



BIRCH PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of a Meeting of Birch Parish Council, held on
Tuesday 5 February 2019, 7.30pm at Birch Memorial Hall.

Present: Cllrs: *Bowtle, Boyce, Campion, Ninnim & Walsh.*
In the Chair: Cllr *Bowtle.*
Clerk: *Angela Balcombe.*
Also present: *2 members of the public*

19/24. CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME.

Cllr Bowtle welcomed those present to the meeting.

19/25. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies were received from Cllrs Cottrell and Gidlow.

19/26. REPORTS.

Colchester Borough Council – apologies were received from Cllr Bentley and Cllr Ellis.

Essex County Council – Cllr Bentley has not heard anything about the Church planning application despite having called it in.

CBC Zone Wardens – apologies were received from Gary Cole.

19/27. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING.

The minutes of 8 January 2019 were approved as a correct record of events.

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

19/28. 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.

19/29. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.

No matters were raised.

19/30. PROGRESS CHECK.

- St Peters Church – no further news.
- Mobile Library – the library route review has been postponed until after the strategy consultation so changes to Luard Way if appropriate are unlikely to happen until Autumn 2019.
- Play Area Inspection – the first check by Playquip has been carried out. A quote for work/safety surfacing to be obtained.
- The 30mph sign at the corner of Lower Road and School Hill should have now been realigned, the missing bollard opposite is still being investigated.

19/31. AFFORDABLE HOUSING / HOUSING NEED SURVEY.

To consider Affordable Rural Housing in general (Rural Exception Sites / Housing Needs Surveys). A representative from Colchester Borough Council has offered to attend a Parish Council Meeting to provide information. It was agreed that no action was needed at the present time.

19/32. PLANNING.

Application No: ESS/45/18/COL

Proposal: Continuation of use of land for mineral extraction and ancillary use without compliance with Conditions 1 (Approved Details) and 3 (Duration) of planning permission ESX/27/92/COL originally granted for "Winning and working of sand and gravel, erection of a concrete batching plant and associated facilities, construction of a new site entrance and restoration to agriculture and amenity" to enable a revised restoration scheme and to accommodate an extension of time to achieve site restoration through until 31st December 2029. Land at Birch Pit, Maldon Road, Birch

Location: Birch Pit, Maldon Road, Birch, CO5 9XE. No objections.

Application No: 183011. External cladding.

Location: The Old Surgery, Birch Street, Birch. **Approved.**

Application No: 182077. Proposed new three bedroom bungalow on land to the rear of Homelea.

Location: Homelea, Birch Street, Birch. **Withdrawn.**

Application No: 182998. Alterations and part change of use to facilitate the creation of two C2 units of accommodation.

Location: Essex Care Consortium, Green Acres, Birch. **Approved.**

19/33. FINANCE.

Payments made / money received.

101663 £345.02 A Balcombe (Clerks Salary & Expenses).

101664 £360.00 Hill Farm Landscapes

101665 £240.00 Playquip Leisure (Safety Inspection).

19/34. CORRESPONDENCE.

The Jock Wadley Road Race 2019 – 10 March, 10am and 1.30pm. The following roads will be affected; Birch Road, Layer Breton Hill and the B1026.

EALC Training Courses:

- Routine Playground Inspection Course – 23 May, cost: £150.00.
- Routine Playground Inspection Exams – 20 June, cost: £160.00.
- Volunteer Playground Inspection Course – 20 June, cost £120.00.

19/35. PARISH COUNCILLOR REPORTS / NEXT AGENDA ITEMS ONLY.

- Cllr Ninnim - 24 bags of rubbish collected.
- Cllr Walsh – the final version of the emergency plan will be ready for the next meeting.

19/36. MEETING DATES 2019.

5 March, 2 April, 7 May, 4 June, 2 July, 3 September, 1 October, 5 November, 3 December.

CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 19.52

SIGNED (CHAIRMAN):

DATE: