LITTLE BIRCH PARISH COUNCIL -PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON

Wednesday 8th January 2020 at 7.00pm - At Little Birch Village Hall

MINUTES

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

(KR) Kate Robbins:

ALSO: Ward Cllr: Toni Fagan, Sophie Glover (Parish Clerk), 2 members of the public.

Meeting Opened: 7.02pm

A 10 minute period from 7.30 p.m. was allocated, before the meeting opened, to enable members of the public to address the Parish Council

A comment was made about salt bins being poor along school lane, they are the old blue bins with out lids. Clerk was asked to approach Balfour Beatty to remove some of the bins and replace them with one larger bin with a lid. To be placed above Whitycombe on the corner.

1.	Apologies - (KD) Kate Dillon;	ACTIONS
2.	Declaration of interest	
	None	
3.	To accept minutes of the November and December: Parish Council meetings	
	Proposed: PR Seconded:MD	
	All in agreement. It was resolved to accept that the minutes as a true record of the meeting.	
4.	Action points from previous PC meetings	
	All addressed, or on the agenda. Thanks were passed on to John Dillon for putting up the 'no through road' sign at Holy Thorn.	
5.	Ward Cllr report (Cllr Toni Fagan)	
	Sent electronically. She explained that they have been working on the	
	corporate plan, looking at addressing the environment, economy etc with in the plan. There is an expectation that there will be an increase in Council Tax	
	of about 4%.	
	TF talked about the 'talk communities' in villages. The idea is to have hubs of	
	information in a more localised way. There will be grants available to assist	
	with this.	
	Police update	
	Nothing sent.	
	James Howell, Balfour Beatty - Reports sent weekly.	
6.	Jobs for the lengthsman	-Clerk to inform L'man and
	North of the village, Barrack Hill is flooding, next to Uplands.	ask him to identify problem
	School lane: the verges have been eroded by careless drivers; it is thought	-Clerk to inform BB
	that this is the bin lorry as well as poor driving.	
7.	Planning applications;	
	None	
8.	Feedback on any training or meetings attended, including broadband	
	provision for Little Birch.	
	PR attended the core strategy meeting before Christmas. Thought it was very	
	interesting, noted that as part of the review of the core strategy the RA	

	designations will be revisited. Little Birch should drop to RA3. He also noted	
	that LBPC would need to review their NDP, any plan that is more than 2 years	
	old will be null and void. The review will have to be linked to the new Core	
	Strategy, so could involve a complete rewrite – a grant will be made available,	
	further info will be forthcoming.	
	Broadband: the steering group had a meeting before Christmas. There is a	Clerk to arrange a meeting
	feeling that there is a lot of interest in superfast in the village. The steering	date.
	group will meet with HCN to find out more about it. PR will be attending a	
	meeting on 6 th Feb about the possibility of further grants to supply this.	
9.	Comments on any correspondence	
	Nothing	
10.	To note the contents of the information sheet and take any comments from	
	that.	
	None.	
11.	Finance	
	Balances:	
	HSBC account (at 4.12.19) £ 5,042.36	
	Payments to be agreed:	
	Parish Acct	
	Clerks Salary: £ 349.30	
	Clerks Expenses: £ 12.20	
	HMRC PAYE: £ 43.40	
	Bespoke Visual solutions	
	(road Sign) £ 48.00	
	Proposed: PR Seconded: MD	
	All in agreement. Payments to be made.	
	Receipts – £252.31 HMRC repayment – not yet showing on balance above	
	Requests for financial aid – None	
12.	To Receive Agenda items for the next PC meeting	
	Clerks salary; litter pick; JG sends apologies for this meeting.	
13.	To note date of next scheduled PC meeting –	
	Wednesday 5 th February 2020	
	Meeting closed at 7.58pm	

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SIGNED:	CHAIINVAIN	Dated:	

Future Meetings

Wednesday Feb	5th 7.00pm
Wednesday Marc	h 4th 7.00pm
Wednesday April	1 st 7.00pm
Wednesday May	6 th 7.00pm
Wednesday June	3 rd 7.00pm
Wednesday July	3 th 7.00pm

