

**LITTLE BIRCH PARISH COUNCIL –PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
Wednesday 6th March 2019 at 7.30pm - At Little Birch Village Hall**

MINUTES

PRESENT: **Councillors;** (BR) Ben Roberts (Chair); (MM) Mike Morley; (JG) Janet Gwinnett;
(PR) Peter Rees ; (AM) Angela Middleton (footpaths officer)

ALSO: Sophie Glover (Parish Clerk), 4 parishoners.

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

The Castle Pool application was discussed, but as there is no current application before the council, we were unable to make a comment. They were informed that the applicant had been at the previous meeting and they appeared to take on board the thoughts and concerns of the community.

1.	Apologies - (AW) Annette Wissler; Ward Cllr David Harlow.	<i>ACTIONS</i>
2.	Declaration of interest None	
3.	To accept minutes of the February: Parish Council meeting Proposed: BR Seconded: MM All in agreement. It was resolved to accept that the minutes as a true record of the meeting.	
4.	Action points from previous PC meeting (February) All addressed, or on the agenda apart from: Listing Common Land – Information was circulated to cllrs prior to the meeting	
5.	Ward Cllr report (Cllr Dave Harlow) Nothing sent. Police update Nothing sent. Dave Atkinson, Balfour Beatty - Reports sent weekly.	
6.	Neighbourhood Plan: The examiner has now completed her report, congratulating the Little Birch Parish Council and Aconbury Group Parish in producing a report that ‘needed little modification’. The NDP is now with David Nicholson who is tasked with completing the final NDP that will be put out for the referendum. The Chair thanked the steering group for their hard work in producing the draft NDP.	<i>Clerk confirmed that ML has had a copy of the examiners report.</i>
7.	Planning applications; There are none currently, however it was noted that the Sunnybank application has now been approved.	
8.	Footpaths officer and Tree warden reports; Question was asked by the county footpaths officer about the gate at the entry to Aconbury – seemingly the gate is in situ with the fence still running behind it so this needs addressing. LB17 needs a finger post where the new path has been cleared.	<i>Clerk to chase up the lengthsman.</i> <i>Lengthsman to be informed</i>

	The new tree warden JG has now submitted her forms and is officially in post, but with nothing yet to report.	
9.	Grants for Play Equipment The clerk has been informed that play equipment can not be put on common land. It was resolved not to take this any further.	
10	The Castle Pub The clerk had circulated the 'community asset' form and some suggestions were put forward for changes to comments within it.	<i>Clerk to submit the form.</i>
11.	To note the contents of the information sheet and take any comments from that. Correspondance- MM was angered by the correspondence from the Green Group, feeling that it was propaganda and should not have been circulated. New forms have arrived for Councillors to complete if they want to stand as Parish Councillors for the next four years.	
12. i ii iii iv	Finance Balances: HSBC account (at 4.2.19) £ 4,447.61 Payments to be agreed: Parish Acct Clerks Salary : £ 208.86 PAYE (HMRC) : £ 10.20 Clerks Expenses: £ 5.00 HALC subs £ 327.08 Annual VH news letter contribution 2017-18 £ 200.00 Annual VH newsletter contribution 2018-19 £ 200.00 Information Commissioner Office £ 40.00 Terry Griffiths (invoice 668) £ 216.00 Proposed:MM Seconded: JG All in agreement. Payments to be made. Receipts – None Requests for financial aid – None	<i>Neither BR nor PR commented on these payments as the both sit on the Village Hall Committee.</i>
13.	Lengthsman – jobs to be done To clear the ditch from Walls Pool down to the Junction at Bannutree Lane.	
14.	To Receive Agenda items for the next PC meeting Dobbin Cottage, the usual	
15.	To note date of next scheduled PC meeting – Wednesday April 10 th .	
	Meeting closed at 8.20pm	

SIGNED:..... CHAIRMAN

Dated:.....

Future Meetings

	Wednesday April 10th	7.30
Annual Meeting	Wednesday May 1 st	7.00
	Wednesday June 5 th	7.30
	Wednesday July 3 rd	7.30
	Wednesday Sept 4 th	7.30
	Wednesday Oct 2 nd	7.30
	Wednesday Nov 6 th	7.30

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