



BIRCH PARISH COUNCIL


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Councillors are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of Birch Parish Council which will be held on Tuesday 2 April 2024 at Birch Memorial Hall, Birch Street at 7.30pm for the purpose of transacting the business set out on the attached agenda.

SIGNED (CLERK):  DATE: 25 March 2024

THE PRESS & PUBLIC ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND

AGENDA

24/39. CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME.

24/40. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

To receive and accept apologies for absence.

24/41. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING.

To approve the minutes of 5 March 2024 as a correct record of events.

24/42. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.

To declare any Disclosable Pecuniary, Other Pecuniary or Non-Pecuniary Interests on any matters covered by this agenda.

24/43. REPORTS.

- Essex County Council (ECC)
- Colchester City Council (CCC)

24/44. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.

The public may ask questions relating to the work and services of the Council. Questions cannot always be answered at the meeting but will be dealt with appropriately. If any question is to be discussed by Councillors it will be added to the agenda for the next Council Meeting.

24/45. PROGRESS CHECK.

A brief update on any actions from the last meeting.

ECC Replacement Minerals Local Plan Review 2025 to 2040. The consultation deadline has been extended to 5pm on Tuesday 9 April 2024. A meeting is to be held on 6 April, 10.30 am at Copford Village Hall.

The reply from ECC regarding residents not receiving notice of the consultation is as follows:

The consultation was carried out in compliance with the Essex Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) which sets out Essex County Council's approach to public consultation across its planning services. The methods detailed within

this SCI are based on national planning legislation and regulations as well as Essex County Council's own corporate policy and procedures.

The SCI states that ECC's direct neighbour notification system specifically targets those residents and businesses within 250 metres of a proposed minerals and waste site boundary. Therefore, consultation letters, detailing where to view information and how to respond, were sent to the postal addresses within this set boundary for all proposed sites featured within the Minerals Local Plan Review consultation.

24/46. VILLAGE GATEWAYS.

- Exact locations, number of gateways.
- Evidence of Need.
- Parish Council funded (via a licence) or Local Highways Panel (LHP) Application?

24/47. PLANNING.

Application No: 240541. Demolish an existing detached dwelling and garage outbuilding, and build a new replacement house together with 3 no. new houses (4 no. detached houses in total).

Site Address: Stable Field Cottage, Hardys Green, Birch CO2 0PA.

Application No: 240158. Creation of new vehicular crossover and off-street parking area.

Site Address: Heckford Bridge Cottage, Maldon Road, Birch CO3 0SP.

Refused.

24/48. FINANCE.

Payments made / money received:

101894 £476.50 A Balcombe (Clerks Salary/Expenses).

101895 £125.00 Birch & Layer Breton PCC (Newsletter).

24/49. WILDLIFE TRAIL CAMERAS.

To consider purchasing wildlife trail cameras (cost around £160 - £200 each).

24/50. BIRCH MEMORIAL HALL - FUTURE PROOFING.

Update on Solar Panels/Electric Charging Point/LED Lighting.

24/51. CORRESPONDENCE TO NOTE.

PKF Littlejohn - notice of audit; deadline for submission 1 July 2024.

Colchester Zoo - Colchester 10k at the Zoo on Sunday 28 April 2024.

24/52. PARISH COUNCILLOR REPORTS / NEXT AGENDA ITEMS ONLY.

24/53. MEETING DATES 2024.

2 April, 7 May (Annual Meetings), 4 June, 2 July, 3 September, 1 October, 5 November (Budget Meeting), 3 December.

CLOSE OF MEETING