 4,653.28 Barclays Accounts: Closed <b>Parish Acct</b> Clerks Salary :                       £ 160.07 PAYE (HMRC) :                       £ 7.40 Clerks Expenses & NDP :           £ 45.87 T Griffiths Roads acct inv 295   £ 252.00 T Griffiths P3 inv 294               £ 180.00  Proposed:        Seconded: All in agreement. Payments to be made. <b>Recepts</b> – £250 from VHC for the Defibrillator <b>Requests for financial aid</b> – None	<i>Clerk to make payments.</i>
13.	<b>Dobbin Cottage</b> Nothing further.	<i>Keep on the agenda, clerk to ask for an update for next meeting.</i>
14.	<b>Lengthsman – jobs to be done</b> Thanks were passed to the lengthsman for filling the salt bins so effectively before the snow came. MM was concerned that there was a major lake on the lane by him, where there is a deep dip. Also mention the Merrivale lake on the road. Parish Walk needed with Dave A and some cllrs, invite Terry to come to that as well.	<i>Clerk to tell BB.</i>
15.	<b>To Receive Agenda items for the next PC meeting</b> All the usual, GDPR, Audit, Dobbin Cottage update. Cooption of new cllrs	
16.	<b>To note date of next scheduled PC meeting –</b> April 4 <sup>th</sup> .	
	Meeting closed at 8.30pm	

SIGNED:..... CHAIRMAN

Dated:.....

Future Meetings

	Wednesday April 4 <sup>th</sup>	7.30
	Wednesday May 2 <sup>nd</sup> (Annual Meeting)	7.00
	Wednesday June 6 <sup>th</sup>	7.30
<b>Please</b>	Wednesday July 11 <sup>th</sup>	7.30
<b>Note</b>	Wednesday Sept 5 <sup>th</sup>	7.30
<b>New</b>	Wednesday Oct 3 <sup>rd</sup>	7.30
<b>dates</b>	Wednesday Nov 7 <sup>th</sup>	7.30

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