

**LITTLE BIRCH PARISH COUNCIL –PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
Wednesday 3rd July 2019 at 7.30pm - At Little Birch Village Hall**

MINUTES

PRESENT: Councillors; (PR) Peter Rees (Chair); (KD) Kate Dillon; (MD) Mike Davies; (JG) Janet Gwinnett;
(KR) Kate Robbins:

(AM) Angela Middleton (footpaths officer)

ALSO: Sophie Glover (Parish Clerk), 2 members of the public.

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

A parishioner commented that last weekend a 307 Peugeot had been in the area checking out a local barn. He followed them as they left, but they pulled over and stopped so that he had to pass. Later on two other locals had had to have words asking them to move on. He had told the police, who have listed it. The reg is BU52YGT.

A second issue was raised, that the green lane at the top of Crows Nest Lane, is being changed to a public footpath. He questioned why change some thing that was working fine as it was. The parishioner had received a letter explaining the time scale for this change, and it is pretty rapid as they feel that it is a 'key route' for foot path users. He asked for the PC to put this to the Ward Cllr and it was agreed to do so.

Another parishioner asked about a 'freedom of information request' that some parishes had received about HALC membership. The clerk had not received this e mail for this PC.

1.	Apologies - Ward Cllr: Toni Fagan.	<i>ACTIONS</i>
2.	Declaration of interest None	
3.	To accept minutes of the June: Parish Council meetings Proposed:MD Seconded: KD All in agreement. It was resolved to accept that the minutes as a true record of the meeting.	
4.	Action points from previous PC meeting All addressed, or on the agenda. The need to strim the path by Church Lane was discussed, but it was thought that now we have summer weather it is less of a problem.	
5.	Ward Cllr report (Cllr Toni Fagan) Nothing sent. Police update Nothing sent. James Howell, Balfour Beatty - Reports sent weekly.	
6.	Neighbourhood Plan: Is being formally adopted on 7 th July 2019 KD had asked the school if they would let us print final drafts off, and they offered to do it for free. The PC thanked MBPS for their generosity	<i>Clerk to send thank you letter</i>
7.	Planning applications; Just land at Buddleia Cottage, approval of reserved matters. No objections.	<i>Clerk to submit comment.</i>
8.	Footpaths officer and Tree warden reports; AM: She has been receiving lots of phone calls from Kingsthorn residents, they need redirecting to the Much Birch Footpath officer. It was resolved to get better publicity for the Much Birch FO.	<i>Clerk to circulate the footpath map for LB to all cllrs.</i>

	<p>The gate at Aconbury will be replaced by the Duchy in the coming weeks. Parish Walks: Next one is on July 14th leaving here at 9am. JG: has been on tree warden training, which she found very useful. A further training session is up coming. JG will liaise with other local TW's and aim to work with them.</p>	
9.	<p>The Castle Pub The final documents have been submitted. It was resolved to take this item back off the agenda for now.</p>	
10	<p>The hedge opposite the village hall The localities steward was approached to see if the hedge encroached on to the road, and he deemed that it does not. The locality steward will go and see the land owner to confirm that it is their hedge and they need to cut it themselves.</p>	
11.	<p>To note the contents of the information sheet and take any comments from that. Discussion on the Parish Councillors allowance scheme: PC supported the idea in general, but they did not feel that they would be utilising it themselves.</p>	
12.	<p>Finance Balances: HSBC account (at 4.5.19) £ 5,791.86 Payments to be agreed: Parish Acct Clerks Salary : £ 613.37 Clerks Expenses: £ 10.00 HMRC PAYE: £ 0 Proposed: PR Seconded: KD All in agreement. Payments to be made. Receipts – None Requests for financial aid – None</p>	
13.	<p>Lengthsman – jobs to be done Still need to clear the well and to look at the drain at Holythorn lane and also to the drain at Silverdean.</p>	
14.	<p>To Receive Agenda items for the next PC meeting None.</p>	
15.	<p>To note date of next scheduled PC meeting – Wednesday Sept 4th.</p>	
16.	<p>PC goes into Session Agreement that the clerks salary should go up in line with the NALC salary review. Increasing from £10.953 to £11.22 per hour at SCP22 back tracked to 1st April 2019. It was approved by the whole meeting.</p>	
	Meeting closed at 8.28pm	

SIGNED:..... CHAIRMAN

Dated:.....

Future Meetings

	Wednesday Sept 4 th	7.30
	Wednesday Oct 2 nd	7.30
	Wednesday Nov 6 th	7.30
To be confirmed	Wednesday December 4 th	7.30
2020	Wednesday Jan 8 th	7.30