



BIRCH PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of a meeting of Birch Parish Council, held on
Tuesday 1 June 2021, 7.30pm at Birch Memorial Hall.

Present: Cllrs: *Bowtle, Campion, Cottrell, Walsh & Windsor.*
In the Chair: Cllr *Bowtle.*
Clerk: *Angela Balcombe.*
Also present: *County/Borough Cllr Bentley & two members of the public.*

21/06. CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME.

The Chairman welcomed those present to the meeting, including Mr John Windsor who was interested in becoming a parish councillor.

21/07. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Boyce and Cllr Ninnim.

21/08. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING.

The minutes of 4 May 2021 were approved as a correct record of events.

Proposed: Cllr Campion. Seconded: Cllr Bowtle. All agreed.

21/09. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.

To declare any Disclosable Pecuniary, Other Pecuniary or Non-Pecuniary Interests on any matters covered by this agenda. No interests were declared.

21/10. REPORTS.

County Council – Cllr Bentley has been elected leader of the County Council, but will still come to as many meetings as he can. A new Cabinet has been appointed and will be concentrating on 'Renewal, Equality and Ambition' focussing on recovery from Covid, opportunities, and helping young people in education to gain qualifications/experience. The Council will also be focussing on climate change, 'Safer, Greener, Healthier' - making small changes makes a difference.

Borough Council – apologies were received from Cllr Maclean. Cllr Bentley gave a brief update on Borough Council matters. There was no further news on the Church planning application.

21/11. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.

All of the drains by the school are blocked, Cllr Bentley will report back to Highways.

21/12. PROGRESS CHECK.

- Village Gates – permission from Highways will be needed. Once the locations have been confirmed Cllr Bentley will take this forward.

- Footpath repairs outside the Village Hall – this has been reported but Cllr Bentley will chase it up.

21/13. CASUAL VACANCY.

Due to the resignation of Councillor Peter Sherlock, there is a vacancy for a parish councillor. Cllr Bowtle proposed that John Windsor be co-opted as Parish Councillor, this was seconded by Cllr Campion and unanimously agreed. Cllr Windsor signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and was welcomed to the Council.

21/14. PLANNING.

Application No:211299. Proposed rear fill extension.

Location: Sandford Hall, Blind Lane, Birch CO2 0NZ. **No objections.**

Application Nos: 210006 & 210007. Single storey orangery/conservatory to the rear of property of brick and studwork construction with windows on 3 sides, double doors to rear and a lantern roof light to the top, gault brick course below windows, smooth rendered above, steel frame cons.

Location: The Manse, Garlands Road CO2 0PN. **Approved.**

Application No: 211437. Proposed side and rear extension. New entrance porch following demolition of existing.

Location: 4 Greenfield Houses, Mill Lane, Birch CO2 0NJ. **No objections.**

21/15. TREE PLANTING.

It was agreed to plant a tree to celebrate the Queens 70th Jubilee. It was suggested either oak or birch, maybe two or three to be planted in the autumn.

21/16. FINANCE.

Payments made / money received:

101754 £378.00 A Balcombe (Salary/PAYE/Expenses)

101755 £1,560.00 Hill Farm Landscapes (Grass Cutting includes £1,200 for cutting the Churchyard)

101756 £58.93 Mr Bowtle (Wood Stain)

21/17. CORRESPONDENCE.

None.

21/18. PARISH COUNCILLOR REPORTS / NEXT AGENDA ITEMS ONLY.

- Notice Boards and Village Gates – next agenda.
- Three bus shelters have been refurbished,
- Play Area damage – Playquip have carried out repairs.
- Complaints that dog bins haven't been emptied, these have now been done.

21/19. MEETING DATES 2021.

6 July, 7 September, 5 October, 2 November (Budget Meeting), 7 December.

The meeting closed at 20.15 pm.

SIGNED (CHAIRMAN):

DATE: