

**LITTLE BIRCH PARISH COUNCIL –PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
Wednesday 12th July at 7.00pm – at Little Birch Village Hall**

Minutes

PRESENT: Councillors; (MD) Mike Davies; (ND) Nick Deacon (TP) Tom Palfrey

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

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 – Apologies received from Cllr Chris Atkinson and Footpath Officer Chris Fowler
3.	To receive declarations of interest: None declared
4.	Reports: 4.1 Ward Councillor: (TF) reported on the following points. There was a very positive meeting of Footpath officers from various parishes. This will now take place bi-monthly. Reference was made to Talk community projects. Household support, rewards grant support that has increased. Various mental health wellbeing initiatives. Also, the proposed partnership with Leeds to address the children service issue. Finally, the proposal to relocate the library to Shire Hall as opposed to Maylord Orchard 4.2 Balfour Beatty: Report received. 4.3 Police Update: Newsletter report received. 4.4 Footpath Officer report: (CF) was unable to attend so submitted the following report. Parish Council Footpath Officers Report July 2023 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Following our discussion at the last meeting regarding the overgrown vegetation in Ruff Lane, Mike and Chris cleared a way through. Many thanks to both of you I'm sure it will be appreciated by many local people.• I have also been out this month and cleared around the stile LB22 where it meets Ruff Lane and about 2/3 of the old sunken path LB21 (Conigre Lane). The middle section of this is still blocked but I'm hoping to get back and do some more soon.• I have reported to the council this month<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. A worn and illegible finger post AC16 that the council have now replaced.2. An unclimbable stile and missing finger post LB25 near Rowlston's Barn3. Another finger post that needs replacing LB16 near Altwynt Farm.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I have identified quite a few places that need short posts that way maker signs can be fixed too. When I have a complete list of all that are needed, I will let you know so we can get a quote from Terry I will also get a price from other suppliers. • I have had a conversation with Ben Anderson who is responsible for the Duchy property, he would be prepared to install way maker post on their land, if we provide them and I tell them where to place them. He will also endeavour to get cleared the path AC15 which lies at the south edge of Aconbury Wood. • Myself and David Irwin (Much Birch PFO) have had the first of what we hope will be regular meetings with Ceri Belli (County Footpaths Inspector) Toni Fagan and other PFO's from parishes around ours. It was great to discuss common problems and try and work out the best solutions. It can be quite an isolated job so getting together in this way can generate more enthusiasm to get things improved.
5.	<p>To accept minutes of the June 14 2023 Ordinary Council meeting</p> <p>Proposed: ND Seconded: TP</p> <p>All in agreement. It was resolved to accept that the minutes as a true record of the meeting.</p>
6.	<p>Action points from previous PC meetings</p> <p>No action points currently outstanding.</p>
7.	<p>Planning Matters: None to consider</p>
8.	<p>Finances:</p> <p>Balances:</p> <p>Lloyd's account (at 12.07.23) £ 5660.72</p> <p>Payments to be agreed:</p> <p>Parish Acct</p> <p>Clerks Salary as per contract.</p> <p>HMRC £45.68</p> <p>Expenses £ 13.50 Petrol £5 Broadband</p> <p>Proposed: TP Seconded: ND</p> <p>All in agreement. Payments to be made.</p> <p>Receipts – 1st half of Precept now received £3500</p> <p>VAT refund £303.47</p> <p>Requests for financial aid – None.</p>
9.	<p>Lengthsman work: Parish council resolved to agree a plan and funding with the Lengthsman for work to be completed. (MD) and (NB) will complete necessary admin for August deadline.</p>

10.	To Note date of next scheduled Parish Council meetings Wednesday 6 th September 2023 7pm
	Meeting closed 7.40pm

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SIGNED:..... CHAIRMAN

Dated:.....

Future Meetings

	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
	Wednesday Feb 7 th 2024	7.00pm