

**LITTLE BIRCH PARISH COUNCIL –PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON  
Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2021 at 7.00pm – On Zoom online**

**DRAFT MINUTES**

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

**ALSO:** Sophie Glover (Parish Clerk), Toni Fagan (Ward Councillor) to 7.38 pm; Angela Middleton (Footpaths Officer); Verity Look was present for item 8.(until 7.38)

**Open session for comments from the public:**

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**Meeting Opened: 7.00pm**

<b>1.</b>	<b>Apologies - None</b>
<b>2.</b>	<b>Declaration of interest</b> None
<b>3.</b>	<b>To accept minutes of the December Parish Council meeting</b> Proposed: KD      Seconded: JG  All in agreement. It was resolved to accept that the minutes as a true record of the meeting.
<b>4.</b>	<b>Action points from previous PC meetings</b> All addressed, or on the agenda apart from: SID on Barrack Hill, MBPC are not interested in the SID so they will not be making a contribution towards it.
<b>5.</b>	<b>Receive reports from</b> <b>i. Ward Cllr report (Cllr Toni Fagan)</b> TF raised the budget consultation which ends on the 8 <sup>th</sup> January – it is going to be a really hard budget this year so any input is key.  LB1 becoming a byway: TF asked what the PC thought about this. The PC had been in communication with Balfour Beatty but not necessarily with Rob Hambledon the footpaths officer. The PC resolved that they were all in favour of this going ahead.  <b>Action:</b> Clerk to write to RH and TF to confirm this  Covid: Talk community are leading on support in this area. They have lists of volunteers in each area etc.  <b>ii. James Howell, Balfour Beatty</b> - Reports sent weekly. <b>iii. Police update</b> – They will be at the march meeting.
<b>6.</b>	<b>Jobs for the lengthsman</b> Culvert under the road outside PR's property is blocked. <b>Action:</b> Clerk to ask TG to go and jet it.
<b>7.</b>	<b>Report from the footpaths officer;</b> Nothing to report.

8.	<p><b>Planning applications for consideration:</b></p> <p><b>Update on land East of Castle Pool:</b> They are progressing the work on site. The developers have queried boundaries on three sides of the plot including the one adjoining Much Birch P.C. land. It is hoped that they will not apply for any extra access to the third dwelling in the future.</p> <p><b>204138: Land adjacent to Shirley Cottage</b> Application for a 3 bed bungalow has been approved. The developer was at the meeting and she mentioned a highways comment on the access to the new property. The view on exiting the property is restricted, and she intends to remove some of the hedge to resolve this – she was checking on the validity of this. On her plans, it looks as if the bungalow is touching a hedge, which in fact it will not.</p> <p>PR recalled that a condition in the planning was that there was no more hedge to be removed, Mrs Look said that they were only looking to remove what was necessary to make the entrance safe.</p> <p>TF mentioned an ecological paper that assisted new developers in implementing green ideas into their build.</p> <p>PR asked for a proposal to accept the development amendments. Proposer: JG Seconder: KD all were in favour.</p>
9.	<p><b>Report from any training or meetings attended:</b> None attended.</p>
10. 10.1  10.2  10.3 10.4  10.5	<p><b>Finances:</b></p> <p><b>Balances:</b> HSBC account (at 4.12.20)           £ 4,742.03</p> <p><b>Payments to be agreed:</b></p> <p><b>Parish Acct</b> Clerks Salary December           £408.45 Clerks expenses                       £ 8</p> <p>Proposed:PR           Secoded: JG</p> <p>All in agreement. Payments to be made.</p> <p><b>Receipts</b> – None</p> <p><b>Requests for financial aid</b> – Dore Community Transport requested any financial support that the PC could offer. It was resolved to ask the clerk to find out a little more ie how many people in the parish used their services – item to be put on the next agenda.</p> <p><b>Precept setting discussion</b> Figures had been circulated for cllrs to assess where they felt they wanted to position the precept for next year. It was suggested that the precept went up 12% to £6350 Proposed: MD Secoded: KD All in favour. <b>Action:</b> clerk to submit the request.</p>

<b>11.</b>	<b>To Receive Agenda items for the next PC meeting</b> NDP needs to be looked at again, although this will have to be done before the Council's Core Strategy will come out. <b>Action:</b> clerk to write to the NDP team to see if there will be funding to assist with this. Clerk also to check with David Nicholson to see if he might be able to assist us with this next phase. Clerk to add Covid to the next agenda.
	<b>To note date of next scheduled PC meeting</b> –Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February 2021 at 7pm
	Meeting closed at 8.00 pm

SIGNED:..... CHAIRMAN

Dated:.....

Future Meetings

<b>2021</b>	Wednesday March 3 <sup>rd</sup>	7.00pm
	Wednesday April 7 <sup>th</sup>	7.00pm
<b>Annual meeting</b>	Wednesday May 5 <sup>th</sup>	7.00pm