



BIRCH PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of a meeting of Birch Parish Council, held on
Tuesday 3 November 2020, 4pm at Birch Memorial Hall.

Present: Cllrs: *Bowtle, Boyce, Campion, Cottrell, Ninnim & Sherlock.*
In the Chair: Cllr *Bowtle*
Clerk: *Angela Balcombe*
Also present: *One member of the public.*

20/46. CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME.

The Chairman welcomed those present to the meeting.

20/47. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies were received from Cllr Walsh.

20/48. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING.

The minutes of 6 October 2020 were approved as a correct record of events.

Proposed: Cllr Boyce. Seconded: Cllr Ninnim. All agreed.

20/49. 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.

20/50. REPORTS.

- **County Council**
- **Borough Council**
- **Zone Warden**

No reports were received

20/51. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.

No matters were raised.

20/52. PROGRESS CHECK.

The poppy wreath was laid by the Chairman, Cllr Bowtle but no service was held this year due to Covid-19 and the current restrictions.

20/53. PLANNING.

Birch Church (Application No: 181908) – the planning application for conversion of Birch Church to a large five-bedroom family home was approved by Colchester Borough Council's Planning Committee at its meeting on 22 October 2020, despite strong objections from Birch Parish Council, Church bodies and local residents.

Despite the application being approved the Parish Council's objections remain the same.

A vote of thanks was given to Mr Richard Carr for all the research, communications and other work he has carried out on behalf of the Parish Council.

Application No: 181557 – renovation and refurbishment of the Heckford Angel (new drawings and information received).

Location: The Heckford Angel, Maldon Road, Birch. **Approve Conditional.**

20/54. AGE CONCERN COLCHESTER & NORTH EAST ESSEX.

Request for funding, the Parish Council agreed not to donate at this time.

20/55. FINANCE.

Payments made / money received:

101735 £422.10 A Balcombe (Salary, Expenses & Poppy Wreath £50)

20/56. BUDGET / PRECEPT 2021/2022.

The budget for 2021/22 is £21,827.00, taking into account income and current unallocated reserves it was agreed to set the Precept at £13,000.00.

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

20/57. CORRESPONDENCE.

ECC /EALC – Half-Term Emergency Foodbank.

20/58. PARISH COUNCILLOR REPORTS / NEXT AGENDA ITEMS ONLY.

- Cllr Ninnim reported that 30 bags of rubbish had been collected. A new trampoline will be ordered for the play area in this financial year.

20/59. MEETING DATES 2020.

1 December at 7.30pm – meeting cancelled.

Dates for 2021:

5 January, 2 February, 2 March, 6 April, 4 May (Parish Meeting/Annual Meeting), 1 June, 6 July, 7 September, 5 October, 2 November (Budget Meeting), 7 December.

The meeting closed at 16.55

SIGNED (CHAIRMAN):

DATE: