

LITTLE BIRCH PARISH COUNCIL –PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
Wednesday 5th January 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), Toni Fagan (Ward Councillor); 3 members Of the public.

Open session for comments from the public:

No comments raised at this time.

Meeting Opened: 7.30pm

1.	Apologies - (KR) Kate Robbins; Angela Middleton (Footpaths Officer);
2.	Declaration of interest: KD on the first planning application, 214424.
3.	<p>Receive reports from</p> <p>1.Ward Cllr report (Cllr Toni Fagan) : updated the meeting. Council staff are working from home where possible. Decisions can only be made at face to face meetings, so little has happened over the last few weeks. She did mention that Corona Virus updates on the Council website were regularly updated. The Council will be looking at the budget again, also at the local plan will be reviewed.</p> <p>Broadband: has come to a head with Gigaclear. Some areas have been 'descoped' from the Gigaclear contract but TF will look further into this to understand where Little Birch stands.</p> <p>ii. James Howell, Balfour Beatty - Reports sent weekly.</p> <p>iii. Police update – nothing submitted.</p> <p>iv. Footpaths officer- including discussion on bye ways and footpaths</p>
4.	<p>To accept minutes of the November Parish Council meeting</p> <p>Proposed: JG Seconded: MD</p> <p>All in agreement. It was resolved to accept that the minutes as a true record of the meeting.</p>
5.	<p>Action points from previous PC meetings</p> <p>All addressed, or on the agenda.</p>
6.	<p>Planning applications –</p> <p>KD left the room.</p> <p>214424 – Land West of Castle Nibole. Proposed 2x 3 bedroom dwellings.</p> <p>One document of opposition had been sent to the PC by a parishoner and was circulated to the cllrs prior to the meeting.</p> <p>The proposal was discussed and comments from parishioners were taken into consideration. However, the PC agreed that some points regarding access to the site needed further clarification and decided to seek an extension to the closing date in order to assist their decision making.</p> <p>KD returned to the meeting.</p>

	<p>212195 – Land north west of Lower House Farm, Ruff Lane: Amended Proposed 2 detached self build dwellings with garages and woodland planting.</p> <p>The amendment seems to include an additional floor in the roof space. The elevation of the property will not be changed. There is additional tree planting in this application.</p> <p>PC: Continue to support but add with no further comment – all were in agreement with this.</p> <p>Land east of Castle Pool Cottages: refused. TF was thanked by the Chair for her work on this.</p> <p>Local plan update: PR and MD had completed the form. Clerk to submit.</p>						
7.	<p>Lengthsman – update, identification of work;</p> <p>TG looks to have marked up Barrack Hill for work on grips and gullies, clerk to check if he is also doing some work for Much Birch.</p> <p>Ditch along Wrigglebrook Pitch, on the left going down hill, some one has put lots of chippings in the ditch. Clerk to ask Lengthsman to clear this.</p> <p>Action: By the clerk</p>						
8.	<p>Finances:</p>						
8.1	<p>Balances:</p> <p>HSBC account (at 27.11.21) £ 6,522.16</p>						
8.11	<p>Payments to be agreed:</p> <p>Parish Acct</p> <table> <tr> <td>Clerks Salary November and December</td><td>As listed</td></tr> <tr> <td>Clerks expenses</td><td>As listed</td></tr> <tr> <td>Terry Griffiths Lengthsman duties</td><td>£470.40</td></tr> </table> <p>Proposed: PR Seconded: JG</p> <p>All in agreement.</p> <p>Action: Payments to be made.</p> <p>Clerk mentioned that HSBC are now charging for banking with them, the clerk will forward the online banking paper to all.</p> <p>Action : By the clerk</p>	Clerks Salary November and December	As listed	Clerks expenses	As listed	Terry Griffiths Lengthsman duties	£470.40
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8.111	<p>Receipts – None.</p>						
8.1v	<p>Requests for financial aid – Dore Valley Community Transport</p> <p>PC discussed the amazing service that this organisation provided to rural communities. On this occasion the PC decided that due to the poor bus provision currently available, it was proposed that we put forward an offering of £100 KD Seconded JG all were in favour.</p>						
9.	<p>Discussion on the adoption of the new Councillors Code of Conduct.</p> <p>All were in favour, clerk to minute the acceptance. All cllrs were in favour of the adoption.</p>						
10.	<p>Reports from any meetings or training attended:</p> <p>The Chair and clerk attended the Balfour Beatty update for 2022</p>						
11.	<p>To receive agenda items for the next PC meeting (no discussion) E mail addresses for councillors. JG hand in apologies for the Feb meeting. Clerks appraisal.</p>						
11.	<p>To note date of next scheduled PC meeting –Wednesday 2nd February 2022 at 7.30pm</p>						

Meeting closed at 8.33 pm

SIGNED:..... CHAIRMAN

Dated:.....

Future Meetings

2022	Wednesday January 5 th	7.30pm
	Wednesday February 2 nd	7.30pm
	Wednesday March 2 nd	7.30pm
	Wednesday April 6 th	7.30pm
Annual Meeting	Wednesday May 4 th	7.00pm