

**LITTLE BIRCH PARISH COUNCIL –PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
Wednesday 4th March 2020 at 7.00pm - At Little Birch Village Hall**

MINUTES

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

ALSO: Ward Cllr: Toni Fagan, Sophie Glover (Parish Clerk), 2 members of the public. CPSO Carol Marsh

Meeting Opened: 7.02pm

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 comment was made about a tree that has fallen across the green lane at the bottom of chapel pitch. Some investigation will take place to find out who the owner is to get them to cut it up. Mike Morley offered to deal with the matter.

The rain preceding the floods, the ditches before MD were full to overflowing and they took out much of the road surface on Bannut Tree Lane. 20 years ago the council put pipes under the road, the question was asked if they would still come out and look at the lane. The clerk will ask.

1.	Apologies - (PR) Peter Rees	<i>ACTIONS</i>
2.	Declaration of interest None	
3.	To accept minutes of the February Parish Council meetings Proposed: JG Seconded: MD All in agreement. It was resolved to accept that the minutes as a true record of the meeting.	
4.	Action points from previous PC meetings All addressed, or on the agenda.	
5.	Ward Cllr report (Cllr Toni Fagan) Report to be sent electronically. However her highlights were on flooding, that there was a lot of support for flood victims, council tax relief, grants for replacing flooded furniture, grants for businesses that have been affected. Council Tax has gone up 3.9% at Herefordshire Council. The council is launching a rural access transport grant, she asked for ideas for community transport groups etc. Police update – CPSO Carol Marsh The CPSO attended and said that she hoped to come to at least 2 meetings per year. She explained that there was a community messaging service on the West midlands police website that will notify people of any local issues that crop up. KD asked about SID's on Barack Hill, the clerk will follow this up with Balfour Beatty. The CPSO also suggested contacting Ian Conolly who deals with traffic issues for West Midlands Police. James Howell, Balfour Beatty - Reports sent weekly.	<i>Paul and Di Smith at Fern View were flooded, as was Buddleia Cottage opposite Bullings Pitch by the water coming off Chapel Pitch.</i>

6.	Jobs for the lengthsman Wrigglebrook Pitch, look at desilting the ditch before the drain. From Glen Dene down to the culvert.	<i>Clerk to action the lengthsman</i>
7.	Report from the footpaths officer; Told the meeting about two bridges that were a concern. One below the church, one below Bronwyn Court Farm, both have been reported to BB. AM has had a meeting with Tom Fisher to talk about footpaths to be registered, he has volunteered to take over the registering of the paths. They are looking at registering 5 paths in the LB area. KD argued that path 5 had not been a footpath for over 50 years, and she questioned the validity of logging this one.	<i>Put this on the agenda for April.</i>
8.	Planning applications for consideration: None	
9.	Core Strategy Hierarchy review Clerk to complete and return the review.	
10.	Feedback on any training or meetings attended, including broadband provision for Little Birch. None, although a number of councillors were keen to attend some training. Broadband: PR had circulated some figures that made the implementation of the broadband project in Little Birch not financially viable based on the HCN model. He is doing further work on making this work better for Little Birch.	<i>Clerk to approach Halc for training list.</i>
11.	Litter Pick Balfour Beatty are supporting litter picks, and the PC will set a date for this to happen. JG suggested a forum where little jobs that needed doing around the village could be posted for people to do. It was thought that this might be mentioned in the newsletter.	<i>Clerk to lend the litter picker to MD.</i>
12.	Comments on any correspondence None	
13.	To note the contents of the information sheet and take any comments from that. None.	
14.	Finance Balances: HSBC account (at 4.02.20) £ 4,522.61 Payments to be agreed: Parish Acct Clerks Salary : £ 326.76 Clerks Expenses: £ 5.00 HMRC PAYE: £ 32.20 Bespoke Visual Solutions £ 84.00 Proposed: Secoded:	

