

LITTLE BIRCH PARISH COUNCIL –PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
Wednesday 14th June at 7.00pm – at Little Birch Village Hall

Minutes

PRESENT: Councillors; (MD) Mike Davies; (ND) Nick Deacon (CA) Chris Atkinson

ALSO: Neil Barrington (NB) (Parish Clerk), Chris Fowler (CF) (Footpaths Officer) Toni Fagen (TF) (Ward Councillor) Tom Palfrey (TP) (Prospective new councillor) Terry Griffiths (TG) (Lengthsman)

Meeting Opened: 7.00pm

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. None attended
2.	To accept apologies for absence – None received
3.	To receive declarations of interest: None declared
4.	Reports: 4.1 Ward Councillor: (TF) reported on the following points. Currently structures on the various council committees are being decided. She commented that the proposal to locate the library in Maylord Orchard is being reviewed. Also, that the finance officer had stated there was no “black hole” in council finance. Finally, she referred to a committee that had been set up to gather evidence from families affected by the children’s services problems. It had highlighted a risk averse culture amongst workers. 4.2 Balfour Beatty: Report received. 4.3 Police Update: Newsletter report received and (NB) to reply to priority form. 4.4 Footpath Officer report: (CF) stated that a member of the public had contacted him about Ruff Lane. (MD) to request assistance from a member of the public who has helped out previously. Work had been done on issue re AC4. Aconbury Wood needs some way markers, posts and there is an issue with a fallen tree. AC15 has some problems with a lack of footpath definition after ploughing and will also need way markers. Parish walk was deemed a success. (CF) will write to public right of way (PROW) over lack of definition on some footpaths. Finally, there is a proposal for footpath officers to hold meetings to discuss issues going forward.
5.	To accept minutes of the May 17 2023 Annual, Parish and Ordinary Council meeting Proposed: CA Seconded: ND All in agreement. It was resolved to accept that the minutes as a true record of the meeting.
6.	Action points from previous PC meetings No action points currently outstanding.
7.	Planning Matters: None to consider
8.	Finances: Balances: Lloyd’s account (at 14.06.23) £ 5678.85

	Payments to be agreed: Parish Acct Clerks Salary as per contract. HMRC £57 Expenses £36.10 Proposed: CA Seconded: ND All in agreement. Payments to be made. Receipts – 1st half of Precept now received £3500 Requests for financial aid – None.
9.	Lengthsman work: Parish council were very grateful to (TG) for attending the meeting. (TG) confirmed a section of work needed to be completed from previous tasks. However, one of the sections was more problematic than previously expected and will incur an extra charge. He will send (NB) a copy of lengthsman contract. (NB) will contact Balfour Beatty over Lengthsman agreement and drainage grant.
10.	Co-option of new Councillor: It was resolved to co-opt (TP) to the parish council. Prop (MD) 2 ND (ND) . This was accepted unanimously
11.	Clerk to apply to start CiLCA qualification: It was resolved for (NB) to apply to start the aforementioned qualification

12.	To accept LGA Code of Conduct 2020: It was resolved to adopt this document
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13.	To Note date of next scheduled Parish Council meetings Wednesday 12th July 2023 7pm Meeting closed 8.17pm
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SIGNED:..... CHAIRMAN

Dated:.....

Future Meetings

	Wednesday July 12 th 2023	7.00pm
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	Wednesday Sept 6 th 2023	7.00pm
	Wednesday Oct 4 th 2023	7.00pm
	Wednesday Nov 1 st 2023	7.00pm
	Wednesday Dec 6 th 2023	7.00pm
	Wednesday Jan 3 rd 2024	7.00pm