

**LITTLE BIRCH PARISH COUNCIL –PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
Wednesday 2nd September 2020 at 7.30pm – On Zoom online**

DRAFT MINUTES

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

ALSO: Sophie Glover (Parish Clerk), Toni Fagan (Ward Councillor) until 8pm; Angela Middleton (Footpaths Officer);

Meeting Opened: 7.35pm

A comment

1.	Apologies - None
2.	Declaration of interest None
3.	To accept minutes of the July Parish Council meeting and extra ordinary PC meeting Proposed: KD 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.	Receive reports from i. Ward Cllr report (Cllr Toni Fagan) Circulated her report at the start of the meeting. She mentioned the planning application 202003 for Land East of Castle Pool. The Much Birch Chair was approached by the planning officer to ask to reconsider the Much Birch response. TF went through comments that the Planning Officer had sent to her recently. The key areas for the LBPC to object were the access and the orchard, both are covered currently under the 'conditions' thus the Ward Cllr felt that taking the application to the Planning Committee was perhaps not a worthwhile endeavour. KD was still very concerned about the applicant going for a second entrance. TF explained that the planning officer was very aware of the concerns and of the limitation set upon him. ii. James Howell, Balfour Beatty - Reports sent weekly. iii. Police update – none sent.
6.	Jobs for the lengthsman Flooding grant: there is a lot of debris on the roads that we need to ask the Lengthsman to clear. KD; outside Castle Pool Cottages the water gathers, but it was thought that this might be a problem for the future. Clerk to contact the localities steward to get him to have a look at the problem. Angela reported the gate onto land at Strickstenning Hall – Jeremy Helm has his cattle on this land. Peter Kett is the land owner. Action: KD will drop in and have a chat with the land owner.
7.	Report from the footpaths officer; including registering footpaths. Angela reported a stile at Strickstenning Hall was in need of repair. It is on the Lengthsman current list of jobs. Registering paths is an ongoing concern.
8.	Planning applications for consideration: 202213 – Daneswood, Mesne Lane – sunken car port with terrace above.

	<p>Currently no comments on-line against this application:- It was resolved that LBPC wished to submit a comment of Support with no objection.</p> <p>202303 - Land adjacent to Sunnbank Cottage Proposed detached 3 bed dwelling:- It was resolved to submit the comment to support the application, however, the PC was concerned about it not in keeping with the dwellings around it. They also feel that it is a large building compared to the size of the plot.</p> <p>202308 – Land at 2 Model Cottages, proposed Passivhaus dwelling:- It was resolved to comment that LBPC supported the application.</p> <p>202336 – Bromley Court Farm – proposed cattle building:- Comment to support the application.</p> <p>Action: Clerk to submit comments</p>																				
9.	<p>PCC Survey PR indicated that the PC were not required to complete this survey, however it was our chance to make a comment. The Chair will submit some thing on the LBPC behalf.</p>																				
10.	<p>SID placement on Barrack Hill Balfour Beatty had confirmed that the old base was no longer there, KD said that Western Power had damaged it. The old base was in Much Birch and there was a discussion as to whether or not LBPC actually wanted to pursue putting the base back. PR suggested paying half of the cost of implementing a new base. Action: Move to next agenda.</p>																				
11.	<p>Smart Water and becoming a Smart Water Village PR had worked out that the cost to the PC would be about £750 which is not currently in the budget. He has asked the Village Hall Committee to pay for this out of their Covid grant. Action: move to next agenda</p>																				
12.	<p>Feedback on the PC Summit PR attended this Zoom meeting. Fed back that a lot of crime had moved out from the City to rural communities.</p>																				
13.	<p>Buses in the village and lack of evening buses in particular JG updated the meeting that up until recently the village had had good buses through out the day. However this has now completely disappeared cutting people off completely unless they are drivers. The last bus is currently at 5.30pm which makes it hard for even students to come back from college. TF asked for the PC to send her a letter outlining their main concerns in this regard. She can then approach other rural councils to see if this is a common problem. TF also suggested a Survey Monkey be put together to see what other parishoners felt about this. Action: Draft letter to be put together and forwarded to TF. JG to draft letter and send to clerk for circulation. PR will talk to other PC's on the route to Ross.</p>																				
14.	<p>Finances:</p> <p>Balances: HSBC account (at 4.08.20) £ 4,578.26</p> <p>Payments to be agreed:</p> <p>Parish Acct</p> <table> <tr> <td>Clerks Salary August:</td> <td>£</td> <td>326.65</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Clerks Expenses:</td> <td>£</td> <td>8.60</td> <td>£ 335.25</td> </tr> <tr> <td>HMRC PAYE:</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>£ 81.80</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Ben Roberts (Website)</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>£ 123.63</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Terry Griffiths PROW work</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>£ 541.20</td> </tr> </table> <p>Proposed:PR Seconded: KD</p>	Clerks Salary August:	£	326.65		Clerks Expenses:	£	8.60	£ 335.25	HMRC PAYE:			£ 81.80	Ben Roberts (Website)			£ 123.63	Terry Griffiths PROW work			£ 541.20
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	All in agreement. Payments to be made by the clerk. Receipts – None Requests for financial aid – None
15.	To Receive Agenda items for the next PC meeting As noted.
	To note date of next scheduled PC meeting –Wednesday 8th October at 7.30pm
	Meeting closed at 8.38pm

SIGNED:..... CHAIRMAN

Dated:.....

Future Meetings

	Wednesday Oct 7th	7.00pm
	Wednesday Nov 4th	7.00pm
2021	Wednesday January 6 th	7.00pm
	Wednesday February 3 rd	7.00pm
	Wednesday March 3 rd	7.00pm