

Wednesday 6th October at 7.30pm – at Little Birch Village Hall

DRAFT M I N U T E S

PRESENT: **Councillors;** (PR) Peter Rees (Chair); (JG) Janet Gwinnett; (KD) Kate Dillon; (KR) Kate Robbins; (MD) Mike Davies;

ALSO: Sophie Glover (Parish Clerk), Angela Middleton (Footpaths Officer); 1 Member of the public.

Open session for comments from the public:

The developer for the 'land East of Castle Pool' was present. He talked about the hedge at the front of the plot which is currently looking rather sorry for itself. When the services are in place, he intends to reinstate the hedge in the missing gaps and to ensure that any areas that have not thrived in the building phase will be addressed.

Meeting Opened: 7.30pm

1.	Apologies - Toni Fagan (Ward Councillor);
2.	Declaration of interest None.
3.	Receive reports from i. Ward Cllr report (Cllr Toni Fagan) - Sent by e mail ii. James Howell, Balfour Beatty - Reports sent weekly. iii. Police update – iv. Footpaths officer- including discussion on bye ways and footpaths LB 23 near New mills, the footbridge is still down, she will re report it later. AM had been talking with Tom Fisher through whom she is registering footpaths. KD voiced concerns that if paths are logged as footpaths they will no longer be accessible as bridleways. She is keen to ensure that bridle ways are registered at a higher level. A working group of KD, Alison Clark and AM will look further into this allowing 15 minutes prior to the next meeting to discuss this further.
4.	To accept minutes of the September Parish Council meeting Proposed: PR Seconded: MD 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 apart from The Castle Inn; Land East of Castle Pool
6.	Planning applications – Premises Licence application for the Eternal Void, Maryland. After a full discussion the PC wanted to support the business in the parish, but there were concerns about the licence being Monday to Sunday 12. To 10.30pm. It was decided that there needed to be a conversation with the licensee before a final decision was made. Action: The clerk will ask if they can have an extension so that the licensee can be invited to the November PC meeting.

	<p>213321 – Land East of Castle Pool. Proposed repositioning of existing access and associated works. The of the properties have yet to be registered, but in relation to the new entrance, this will serve only plot no3. At a site visit it was clearly stated by Russell Pryce, the agent, that there was only to be one entrance, in order to allow the 3rd house as a four bedroom property. The Chair was minded to reject the application as this was the feeling of the Parish Council back at the original site meeting time. This was proposed and seconded by JG all were in favour.</p> <p>KD explained that the site was contentious from the start, not because it was not suitable for development, just that the development should be sympathetic to the village, so that villagers would support it.</p> <p>Action: the PC wish to ask that should the Council be minded not to refuse this application outright, then it is taken to the planning committee.</p> <p>PR will draft a response for the clerk to submit.</p>
7.	<p>Lengthsman – update, identification of work; Ask him to clear the grips and gullies in the village before winter. Salt: KD to check that we should get the salt delivered to Merryvale Farm.</p>
8.	Finances:
8.1	<p>Balances: HSBC account (at 04.09.21) £ 4,556.35</p>
8.11	<p>Payments to be agreed: Parish Acct Clerks Salary September As listed Clerks expenses As listed HMRC PAYE Proposed: PR Seconded: MD</p>
8.111	All in agreement. Payments to be made.
8.1v	Receipts – Second half of precept: £3,175 (not shown on balances above)
8.v	Requests for financial aid – None
	Budget and precept setting discussion. Was discussed and it was decided to make the final decision at the November meeting but it was thought to be looking at 5% increase. Monies to be put aside for the Jubilee festivities in June 2022.
9.	Reports from any meetings or training attended:
10.	Matters arising between meetings.
11.	To receive agenda items for the next PC meeting (no discussion) Clerks appraisal:
12.	To note date of next scheduled PC meeting –Wednesday 3 rd November 2021 at 7.30pm
	Meeting closed at 8.45 pm

SIGNED:..... CHAIRMAN

Dated:.....

Future Meetings

	Wednesday November 3 rd	7.30pm
TBC do the PC wish a Dec meeting?	Wednesday December 1 st	7.30pm
2022	Wednesday January 5 th	7.30pm
	Wednesday February 2 nd	7.30pm
	Wednesday March 2 nd	7.30pm

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