**LITTLE BIRCH PARISH COUNCIL –**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON

Wednesday 6th January at 7.30pm - At Little Birch Village Hall

# I N U T E S

**PRESENT: Councillors Mike Morley; Annette Wissler; Steve Naylor; Ben Roberts**

**ALSO: Sophie Glover (Parish Clerk), 4 from Aconbury Parish. Cllr Harlow**

**Meeting Opened: 7.36pm**

**1. Apologies -** Elaine Godding

**Declaration of interest**

**2.**

None

1. **Open discussion** 
   1. **Police update**

Lowrie Turner will try to come to other meetings later in the year.

* 1. **Ward Cllr report (Cllr Dave Harlow)**

Neighbourhood Plans: a recent planning application in the area has proved to be very contentious. DH feels that NP’s will help with this sort of problem in the future. DH has asked for this to go to the committee.

Local transport plan – he was asking for people to make comments on it. Underlining must use the buses or they will be lost. Parishoner spoke about how

vital it was to connect rural areas.

DH was asked if there was any news on the bus shelter at Kingsthorne? He replied, no nothing further yet.

* 1. **Public comments/questions**

Chair asked DH about the university, seemed like this was going through as a fore gone conclusion, with out consultation. DH will feed this back. AW mentioned the hospital capacity as an issue that is not being addressed with the University discussion.

* 1. **Dave Atkinson, Balfour Beatty.**

Not present, but report sent electronically.

**To accept minutes of the November PC meeting**

**4.i**

Proposed: Chair Seconded: Ben Roberts

**To accept minutes of the Extra Ordinary PC Meeting** **ii.**

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**5i Action points from previous PC meeting** (Nov)

Contacts for the Neighbourhood watch will be added

**5.ii Action Points from Extra ordinary PC meeting**

None.

**Neighbourhood Plan**

Chair outlined the PC position at the moment. LBPC had decided to go ahead with a plan. He has had 2 people who have offered to help with the NDP. In his discussions, he talked to Aconbury people who expressed an interest in doing a joint plan. He proposed that some one could come out and do a presentation

*Some thing to be written for* from which a steering group could be formed. He suggests either the NDP team *the newsletter (Clerk) and* from the council or HALC could come out and do this.

**6** *Lynda to be approached for a*

SN – we could get some one who has been involved in the process to see what

*Wednesday mid February.* they have done right and perhaps wrong.

*(Clerk)*

Aconbury Parishoner: Little Birch and Aconbury are similar but different, and they’d like to make sure that this difference is embraced. Another Aconbury Parishoner said it was better for decisions to be made locally rather than from Plough Lane or London.

Chair proposed to tell the parishes via the newsletter, that there would be an

opportunity in the coming weeks, inviting Lynda from HALC to come and do a presentation, perhaps with the chair of Callow and Haywood NDP steering group. Seconded: Ben Roberts all in accord.

Chair asked DH if he knew about the Community Governance Review – he didn’t.

1. **Parish Field -** Nothing
2. **Footpaths -** Nothing

**The Castle**

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Nothing. This item will now come off the agenda.

**Lengthsman**

Has been informed of the budget that he has to use by the end of . *Clerk to reply, stating that BB*

SN has received a letter from Folly Cottage, on School Lane. This is a Byway *will be making a visit in the*

1. Open to All Traffic. It is not an adopted road in its entirety. BB have been to see *near future. She is warmly* it twice, and following one of these visits they put in a sleeping policeman to *invited to attend this* guide the water. BB take no responsibility for the drain as it is above the BOAT *meeting.* area. However the Chair will ask BB to make another visit. **Dobbin Cottage**
2. This is now registered as a derelict building. DH did not know of it, but will try to *DH to visit site.* visit in order to be aware of the situation.

*Clerk to send the minutes*

**Parish Website** *and agenda ASAP.*

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The website address is to be put in the newsletter. *BR to write some thing for*

*the newsletter.*

**To note the contents of the information sheet and take any comments from**

**13**

**that.**

**Finance**

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**Balances:** Community Account: £5,335.71

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Premium Account : £ 50.51

**Cheques to be paid this period**

**Ii**

SG Clerks Salary : £61.21

SG Clerks Expenses: £41.40

SG Paye: £15.20

CR Salary £317.87

CR Paye £ 79.40

**Receipts – None**

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**Requests for financial aid – None iv**

**15 Planning Matters**

None

1. **To Receive Agenda items for the next PC meeting**

Neighbourhood Plan, Parish Field,

**To note the date of the next meeting**

1. Wednesday 2nd March 2016.

Meeting closed at 20.44

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

Future Meetings

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|  | Wednesday March 2nd | 7.30pm |
|  | Wednesday May 4th  Parish Council Annual Meeting | 7.00pm |
|  | Wednesday July 6th | 7.30pm |
|  | Wednesday September 7th | 7.30pm |
|  | Wednesday November 2nd | 7.30pm |
|  | Wednesday January 4th | 7.30pm |