

**LITTLE BIRCH PARISH COUNCIL –PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
Wednesday 4th October 2017 at 7.30pm - At Little Birch Village Hall**

MINUTES

PRESENT: Councillors; Ben Roberts (Chair); Steve Naylor; Elaine Godding; Mike Morley; Annette Wissler
ALSO: Sophie Glover (Parish Clerk) Angela (footpaths officer).

Meeting Opened: 7.30pm

1.	Apologies - Ward Cllr David Harlow, AW apologised for her poor attendance recently, and she thanked the PC for the support that they had given to her and Richard.	<i>ACTIONS</i>
2.	Declaration of interest None	
3.	Open discussion MM, as a member of the public, said that at a public meeting he was approached by Anthony Powers who thanked him for ensuring that the university information was in the public domain. Angela asked if there was any possibility of getting bike racks put at the Kingsthorpe bus shelter? EG had heard of some problems over potato lorries on the green lanes, there had been a little local dispute, but this had been sorted out amicably. We are told that the drain that we got the lengthsman to put in at school lane has been damaged. BR will talk to Sarah Matthews for more info.	<i>Clerk to ask MBPC about this?</i> <i>Clerk to ask I'man to check the drain and see if it has been damaged.</i>
3.1	Police update Sent electronically by Golden Valley – clerk to check where our local one goes?	
3.2	Ward Cllr report (Cllr Dave Harlow) Sent his report electronically which had been circulated around the cllrs.	
3.3	Dave Atkinson, Balfour Beatty - Reports sent weekly.	
4.	To accept minutes of the Sept PC meeting Proposed: BR Seconded: EG All in agreement. It was resolved to accept the minutes as a true record of the meeting. And extraordinary Sept pc meeting Proposed: BR Seconded: EG All in agreement. It was resolved to accept the minutes as a true record of the meeting.	
5.	Action points from previous PC meeting (Sept) All addressed or on the agenda.	
6.	Planning applications None, although there is one in Much Birch on the periphery of Little Birch. MM told the meeting that that land on Wrigglebrook Pitch had been sold.	
7.	Adoption of updated Code of Conduct. Advised by HALC not to do so, they say that NALC are drawing up a code of conduct for governors to adopt at the elections next year	
8.	Feedback from Planning Committee Meeting Sept 13th (MM) He explained what a planning committee was like – 14 to 16 councillors attend, and it lasts all day. He was there to talk about the planning application submitted by John Jones. He felt that Cllr Harlow had made a good opening	

	statement in JJ's support, but that he was weak in his summation and did not assist JJ in his attempts.											
9.	<p>Little Birch Planning and Sustainability (MM)</p> <p>The above planning applications was turned down for lack of sustainability (no street light, pavements, on a narrow winding road etc) as is the whole of Little Birch. He feels that the NDP can not be considered unless this is resolved. He proposed approaching the planning office to look at this before we put the NDP out to consultation. EG felt that we should carry on with the NDP. SN thought that the planning office did not understand the parish, they seem to feel that LB should have a village centre – and it doesn't.</p>	<p><i>Clerk to ask Dr N for his advice on this. Clerk to also send concerns to Sam Banks at the NDP office. Ref development in 'unsustainable' area. The PC have discussed the possibility of delaying the consultation period for s14. Also add to the NDP steering group agenda and ask Sam to come to the meeting.</i></p>										
10.	<p>Community Assets Higgins Well and the Castle Inn</p> <p>Clerk was asked to start the process of registering them as community assets.</p>	<p><i>Clerk to action. AW will pass the previous application for the Castle to the clerk.</i></p>										
11.	<p>To note the contents of the information sheet and take any comments from that.</p> <p>One path leads down to Aconbury, another is past Higgins Well. The footpath group would be Alison Clark, Angela, MM, who suggested that AC would be ideal to run it.</p> <p>Mobile mast: Parish Council are all for the works to go ahead.</p> <p>Lonliness conference; BR to try and attend. MM to pass one on to the organisers of the coffee morning.</p>	<p><i>MM to approach AC</i></p>										
12.	<p>Finance</p> <p>i Balances: Community Account: £ 9696.71 Project account £ 0 HSBC account £ 0</p> <p>Not shown on statements, £1,000 has been paid from the Barclays account to the HSBC account 28.9.17</p> <p>ii Parish Acct</p> <table> <tr> <td>Clerks Salary :</td> <td>£ 160.47</td> </tr> <tr> <td>PAYE (HMRC) :</td> <td>£ 7.40</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Clerks Expenses :</td> <td>£ 87.37</td> </tr> <tr> <td>NDP expenses:</td> <td>£ 41.87</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Lengthsman invoices</td> <td>£1,521.12</td> </tr> </table> <p>Proposed: BR Second: MM All in agreement. Payments to be made.</p> <p>iii Receipts – £2250 second half of Precept payment</p> <p>iv Requests for financial aid – None Finance group to meet at the end of October, or prior to November meeting.</p>	Clerks Salary :	£ 160.47	PAYE (HMRC) :	£ 7.40	Clerks Expenses :	£ 87.37	NDP expenses:	£ 41.87	Lengthsman invoices	£1,521.12	<p><i>Clerk to make payments.</i></p>
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13.	<p>Dobbin Cottage</p> <p>The clerk read out the e mai that Scott Low had sent today, saying that enforcement notices had been served. BR asked why enforcement was</p>											

	<p>happening on the garden, and not the house! EG was grateful that some thing was being done.</p> <p>MM had heard from a near neighbour that Miss Rook had been delighted that the enforcement officers have been involved.</p>	
14.	<p>Lengthsman – jobs to be done</p> <p>School Lane as above.</p> <p>Silver Dean down to Shirley Cottage, need the gullys clearing out.</p>	
15.	<p>Footpaths officer</p> <p>It was suggested that the footpaths officer might also take on the role of the parish Tree Warden. Proposed by BR Seconded: AW</p> <p>Anglea proposed bringing in a tree expert to do a public talk on behalf of the PC, BR was in favour, she will keep all informed.</p>	<i>Clerk to contact TW scheme and introduce Angela.</i>
16.	<p>Neighbourhood Plan – update</p> <p>MM has been talking to people at Kings Capel who are at section 16, they have advised him to ensure that we have a very tight boundary to the plan. He felt that LB might be in danger of some one coming to the area wanting to put 50 dwellings, and they might be liable to get it given the lack of 5year housing development stock.</p>	<i>Clerk to chase up JJ to see what he has found out about the printers costs.</i>
17.	<p>To Receive Agenda items for the next PC meeting</p> <p>Dobbin Cottage, precept, community asset.</p>	
18.	<p>To note date of next scheduled PC meeting – Wednesday Nov 1st. Deferred to 22nd Nov, with finance meeting before it at 7pm. The meeting was reminded that when the meetings went to monthly, it was decided not to have either December or August meeting.</p>	<i>Clerk to make changes with hall reservations.</i>
	Meeting closed at 9.05pm	

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

Future Meetings

Please	Wednesday Nov 22 nd	7.30
Note	Wednesday January 10 th	7.30
New	Wednesday Feb 7 th	7.30
dates	Wednesday March 7 th	7.30
	Wednesday April 4 th	7.30
And this time	Wednesday May 2 nd (Annual Meeting)	7.00