

**LITTLE BIRCH PARISH COUNCIL –PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
Wednesday 6th November 2019 at 7.30pm - At Little Birch Village Hall**

MINUTES

PRESENT: **Councillors;** (PR) Peter Rees (Chair); (KD) Kate Dillon; (MD) Mike Davies; (KR) Kate Robbins:
(AM) Angela Middleton (footpaths officer)

ALSO: Sophie Glover (Parish Clerk), 2 members of the public, Ravi Tester for item 6.

Meeting Opened: 7.33pm

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

Nothing raised.

1.	Apologies - Ward Cllr: Toni Fagan. (JG) Janet Gwinnett	<i>ACTIONS</i>
2.	Declaration of interest The clerk declared an interest in item 6.	
3.	To accept minutes of the Oct: Parish Council meetings Proposed: Chair 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.	
5.	Ward Cllr report (Cllr Toni Fagan) Sent apologies. Police update Nothing sent, however they assured the clerk that they would be at a meeting early in 2020. James Howell, Balfour Beatty - Reports sent weekly.	
6.	Bringing superfast broadband to Little Birch: Ravi Tester gave a short presentation to the meeting outlining the possibility of Little Birch linking in with one of two small CIC's to provide their own super fast broadband to premises in the village. Alternatively LB could set up their own CIC to do a similar thing. Next steps: to hold a public meeting to advertise this possibility. If people are getting less than 30mg of speed can go for these grants. It was resolved to hold the meeting on 4 th December at 7.30pm following the PC meeting which will have a shortened agenda.	<i>Clerk to draft a newsletter input to this effect.</i>
7.	Planning applications; 193493- Saddlebow View, Stallards Lane Resolved to submit a 'no objection' comment. All in favour.	
8.	Footpaths officer and Tree warden reports; 27 people attended Angela's fungi walk – it was a huge success. At Higgins Well, the property has changed hands and the area needs strimming. Cllr Davies offered to take this on now. Angela was suggesting a community 'adopt a footpath' idea where problem areas in the Parish are 'adopted' by local home owners. She will put some thing in the newsletter to this effect.	

	LB24 crossing the field at Rowlston Barns has winter crop planted and no footpath put through this.	<i>Clerk to pass on to Balfour Beatty.</i>
9.	The Castle Pub: nothing further to update. Paperwork has been submitted for this.	
10	What 3 words MD had done some research, you don't need to register for this service. It maps the whole country in 3 meter squares and with the help of an app it helps an individual to clearly identify exactly where they are anywhere in the UK. West Midlands Ambulance services don't use the service, but the fire service does. MD will write a piece for the newsletter to spread the information.	<i>MD will put some thing in the newsletter to let people know about the service.</i>
11.	Recycling bin outside the village hall. KD had researched this. The company that she talked with have currently got new bins on order. They should be with him shortly.	
12.	No through road/ignore your satnav sign for Holy Thorn Lane Clerk to inform the meeting in December.	
	To note the contents of the information sheet and take any comments from that. Pot holes on Parish Lane: BB will take on the upkeep of Parish Lane as it is a byway.	
13.	Finance Balances: HSBC account (at 4.10.19) £ 6,498.14 Payments to be agreed: Parish Acct Clerks Salary : £ 384.50 Clerks Expenses: £ 12.32 HMRC PAYE: £ 8.20 Terry Griffiths inv 909 £ 436.80 Terry Griffiths inv 932 £ 48.00 Proposed:Chair Seconded: KR All in agreement. Payments to be made. Receipts – £2,750 second half of precept Precept setting for 2020-2021 – The clerk had circulated some figures to help towards setting the precept. It was resolved to see the per household cost for this year before the PC resolved their setting for next years precept at the December meeting.	<i>Chair to circulate these figures.</i>
13.	Lengthsman – jobs to be done No jobs were mentioned. Question was raised where the parish sand was kept. Clerk to follow this up and inform the cllrs.	
14.	To Receive Agenda items for the next PC meeting Precept,	
15.	To note date of next scheduled PC meeting – Wednesday Dec 4 th at 7pm with the Broadband meeting to follow. Meeting closed at 9.25pm	

SIGNED:..... CHAIRMAN

Dated:.....

Future Meetings

2020	Wednesday Jan 8th	7.30pm
	Wednesday Feb 5th	7.30pm
	Wednesday March 4th	7.30pm
	Wednesday April 1st	7.30pm
Annual Meeting	Wednesday May 6th	7pm
	Wednesday June 3rd	7.30pm
	Wednesday July 8th	7.30pm
	Wednesday Sept 2nd	7.30pm
	Wednesday Oct 7th	7.30pm
	Wednesday Nov 4th	7.30pm

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