

# THE **Birches**

**A NEWSLETTER FOR KINGSTHORN,  
MUCH BIRCH, LITTLE BIRCH & ACONBURY**

*First published 1977* **October 2019**

**Table Top**

**Sale**

**Saturday 28th September**

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## **Diary Dates**

### **September 2019**

**28th Table Top Sale MBCH**

**28th Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group MBCH**

**28th Gardening Club Open Gardens—see page 7**

### **October 2019**

**2nd LB Parish Council Meeting LBVH 7.30pm**

**3rd Coffee Morning LBVH 10.30am**

**3<sup>rd</sup> MB Parish Council Meeting MBCH 7:30pm**

**8th Parish Walk on fungi from LBVH 10am**

**8th Whist Drive LBVH 7.30pm**

**12th Community Café MBCH 10am**

**16th Table Tennis LBVH 7pm**

**18th Flicks in the Sticks MBCH 7.30pm**

**19th Book Exchange Methodist Chapel 10am**

**24th History Group Talk LBVH 7.30pm**

**24th Flicks in the Sticks MBCH 7.30pm**

**30th Kingsthorn and LB Garden Club LBVH 7.30**

**Panto rehearsals every Friday 6-10pm and Sunday  
2.30-5pm at LBVH**

### **Church Services October 2019**

Sunday 29th September: Feast of St.  
Michael and All  
Angels at Dewsall  
at 11.00 a.m.



Sunday 6th October: Little Birch Communion 11:00 a.m.

Sunday 13th October: Much Birch Harvest Festival and  
Lunch 11:00 a.m.  
Little Birch Morning  
Worship 11:00 a.m.

Sunday 20th October: Much Birch Communion 9.15 a.m.  
Little Birch Traditional  
Communion 11.00 a.m.

Sunday 27th October: Much Birch Morning  
Worship 9.15 a.m.  
Little Birch Harvest Festival  
3.00 p.m. with refreshments  
afterwards.

### **FLU VACCINATION CLINICS 2019**

**STAY WELL  
THIS WINTER**

Much Birch Surgery will be holding their annual flu vaccination clinics on the

**5th & 19th October 2019, 8.30-11.00 at Much Birch Community Hall.**

Due to the number of patients who attend the clinics and the limited parking facilities  
available, car sharing where possible, would be advisable.

As per previous years, patients will need to pick up their invitations letters from Reception  
at the Surgery, before attending either of the clinics.

The invitation letters will be available **w/c 16th September** and will give details of which of  
the above clinics patients may attend.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Due to restrictions on vaccine deliveries only invited patients will be eligible  
to have their flu vaccine at the clinics and any other patients will be able to book into the  
surgery to have their vaccine **AFTER** the 21st October 2019, subject to eligibility.

Patients who are eligible for the flu vaccine but are unable to attend either of the flu clinic  
dates will be able to book for their vaccines at the surgery after the 21st October.

# Little Birch Village Hall Committee

Newsletter notices for October 2019

## Coffee Morning

The next coffee morning will be on **Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 10:30am - 12:30pm** at Little Birch Village Hall.

Join us and enjoy a cup of tea or coffee, some cake or a biscuit. Make new friends or catch up with old friends, have a chat and find out more about the local community and let us know your thoughts and suggestions as to how we can develop these regular meetings.

If you need help with transport, please contact Margaret: 01981 540374

## Whist Drive

We guarantee a warm welcome and a fun evening with good company at our monthly whist drive whatever your ability. Excellent prizes and refreshments too.

Our next **Whist Drive** will be on **Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October** at Little Birch Village Hall. We start at **7.30 pm** and the entrance fee is just £2.00.

## Community Book Exchange/Lending Library

The next Book Exchange will be on the morning of **Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> October** at the former Methodist Chapel opposite the Village Hall **10am – 12noon**.

All members of the community are invited to join us for this enjoyable monthly event which offers not only a wide range of books and DVDs (to suit all ages and interests) but also an opportunity to meet others and exchange recommendations for a good read.

There is a charge of just £1 per adult towards the cost of the hire and refreshments.

## Table Tennis Sessions

The next table tennis sessions will be on **Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October** at Little Birch Village Hall **between 7pm and 9pm**. All abilities are welcome as the idea is to have a bit of fun and exercise. Equipment is supplied. Sessions will be once a month, but this could be more frequent if there is enough demand. Similarly, if there is sufficient interest, we may also be able to manage a day session. Tea and coffee will be available. £2.00 per session to cover cost of refreshments and heating.

If you are interested and would like more information call Angela Middleton on 01981 540377 or Peter Rees on 01981 541356

## Art and Craft Space

Weekly sessions of the Art and Craft Space will take place **every Thursday during October from 2pm – 4pm** at Little Birch Village Hall. Sessions will be self-directed: drawing, painting, creative writing, knitting, quilting or any other crafts which people are interested in. Bring your own materials and join the group to have a chat and do some craft work. All are welcome – contact Margaret for further details (01981-540374) or just turn up.

## Other diary dates for October

2<sup>nd</sup> October (Wednesday) - 7.30pm Little Birch Parish Council Meeting

8<sup>th</sup> October (Tuesday) - Parish Walk from Little Birch Village Hall at 10am. This walk will focus on fungi.

24<sup>th</sup> October (Thursday) – History Group talk at 7.30pm.

30<sup>th</sup> October (Wednesday)– Kingsthorpe and Little Birch Gardening Club at 7.30pm.

Pantomime rehearsals for the 2020 pantomime have begun. Every Friday from 6pm to 10pm, and every Sunday from 2.30pm

## **Pub Quiz & Curry Night**

**Little Birch Village Hall on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> November at 7:30pm**

**Teams of 4 and just £5 per person to include a curry.**

**The bar will be open.**



This season's pantomime, *Treasure Island*, will be performed by the Birches Amateur Dramatic Group, under the direction of Jane Bolam at Little Birch Village Hall on the evening of Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2020 with a matinee on the afternoon of Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> February and a final performance on that evening. Auditions took place on the 13<sup>th</sup> September but there may still be places available for both adults and children to come along and be part of a really enjoyable experience. Previous acting experience is not necessary. All we ask is for a commitment to turn up at rehearsals on most Friday evenings and Sunday afternoons with occasional Saturday afternoons as and when required.

We are always on the lookout for new members so if you are interested in joining the cast or crew and were not available to attend the audition evening, please come along to Little Birch Village Hall on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October at 2:30pm. If you are not confident enough to tread the boards just yet but would still like to be involved, we always welcome anyone handy with a toolkit or paintbrush to help build the sets and props. The construction crew usually meet at the village hall on Tuesday mornings at 9:00am. For further information contact David Baldwin on 01981 541198

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@ Much Birch Community Hall

2nd Saturday of the month

10:00 - 12:30

2019

12 October	9 November	14 December
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2020

11 January	8 February	14 March
11 April	9 May	13 June

 A local group who want to bring people together, strengthen community links and provide relaxed and fun events for all ages.

### 'FOOTPRINTS'

#### 'Fungus Foray' in Aconbury Woods—Tuesday 8 October

Jo Weightman from the Herefordshire Fungus Survey Group will share her knowledge of fungi on a short walk in the woods. Meeting at Little Birch Village Hall at **10.15am** for approximately 2 hours with refreshments afterwards in the hall. Donations to Jo's chosen charity of Mary's Meals. Contact Angela 01981 540377 - [ajbmiddleton@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:ajbmiddleton@hotmail.co.uk)

Our **Parish Walk** last month was enjoyed by six of us walking down through the woods to visit Aconbury Church - which led to more questions than answers. I have since researched and the St John the Baptist Church was originally the church of a nunnery founded before 1237. The style of the current building is late 13th-century. It was a lovely sunny day and the views over to Hereford were delightful.

### Footpath Contact Points

If you see any issues with footpaths the people to contact are as below:

#### Little Birch

Volunteer Footpath Officer -  
Angela Middleton 01981 540377  
[ajbmiddleton@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:ajbmiddleton@hotmail.co.uk)

#### Aconbury

Mike Leigh  
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### MUCH BIRCH COMMUNITY HALL VILLAGE MARKETS

Due to the fact that the number of stalls at the market has reduced this year and the footfall has decreased we have decided to cut the number of markets. Therefore there will be no regular 4<sup>th</sup> Friday monthly markets but there will be a Christmas Market on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2019 from 2.30 to 5.40 pm

Refreshments will be served as usual

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Although the nights are drawing in, it's no reason to hibernate! Instead start a new hobby or revive an old one by coming along to ART & CRAFTS CLUB for a couple of hours a week at LBVH.



This group, originally named ARTSPACE, started as an art group led and tutored by Maz has now evolved into ART & CRAFT CLUB. Alongside the painting it now includes knitting, crochet and creative writing.

We have beginners as well as seasoned and talented members who bring their own materials and enjoy their time with like-minded people. We will occasionally have contributions from external speakers / presenters as this has been very popular.

Why not come along and see what it's like - new people are always made very welcome

ART & CRAFTS CLUB starts on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2-4pm at Little Birch Village Hall

For further information contact:  
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Maz 01981 541048

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## Much Birch Church

The beautifully restored and repaired East Stained Glass Window in Much Birch Church is going to be rededicated during the Harvest Festival Service on 13<sup>th</sup> October 2019 at 11am. There will be a Bring and Share Lunch in the Community Hall following the Service. This will be a good opportunity to thank all the kind donors and hardworking fundraisers who contributed towards the cost of this important work as well raising the funds to repair the 4 south facing windows which were completed in 2016. We would be pleased to welcome everyone to join us for this special occasion.

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## Refreshments for walkers

Enjoy a break for a cup of tea or coffee



**Donations** to cover costs and for much needed renovation work at St Mary's Church.

**Thank you**

### Much Birch Church

...finds itself in the position this year that expenditure will probably outstrip its income so the PCC will be relying upon the small Fundraising Committee to raise the funds to meet the expenses. As it is just a small committee we would like to increase our numbers and would welcome any person who would be willing to join us. That person would not have to be a regular Churchgoer but should be willing to work with us at meetings and at Fundraising events. If you are interested please contact Sylvia on 01981 540980.

### Our project is almost complete

The repair and refurbishment of the East Stained Glass Window in Much Birch Church is almost complete. At the time of going to press Ark Stained Glass and Leaded Lights Ltd. are hoping to reinstall the windows during the week commencing 13<sup>th</sup> August 2019. A rededication of the window will take place at the Harvest Festival Service on 13<sup>th</sup> October, details of which will be available next month. Meanwhile we would like to thank the children of Much Birch Primary School who put together some lovely and colourful temporary windows, which have much enhanced the Chancel of the Church during the waiting time for repairs. We would also like to thank the Historic Churches Trust, AllChurches Trust Ltd. and the many individuals who have generously contributed to the fund either through direct donations or by supporting the fundraising events which has enabled us to undertake this essential work.

Sylvia Jones on behalf of the Fundraising Committee



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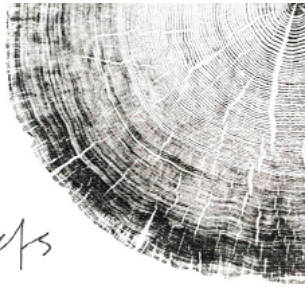
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## KINGS THORN & LITTLE BIRCH GARDENING CLUB

Firstly, from all of the Gardening Club Committee, a huge **thank you** to all that took part and supported the recent Village Show – it was a great success with more entrants and visitors this year. It was a wonderful sight to see the hall brimming with produce, flowers, art work, craft and of course the children's section – hopefully next year will be even bigger and better! Lesley Chapman will be reporting separately as a brilliant show secretary I'm sure you'll all agree.

### Saturday 28 September - Open Gardens

You have a great opportunity to visit five local gardens. With a variety of styles this is a chance to take a look at how other villagers have set out their gardens. Meet at Little Birch Village Hall at 1.30 p.m. - returning to the Village Hall for a Cream Tea around 4.30 p.m. We are hoping this will culminate in a little social get together with also a bring and buy stall and produce to buy.

Cost is £5 for Gardening Club members  
£7 for non-members.

For further details and to reserve a place contact Jenny Baldwin, programme secretary on 01981 541198

Numbers are limited!

**Wednesday 30 October** – talk on Fungi by Jo Weightman – very topical for the time of the year. **PLEASE NOTE** it is the last Wednesday of the month.

**Wednesday 27 November** – Bill Laws is coming to talk to us on The Curious History of Vegetables. I am assured that this is a light-hearted look at all things vegetable so we might be in for a few surprising facts.

As always meetings start at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, Little Birch and members old and new and visitors are always very welcome to join us. Refreshments available and at some meetings, donation box for produce and plants.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call me, 01981 541198 or email – [baldwin.jen@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:baldwin.jen@hotmail.co.uk).

*Happy Gardening.*

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**KILPECK ART CLUB** restarts on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September; 2 – 4pm. Come along to a free taster session and a warm welcome.

Entertaining **CURRY & QUIZ** night returns on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> October; 7pm - £7.50 pp. Interested in a table? Text: 0771438515. Tickle your brains and taste-buds!

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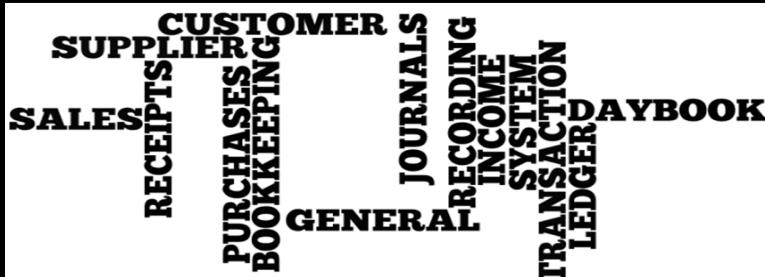
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The results of the September draw were as follows:

1<sup>st</sup> prize - Mrs. M. Hill - King's Thorn

2<sup>nd</sup> prize- Mr. P. Jones—Much Birch

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Gordon Wood will give us an illustrated talk telling us about what was involved and the problems encountered. It promises to be very interesting,  
Entry will be £2.50 to include light refreshments.

### Parish Field

It's that time again! After a summer of rather too luxuriant growth and a mixture of flowers, the vegetation now needs its annual cut.

We really need some **offers of help**, particularly from younger people to trim and rake. Those of us who have done it up till now are now finding it too much,

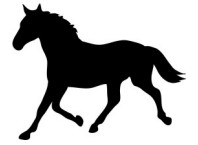
**PLEASE** could you give up one morning or afternoon a year to help the field to continue to be an asset to the parish.

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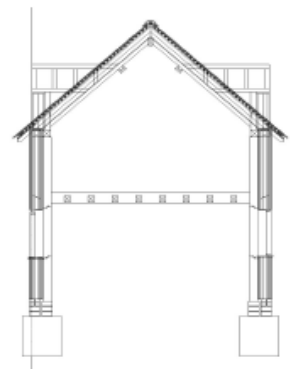
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**Kieran Cooke** was a foreign correspondent for the BBC, Financial Times and The Independent for more than thirty years. In this talk he will read from his book, sharing his collection of whimsical reminiscences from his time as a correspondent in Ireland. He will also describe reporting elsewhere; chasing Colonel Gadaffi around the desert in Libya, dining with the Sultan of Brunei and conversations with villagers living in the shadow of Chernobyl.  
*Copies of Kieran's book will be available to buy at this event.*

**Friday 15 November 2019**

**7.30 pm**

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**Friday 18 October, 7.30 pm - THE FAVOURITE** <sup>15</sup>  
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**Thursday 24 October, 7.30 pm - DIEGO MARADONA** <sup>12A</sup>  
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*Refreshments including hot dogs available from 7pm*

**Coming up in the rest of the season...**

**Thursday 21 November, 7.30 - EATEN BY LIONS** <sup>12A</sup>  
**Thursday 12 December, 7.30 - ROCKETMAN** <sup>15</sup>

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*For further information about films and screenings visit [www.artsalive.co.uk](http://www.artsalive.co.uk) (online booking available!)*

## Birch Elected Ward Councillor Toni Fagan writes....

*I have learnt a fair few things since becoming ward councillor for Birch in the May elections. Not least of all that it is easier to shout from the side lines than to actually change things – however the world is a crazy place so I am happy to have thrown my hat in the ring.*

*I have been inspired by the commitment of people within the ward to protect and stand up for their communities whilst keeping the social fabric of their community thriving. . Thank you so much to all the people who work tirelessly in their community to do that – please support them as much as you can.*

*The question of 'how we live' is one that often wakes me in the early hours. Climate and environmental breakdown is a threat to us all and we need to all act in whatever way we can if we are to provide our children with a future they can thank us for. Some parish councils in Herefordshire have already declared a Climate Emergency and are taking positive steps like adopting The Tree Charter in their parishes – we definitely should be planting more trees to mitigate climate change; others are looking at how they can make their roadside verges wildlife habitats by cutting less often (obviously road safety is a concern that cannot be ignored) in an attempt to encourage wildflowers back into our verges. This is something that Balfour Beatty are also exploring and there is definitely more to come. Having visited the Envirosort recycling centre in Worcester over the summer I was truly impressed by what is being recycled but quite shocked at how much recycling is contaminated by dirty recycling and food waste (even half a dead pig!). Waste services in Herefordshire and the whole country are under review but my overwhelming sense was that we need to use less, throw away less and only use recycling as a last resort. It is a challenge for every household – one we constantly face in our own.*

*I was fortunate to buy an electric bicycle off a friend earlier this year and it has revolutionised my life – I would highly recommend them. I have rediscovered the joys of cycling and a much stronger physical connection to my surroundings. Type 'cycling' in the search bar of Herefordshire Council's website and there is plenty to chew on. There are 17 miles of off road cycle track around the city; you can loan a bike; get personal one-to-one bicycle training from your doorstep; borrow an adaptive bike, and join a led ride, or simply hire a Beryl Bike to cycle around the city. There is a Choose How You Move scheme which enables you to park and cycle or catch a bus – please give it a try. Finally, lifecycleuk.org.uk are offering free bicycle parking racks for Herefordshire which they can install free of charge. It would be great to see more of these outside pubs, churches and village halls, offering some security to those who choose to cycle.*

**My contact details for anyone who needs them are:**  
[toni.fagan@herefordshire.gov.uk](mailto:toni.fagan@herefordshire.gov.uk); 01981 540721, 07792 882051 and I have a Facebook page: **Cllr Toni Fagan – please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.**  
**Kind regards**  
**Cllr Toni Fagan**

Due to space constraints in this Newsletter this entry has been shortened. The full wording of Cllr Fagan's report can be found on the Little Birch Parish Council website.....  
<http://littlebirchparishcouncil.org/ward-councillor/>

Editor

## Herefordshire Armed Forces Veterans Survey

Herefordshire's Armed Forces Covenant Partnership is committed to improve the support available for Armed Forces veterans in Herefordshire. By completing this survey, you'll be helping to make sure that they work more effectively to ensure the right support and services are available, in the right places at the right time. They are keen to hear from Herefordshire Armed Forces veterans who have served one day or more at any time in the past and in any occupation in the Royal Navy, Army, or Royal Air Force (including Reservists and National Service personnel).

- The survey will take no more than 20 minutes to complete
- It will ask about your time in the Armed Forces and civilian life after leaving
- They are interested in any challenges you may have faced or are currently facing
- They need to hear from as many people as possible so please spread the word – your voice matters
- If you are unable to complete the survey yourself, you are welcome to ask a relative, friend, or colleague to complete it on your behalf
- The closing date for replies is 7 October 2019
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Ross Science Society:

The next Meeting at the Castle Lodge Hotel, Wilton, Ross (just off the roundabout) will be held on Wednesday evening, 7.00 for 7.30 p.m. on Wednesday 2nd October. The topic will be the SPANISH FLU PANDEMIC OF 1918 with the Speakers Prof. Maggie Andrews and Dr. Emma Edwards. All interested are welcome. Entry £4.00 per person. The bar will be open for refreshments. Parking is available at the Hotel or across the road. Website: [www.rosssciencesociety.org.uk](http://www.rosssciencesociety.org.uk)  
ROSS ARTS APPRECIATION SOCIETY

'THE HARROW AND THE PLOUGH' - The first meeting for this season is on Friday 4 October 7.00 for 7.30 at the Larruperz Centre, Ross.

Robin Thorndyke presents a new talk on the well-known Herefordshire artist Brian Hatton. Annual Sub £11 or £2.50 per talk. Guests £4.50. Everyone welcome, and Students have free entry. Ring 01989 720539 for more information.

Ross Civic Society:

All are welcome at the illustrated Talk on Wednesday 9th October 7.00 for 7.30 p.m. at the Larruperz Community Centre, Ross. The topic will be ROTHERWAS HOUSE AND PARK with the Speaker CHRISTOPHER OVER. Drinks are available for a donation. Free Entry for Members, Visitors £5.00 Annual subscriptions £15.00 single or £25.00 joint. For details contact the Secretary on 01989 562424.



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Then, for the final three days of the auction from 8<sup>th</sup> November, everyone's invited to the Bishop's Palace in the centre of Hereford to view the art in person.

All the artists are producing the work for Postcards from Life free of charge, with many submitting multiple items.

### Paul Broome

Communications Officer, St Michael's Hospice  
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## Much Birch Parish Council

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The Parish Council discussed representations for several local planning applications which would be communicated to the Planning Authority. There was some discussion of footpaths in the parish and the contact details for the Footpath Officer for Much Birch are as follows: Steve Owen at e mail: [herefordsteve@aol.com](mailto:herefordsteve@aol.com)

The Meeting also heard a further update on the Neighbourhood Plan which is now at the stage of the Regulation 14 draft within the process. Future Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group Meetings are coming up and all are welcome to attend.

Please see below for future Steering Group Meeting dates:

### Dates of Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group Meetings for 2019 All to be held at Much Birch Community Hall from 7.30pm

31 October, 28 November.

A reminder that the dates for the remaining **2019 Parish Council Meetings** are as follows: October 3, November 7 and December 5.

Please see notice boards and website for agendas. As always the public and press are more than welcome to attend and will have the opportunity to speak directly to their representatives.

A reminder that **Your Much Birch Parish Councillors are:-**

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Full minutes of the meetings and information etc. can be found on the Parish Council website following the link found in this summary. [www.muchbirchparish.org.uk](http://www.muchbirchparish.org.uk).

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