LITTLE BIRCH PARISH COUNCIL –PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON

Wednesday 3rd June 2020 at 7.00pm – On Zoom online

DRAFT M I N U T E S

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

ALSO: Ward Cllr: Toni Fagan, Sophie Glover (Parish Clerk),

Meeting Opened: 7.05pm

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1.	Apologies - Angela Middleton	ACTIONS
2.	Declaration of interest None	
3.	To accept minutes of the May Parish Council meetingsProposed: PRSeconded: JGAll 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. Apart from:- Merrivale Farm has received their planning application. Signs along Ruff Lane will be put up in the next few weeks.	
5.	 Weeks. Ward Clir report (Clir Toni Fagan) Suggested that the clerk gets added to a news update for the Birches ward. This was agreed by all. Test and trace is being rolled out across the county. Care homes : numbers of Covid cases have reduced significantly. Schools are deciding for themselves whether or not to open for yrs 1 and 6. Key messages are still for people to make sensible choices and the other government standard messages. Talk Community is still available to those needing assistance. There are some laptops available through HC for children who do not have access to IT at home. 3 rapid electric vehicle charging points have been installed in Broad St, others in Leominster. Local Enterprise Funding have invested in the regeneration of the tourism market in Herefordshire. Fastershire Community Broadband Grant will be launched at a later date this summer. There will be a funding gap of about £15mil for Herefordshire Council this year. Parking charges will be reintroduced shortly in Hereford. Police update Nothing sent. James Howell, Balfour Beatty - Reports sent weekly. 	
6.	Jobs for the lengthsman None to report.	

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7.	Report from the footpaths officer;	
	Angela reported that work had been done on one of the bridges that she had	
	told BB needed work.	
	Stile on LB to LDC footpath has been removed.	
	The restricted byway application by the rambles association on Cherry Tree	
	Lane, KD asked why any thing needed to be done when it works well at the	
	moment as it is. PR explained that this was nothing to do with the PC it has	
	been driven by the ramblers association.	
8.	Planning applications for consideration:	
	None	
9.	Corona Virus update	
	PR is doing 1 or 2 trips a week to pick up prescriptions.	
10.	Update on broadband provision for Little Birch	
	TR told the meeting that LB was still on the wish	
11.	Audit paperwork for 2019 – 2020	
	i. Approval of Annual Governance Statement	
	This was approved by the whole Parish Council.	
	ii. Adoption of accounts for 2019-20, approval of accounting	
	statement and approval of exemption.	
	These were all approved by the whole Parish Council.	
12.	Finance	
	Balances:	
	HSBC account (at 4.05.20) £ 5,730.08	
	Payments to be agreed:	
	Parish Acct	
	Clerks Salary : £ 326.85	
	Clerks Expenses: £ 12.20	
	HMRC PAYE: £ 81.60	
	Proposed: PR Seconded: MD	
	All in agreement. Payments to be made.	
	Receipts – None	
	Requests for financial aid – None	
13.	To Receive Agenda items for the next PC meeting	
	Foot path registration.	
	To note date of next scheduled PC meeting – It was suggested that we resume	
	the meetings to start at 7.30pm.	
	Wednesday 8 th July at 7.30pm	
	Meeting closed at 7.45pm	

SIGNED:..... CHAIRMAN

Dated:....

Future Meetings

Wednesday July 8th	7.00pm
Wednesday Sept 2nd	d 7.00pm
Wednesday Oct 7th	7.00pm
Wednesday Nov 4th	7.00pm