## LITTLE BIRCH PARISH COUNCIL -PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON

Wednesday 6<sup>st</sup> July at 7.30pm – at Little Birch Village Hall

## **Minutes**

PRESENT: Councillors; (KD) Kate Dillon; (MD) Mike Davies; (CA) Chris Atkinson (ND) Nick Deacon (KR) Kate Robbins

ALSO: Neil Barrington (NB) (Parish Clerk), Toni Fagan (TF) (Ward Councillor);

## Meeting Opened: 7.30pm

1.	Open Session for members of the Public: There will be no longer than 10 minutes allowed for any members of the Public present, to speak for up to 3 minutes each. A member of the public raised an issue with a flood risk following some work that had been undertaken by Balfour Beatty. Causing some blocked pipes and leading to overflow on a single ditch. Some recent light rainfall had caused some flooding. He has obvious concerns should there be major rainfall. Council resolved to send in a letter requesting assistance to achieving a solution. Chair resolved to action this		
2.	To accept apologies for absence - Angela Middleton (footpath officer)		
3.	To receive declarations of interest:		
KD declared an interest in item 12 on the agenda.			
4.	Co-option of Parish councillor confirmation:- Nick Deacon (ND) officially added to Parish Council		
5.	To accept reports from :-i. Ward Clir report (Clir Toni Fagan) Discussed her concerns over aforementioned report from the memberof the public concerning flooding on Wrigglebrook Pitch. She resolved to act on this immediately contactedBalfour Beatty.She stressed the importance of being aware of the plan and core strategy. Making reference to maintainrecord of services in the community. Some rural areas have been referenced in the documentation. Sheurged full engagement with the process.TF described the current bid for funds on the "levelling up" grants system. This has to be made for specificprojects with full costings made. They expect a decision in due course.Her report was concluded with the news that the Birches car club had received funding and there was tobe a celebration of the 100 <sup>th</sup> anniversary of the birth of Violette Szaboii. James Howell, Balfour Beatty - Reports sent weekly. No comment on current reportiii. Police update . Regular updates can be obtained by subscribing to neighbourhood alert emailsiv. Footpaths officer- including discussion on bye ways and footpathsAngela Middleton had sentapologies unable to attend on this occasion.		
6.	To accept minutes of the June Council meeting   Proposed: KD Seconded: CA   All in agreement. It was resolved to accept that the minutes as a true record of the meeting.		
7.	Action points from previous PC meetings No action points currently outstanding.		

8.	Planning Matters:		
	None currently to be considered.		
9.	Lengthsman – Unfortunately Terry Griffiths (Lengthsman) was unable to attend the meeting on this occasion. It was resolved to extend an invitation to the September meeting		
10.	Finances:   Balances:   HSBC account (at 04.06.22) £ 6550.44   Payments to be agreed:   Parish Acct   Clerks Salary June as per contract.   Clerks expenses   £ 34.00   Bank Charges (March) pd by DD   £ 9.00   Proposed:   KR   Seconded: ND   All in agreement. Payments to be made.   Receipts – None.   Requests for financial aid – None.   Discussion on changing banks – Chair informed that new Lloyds account in the process of being set up.   It will be an online account with a chequing facility.   It was resolved at the next meeting to add signatories.   Chair asked Clerk to inquire how to close the current bank account and transfer funds to the new account without incurring charges. Clerk resolved to action this.		
11.	Reports from any meetings or training attended: Request was made for council to attend a Training session as a group. Clerk will write to HALC to arrange.		
	KD left meeting at 8.02 an interest declared in ITEM 12		
12.	To consider request for contribution to Jubilee Festivities: Council was informed that Liability insurance for this highly successful free event had cost £375. 300 local individuals had attended. It was resolved that the Council would make a grant of £200 under section 137 to offset some of the expense. KD re-joined meeting at 8.09		
13.	Consider request for road signage.   Council resolved to ask the clerk to approach Balfour Beatty for a sign for visitor's locals to locate the villages historic church. Currently there is no signage indicating it's location.   Proposed CA Seconded ND		
14	Complete Parish Police Charter		
	It was resolved that parish contacts would be NB and MD		
	2 Issues highlighted were Theft and Speeding. Clerk resolved to send details to Community Police officer		

16.	To note date of next scheduled PC meeting –Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm		
	Meeting closed at 8.18pm		

SIGNED:..... CHAIRMAN

Dated:.....

## Future Meetings

Wednesday September 7 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm
Wednesday October 5th	7.30pm
Wednesday November 2 <sup>nd</sup>	7.30pm
Wednesday December 7 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm