

LITTLE BIRCH PARISH COUNCIL –PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
Wednesday 6th September at 7.00pm – at Little Birch Village Hall

Minutes

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

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 – None received
3.	To receive declarations of interest: Item 7 Planning application 232106 MD and CA declared an interest
4.	Reports: 4.1 Ward Councillor: (TF) wanted to clarify her stance on planning application 232106. She stated her position was due to public interest. She felt it ought to be heard by the planning committee. There was still no definitive clarification on the pond at Ruff Lane. Commented on the stronger towns fund. That the projects were now starting. There are 15 at various stages including the arts, sport, buses, more greenspaces and skills initiatives. However, the library still has processes to work through to secure stronger town funding. 4.2 Balfour Beatty: Report received. 4.3 Police Update: Newsletter report received. 4.4 Footpath Officer report: (CF) reported that footpath had been cleared on LB 21. He requested could the Lengthsman be brought in to work on various footpaths in the parish. As the public right of ways has moved back in to Herefordshire council NB will write to Balfour Beatty to request work be done as part of Lengthsman agreement. CF commented on the fact a number of Way marker posts need to be replaced 13Aconbury 4 Little Birch. Footpath meeting once again has proved very useful. A request was made for designated map orders on M367 New Mills and M348 Athelstan Wood NB will contact Public right of way officer.
5.	To accept minutes of the July 12 2023 Ordinary Council meeting Proposed: ND Seconded: TP 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: 232248 Blewhenstone, Hoarwithy HR2 6QW As a neighbouring parish it was resolved to support this application 232106 Stables Bowlers Lane, Little Birch HR2 6BB Due to previously stated declarations of interest. The council was left inquorate and unable to comment

8.	<p>Finances:</p> <p>Balances: Lloyd's account (at 05.09.23) £ 5295.52</p> <p>Payments to be agreed:</p> <p>Parish Acct</p> <p>It was resolved to pay the following Clerks Salary as per contract. HMRC £57.20 Expenses £ 13.50 Petrol £5 Broadband owed from Jul12- Aug 2 Expenses £71.50 A4 printer paper £28, (from Amazon) Printer Ink £29.50, (from Amazon) Fuel £9 Broadband £5 DM Payroll services £60 Invoice 2967 SSL £41.99 Invoice 2674993877 Website Renewal £143.86 Invoice 2681038907 Domain Hosting £23.96 Invoice 2682055006 Lengthsman £960 Invoice TGC2362</p> <p>Proposed: TP Seconded: CA All in agreement. Payments to be made. Receipts – 1st half of Precept now received £3500 VAT refund £303.47 Requests for financial aid – None.</p>
9.	<p>EV Charging site proposal: It was resolved to approach the Village Hall committee to allow the Parish council to make an application to site an EV charger at the Hall. NB will write to village hall committee</p>
10.	<p>Overgrown trees at the Castle Inn: MD stated he'd contacted Balfour Beatty over the problem. As it has become a safety hazard. This is the land owner's responsibility. It was resolved to continue to monitor the situation</p>
11.	<p>To allow delegated powers for clerk: It was resolved that the clerk would provide further information on what this actually entailed in practice.</p>
12.	<p>Items for next meeting (no discussion): No issues raised</p>
13.	<p>Date of next meeting: October 4 2023 7pm</p>

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SIGNED:..... CHAIRMAN

Dated:.....

Future Meetings

	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
	Wednesday Mar 6 th 2024	7.00pm