



BIRCH PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of a Meeting of Birch Parish Council, held on Tuesday 5 March 2024, 7.30pm at Birch Memorial Hall.

Present: *Cllrs: Bowtle, Campion, Cottrell, Harris, Ninnim & Windsor.*
In the Chair: *Cllr Bowtle.*
Clerk: *Angela Balcombe.*
Also present: *District Cllr Maclean & 4 members of the public.*

24/23. CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME.

The Chairman welcomed those present to the meeting.

24/24. REPLACEMENT MINERALS LOCAL PLAN REVIEW 2025 TO 2040.

Public consultation from 6 February to 19 March 2024.

Alan Everard, Head of Tarmac's Strategic Planning Team gave a presentation on their proposals regarding the Candidate Site Assessment document.

It was reported that many residents hadn't received notice of the consultation even though they lived within 250 metres of the site. There was also concern over the lack of information in the ECC consultation compared to the information provided by Tarmac.

The Clerk will complete the online consultation on behalf of the Parish Council and will also contact ECC with residents' comments about the consultation process.

24/25. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies were received from Cllr Boyce.

24/26. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING.

The minutes of 6 February 2024 were approved as a correct record of events.

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

24/27. 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.

24/28. REPORTS.

Essex County Council (ECC) - apologies were received from Cllr Bentley.

Colchester City Council (CCC) - apologies were received from Cllr Ellis.

24/29. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.

War Memorial - the posts in need of repair will be done soon.

24/30. PROGRESS CHECK.

No matters were raised.

24/31. VILLAGE GATEWAYS.

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

Deferred to the next meeting in the absence of Cllrs Boyce and Bentley.

24/32. PLANNING.

Colchester Local Plan Review

The third phase of engagement in the Local Plan Review runs until 21 March 2024. This phase focuses on capturing a vision for the future of Colchester:

24/33. FINANCE.

Payments made / money received:

101893 £455.81 A Balcombe (Clerks Salary/Expenses)

24/34. BIRCH MEMORIAL HALL - FUTURE PROOFING.

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

24/35. SCHOOL LITTERPICK.

A letter to be sent to the school thanking everyone involved for their recent litter pick at which 10 bags of rubbish was collected.

24/36. CORRESPONDENCE TO NOTE.

Highways - temporary road closure Birch Road, Layer-de-la-Haye, 18 March 2024 for 5 days for carriageway patching.

24/37. PARISH COUNCILLOR REPORTS / NEXT AGENDA ITEMS ONLY.

- Cameras - next agenda.
- Cllr Ninnim plus volunteers collected 6 bags of rubbish throughout February bringing it up to 16 bags including the additional 10 bags collected by the school. Cllr Ninnim has used the recently purchased chainsaw at various locations to cut back overgrown vegetation.

24/38. MEETING DATES 2024.

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

The meeting closed at 21.15 pm.

SIGNED (CHAIRMAN):

DATE: