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

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2019 at 7.30pm - At Little Birch Village Hall

## MINUTES

 PRESENT:
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ALSO: Sophie Glover (Parish Clerk),

#### 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

Apologies - (AW) Annette Wissler; (JG) Janet Gwinnett;	ACTIONS
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from the PC. The PC thanked her for her many years as a Parish Councillor.	
Declaration of interest	
None	
To accept minutes of the March: Parish Council meeting	
Proposed: BR Seconded: MM	
All in agreement. It was resolved to accept that the minutes as a true record of	
the meeting.	
Action points from previous PC meeting	
All addressed, or on the agenda:	
Ward Clir report (Clir Dave Harlow)	
Nothing sent.	
Police update	
Nothing sent.	
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	Clerk to ask the NDP team
	what the procedure is for
	the referendum. How do
	they publicise it etc?
24 copies of it using the village facilities.	
Planning applications;	
191044: Reform Cottage, Little Birch	
No objection was proposed MM and seconded PR all were in favour.	
190741: Selbys View, Pendant Pitch	
It was felt that this new submission is of the same foot print as the previous	
one. It was resolved to submit the same objection as before to this one, all	
except the septic point. In addition, how disappointed the PC are that all of the	
previous objections have not been taken into consideration.	
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8.	Footpaths officer and Tree warden reports;	
	Aconburys request for the kissing gate instead of a stile, the Duchy has agreed	
	to this.	
	The request to change LB1 into a restrictive byway (as asked for by the	
	ramblers association) The PC had been contacted by a resident on Crows Nest	
	Lane who was concerned that he would not be able to access his own property.	
	Balfour Beatty had confirmed that no residents would find that they were	
	restricted.	
	AM has looked at the local paths to identify which ones need to be registered.	
	She is working towards doing this within the time frame for registering	
	commonly used paths.	
	The dawn chorus walk is on Easter Sunday, 5.45am at Merrivale Farm. Geraint Thomas from the Duchy is doing a guided walk through Athelston	
	Wood, in May, leaving from the village hall.	
	The chair thanked AM very much for her hard work in the role as footpaths	
	officer, and praised how she had developed the role.	
9.	Dobbin Cottage	Clerk to go back to Scott
	MM had been contacted by the owner of the cottage next door who is still	Low asking how much was
	concerned about the state of their co-owned chimney.	spent as the work done was
	MM asked the PC if the property was safe? It was questioned if this was a	very superficial and we
	matter for the PC as sadly the issue concerns one individual. MM will contact	believe that the structure
	the parishioner, suggesting that she talk to the new ward councillor when they	needs to be assessed and
	are appointed.	secured.
10	The Castle Pub	
11.	<ul><li>The community asset paperwork has been submitted.</li><li>To note the contents of the information sheet and take any comments from</li></ul>	Clerk to confirm the process
11.	that.	of co-opting new cllrs
		during an election.
12.	Finance	
i	Balances:	
	HSBC account (at 4.3.19) £ 4,123.55	
ii	Payments to be agreed:	
	Parish Acct	
	Clerks Salary : £ 273.8	
	Clerks Expenses: £ 61.10	
	HALC training £ 60.00	
	DJN Planning (NDP) £ 80.00	
	Terry Griffiths (invoice 668) £ 342.00	
	Proposed:BR Seconded: PR	
	All in agreement. Payments to be made.	
lii	Receipts –	
	from HC in payment for the lengthsmans P3 work £ 481.25	
	HMRC VAT return£466.13	
iv.	Requests for financial aid – None	
	Lengthsman – jobs to be done	
13.		
13.	Finger post by Fair View Cottage needs replacing.	

14.	<b>To Receive Agenda items for the next PC meeting</b> Dobbin Cottage, New Councillors,	
15.	To note date of next scheduled PC meeting – Monday May 13 <sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm	
	Meeting closed at 8.20pm	

SIGNED:..... CHAIRMAN

Dated:....

#### **Future Meetings**

Annual Meeting New date and time	Monday May 13th	7.30
	Wednesday June 5 <sup>th</sup>	7.30
	Wednesday July 3 <sup>rd</sup>	7.30
	Wednesday Sept 4 <sup>th</sup>	7.30
	Wednesday Oct 2 <sup>nd</sup>	7.30
	Wednesday Nov 6 <sup>th</sup>	7.30