

**LITTLE BIRCH PARISH COUNCIL –PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
Wednesday 4th April 2018 at 7.30pm - At Little Birch Village Hall**

MINUTES

PRESENT: Councillors; (BR) Ben Roberts (Chair); (MM) Mike Morley; (SN) Steve Naylor; (JG) Janet Gwinnett;

ALSO: Sophie Glover (Parish Clerk), Also, one member of the public. Until 8.15

Meeting Opened: 7.30pm

A 10 minute period from 7.30 p.m. was allocated, before the meeting opened, to enable members of the public to address the Parish Council.

Euan McGill from Crows Nest Lane, who had talked to the clerk last week about the fact that Crows Nest Lane had become 'unlisted' and is now known as 'Well Orchard Access' by the council. He questioned if the council could legally 'unadopt' a previously 'adopted' road. He felt that this might be the start of the Council withdrawing other services like bin collection. Mr McGills son is disabled and needs to be collected by Barrs Court School, and with the snow, they were unable to access our property. The Chair mentioned that during the NDP we had heard that the road was 'unadopted'. He asked the clerk to contact the Ward Cllr and the Council to see what was going on. Also to contact David Nicholson to find out where he had got his information from for the NDP. Mr McGill has talked to Pru Powell who was born and grew up at Well Orchard Farm, and she remembers it as always being adopted. SN; First heard from Balfour Beatty who had said that they were not doing the salt bins 2 winters ago, as the papers that they had been passed by Amey showed the lane as unadopted. When they were told that it was adopted, they came and filled the bins.

1.	Apologies - (AW) Annette Wissler(AM); Ward Councillor (DH) David Harlow Angela Middleton (footpaths officer).	<i>ACTIONS</i>
2.	Declaration of interest None.	
3.	Introduction of new councillor JG introduced herself to the meeting, followed by the other cllrs introducing themselves.	
4.1	Police update Nothing had been sent.	
4.2	Ward Cllr report (Cllr Dave Harlow) Sent electronically. MM: Voiced concerns that the public were paying £25 a month (through their council tax) just to service the debt that the council have.	
4.3	Dave Atkinson, Balfour Beatty - Reports sent weekly. He has not come back to us about doing a parish walk, also, the two lakes by MM have not been dealt with. Little Birch Road is particularly bad for potholes.	
5.	To accept minutes of the March PC meeting Proposed: MM Seconded: BR All in agreement. It was resolved to accept that the minutes as a true record of the meeting.	
6.	Action points from previous PC meeting (March) All addressed, or on the agenda:	

7.	Planning applications HC website still shows John Johnsons planning appeal has been refused, when it was approved.	<i>Clerk to chase up.</i>
8.	Footpaths officer/tree warden Angela sent a report. The cllrs all wanted Angela to know that they think she is doing a great job, they are delighted to have some one so proactive in the role.	
9.	Neighbourhood Plan – update The PC decided that they wanted to wait for the next round of grant funding to be confirmed before re-engage Dr Nicholson to continue his work.	<i>Clerk to apply for the grant.</i>
10.	Community Assets The Castle Inn The Clerk is in the process of re applying to list the Castle.	<i>Clerk to progress this.</i>
11.	To note the contents of the information sheet and take any comments from that. All duly read and agreed to.	
12.	Finance i Balances: HSBC account (at 4.3.18) £ 4,080.66 Barclays Accounts: Closed ii Parish Acct Clerks Salary : £ 160.07 PAYE (HMRC) : £ 7.40 Clerks Expenses : £ 12.99 2017 Auditor Grant Thornton £ 120.00 Proposed: Seconded: All in agreement. Payments to be made. iii Receipts – £153.60 from T Griffiths, repaying an overpayment. iv Requests for financial aid – None	<i>Clerk to make payments.</i> <i>Clerk to check this invoice, we have never paid them in the past.</i>
13.	Dobbin Cottage Nothing further at the moment.	<i>Clerk to find out what's happening for the May meeting.</i>
14.	Lengthsman – jobs to be done MM could we get him to look at MM's 'lake' on the road, so that we can take this to BB. Winter Gritting.	<i>Clerk to Invite him to the AGM</i>
15.	To Receive Agenda items for the next PC meeting All the usual,	
16.	To note date of next scheduled PC meeting – May 2 nd .	
	Meeting closed at 8.25pm	

SIGNED:..... CHAIRMAN

Dated:.....

Future Meetings

	Wednesday May 2 nd (Annual Meeting)	7.00
	Wednesday June 6 th	7.30
	Wednesday July 11 th	7.30
	Wednesday Sept 5 th	7.30
	Wednesday Oct 3 rd	7.30
	Wednesday Nov 7 th	7.30

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