

LITTLE BIRCH PARISH COUNCIL –PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON

Wednesday 7th July 2021 at 7.30pm – at Little Birch Village Hall

DRAFT MINUTES

PRESENT: Councillors; (PR) Peter Rees (Chair); (JG) Janet Gwinnett; (KD) Kate Dillon; (MD)Mike Davies;

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

Open session for comments from the public:

A parishioner with an interest in the planning application to be discussed later – 2 New builds at Lower House Farm. He gave a little background on both his family, the reasons for his build and the style of the houses.

Meeting Opened: 7.30pm

1.	Apologies - Kate Robbins: Toni Fagan (Ward Councillor); Angela Middleton (Footpaths Officer);
2.	Declaration of interest : None
3.	Receive reports from i. Ward Cllr report (Cllr Toni Fagan) Sent by e mail. ii. James Howell, Balfour Beatty - Reports sent weekly. Riparian ownership was outlined in his last report, his update will go onto the website and on the FB page. iii. Police update – Golden Valley report had been circulated. The footpaths officer reported that some nasty graffiti had been put up on a fence between Chevin and Fayreoaks. It was not reported to the police, but any further incidents will be. iv. Footpaths officer- Had made comments by e mail. The parishioner (Jim Gillespie) described a stile that had collapsed on the edge of his land and he asked for assistance in getting it replaced. <i>Action: Clerk to approach the locality steward to find whose boundary this is. PR will get a post code for the location and pass this on to the clerk.</i>
4.	To accept minutes of the May Annual Parish Council meeting Proposed: MD Seconded: JG All in agreement. It was resolved to accept that the minutes as a true record of the meeting.
5.	Action points from previous PC meetings All addressed, or on the agenda:
6.	Planning applications – Discussion on Strategic Housing Provision suggestion. No comment to be supplied. Also discussion on the footpath diversion PRow/REH/M348 <i>Action: Clerk to check if this is relevant to this parish.</i> 212195 – Land northwest of Lower House Farm – Proposed 2 detached self build dwellings with garages and woodland planting. There was a discussion looking at this application against the NDP. Issues raised were the size of the properties, building on open land. The background was discussed for other planning permissions granted in the parish fairly recently to show how strongly the applicants had to adhere to the NDP. The strong desire to keep local young people in the village was mentioned, and this did present a conflict for councillors to think about.

13.	Report from any training or meetings attended: Parish Council Summit: Main discussion was about S106 monies and the problems that other parishes were having in getting these released. Little Birch does not have this problem as they don't have any S106 allocated to them.
14.	Dog mess in the Parish This is a problem that has really got worse over lockdown. It was felt that if the PC put a dog poo bin up, they will have to pay to get it emptied. The Cllrs did not feel that a bin would really help and it just moved the responsibility from the Individual to the parish. <i>Action: some thing to be put on Facebook reminding people to take their dog mess home with them and not to leave the poo bags around the village.</i>
15.	The Queens green canopy KD suggested a number of places that might be suitable. <i>Action: This is going to be put on the facebook page to ask parishoners for their suggestions.</i>
16.	Matters arising between meetings. None.
17.	To receive agenda items for the next PC meeting (no discussion) Looking at bye ways and rights of way.
18.	To note date of next scheduled PC meeting –Wednesday 1 st September 2021 at 7.30pm
	Meeting closed at 8.35 pm

SIGNED:..... CHAIRMAN Dated:.....

Future Meetings

	Wednesday October 6 th	7.30pm
	Wednesday November 3 rd	7.30pm