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.	 i. Ward Cllr report (Cllr Toni Fagan) Sent by e mail. ii. James Howell, Balfour Beatty - Reports sent weekly. Riparian ownership was outlined 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 report some nasty graffiti had been put up on a fence between Chevin and Fayreoaks. It was not reto the police, but any further incidents will be. iv. Footpaths officer- Had made comments by e mail. The parishioner (Jim Gillespie) dea a stile that had collapsed on the edge of his land and he asked for assistance in getting it report some nasty graffiting the parishioner (Jim Gillespie) dead a stile that had collapsed on the edge of his land and he asked for assistance in getting it report some nasty graffiting the parishioner (Jim Gillespie) dead a stile that had collapsed on the edge of his land and he asked for assistance in getting it report some nasty graffiting the parishioner (Jim Gillespie) dead a stile that had collapsed on the edge of his land and he asked for assistance in getting it report some nasty graffiting the parishioner (Jim Gillespie) dead a stile that had collapsed on the edge of his land and he asked for assistance in getting it report some nasty graffiting the parishioner (Jim Gillespie) dead a stile that had collapsed on the edge of his land and he asked for assistance in getting it report some nasty graffiting the parishioner (Jim Gillespie) dead a stile that had collapsed on the edge of his land and he asked for assistance in getting it report some nasty graffiting the parishioner (Jim Gillespie) dead a stile that had collapsed on the edge of his land and he asked for assistance in getting the parishioner (Jim Gillespie) dead a stile that had collapsed on the edge of his land and he asked for assistance in getting the parishinal parishing the parishioner (Jim Gillespie) dead a stile that had collapsed on the edge of his land and he asked for assistance in getti						
	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.						
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 Action: Clerk to check if this is relevant to this parish. 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.						

It was proposed to support the application, based on the conflict created by the NDP stating that they want to encourage young people to stay in the village, but that houses should not be over 3 bedrooms in size. It was felt that this sizing might be restrictive to the dwellings appealing to families.

Vote: in favour 3 with one abstaining.

Action: Clerk to submit these comments

7. Lengthsman – update, identification of work;

Locality Steward invited to do a village walk with PR.

Action: Clerk to ask him to contact PR when he is next in the village.

8. The Castle Inn

The Inn has been put on the market with no reference to it being a public house, and with no mention of it being a Community Asset. When this was pointed out to the land lady the building was taken off the market, but has recently been reposted, with the pub being mentioned, but not the Community Asset tie.

9. West Mercia Police Community Charter Questionnaire

Completed.

Action: Clerk to submit.

10. Little Birch Broadband update

The meeting was informed that Gigaclear is meant to start work in the Parish in October this year. A parishioner happened to work for BT and she will find out a realistic time table for this work to start.

11. Defibrillator

A parishioner had mentioned to JG that the post code should be on the defib, and he also pointed out the merits of us creating a fact sheet to keep at the box. Ie ring 999 immediately. JG mentioned that she had not been contacted by the defib website for a while and the clerk will check to see what has been happening.

Action: JG to think about what to put on a fact sheet, clerk to contact 'The Circuit' to see why she is no longer being reminded by them to check the defib.

12 Finances:

Balances:

HSBC account (at 04.06.21) £ 5,127.55

Payments to be agreed:

Parish Acct

Clerks Salary May & June As listed Clerks expenses As listed HMRC PAYE £ 110.20

Proposed: PR Seconded: MD

All in agreement. Payments to be made. **Receipts** – 1st half of precept £3,175.00

HMRC VAT return £ 299.83

Requests for financial aid - None

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. 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.
15.	The Queens green canopy KD suggested a number of places that might be suitable. Action: This is going to be put on the facebook page to ask parishoners for their suggestions.
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 1st 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