



## **BIRCH PARISH COUNCIL**

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Minutes of a meeting of Birch Parish Council, held on  
Tuesday 4 June 2019, 7.30pm at Birch Memorial Hall.

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

### **19/83. CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME.**

The Chairman welcomed those present to the meeting.

### **19/84. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.**

Apologies were received from Cllr Bowtle and Cllr Campion.

### **19/85. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING.**

The minutes of 7 May 2019 were approved as a correct record of events.

**Proposed: Cllr Ninnim. All agreed.**

### **19/86. 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.

### **19/87. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.**

No further information has been received on the St Peters Church planning application.

**County/Borough Councillors Report** – Cllr Bentley updated the Council on the Community Initiatives Fund and agreed to support the Parish Council in their application for funding to refurbish the play area. The Highways Devolution Scheme pilot is now underway and will be rolled out to all parishes in due course. Roads have been resurfaced using a newer technique which has been very successful.

Cllr Bentley explained about the Member Led Footway Scheme and asked the Parish Council to submit a priority footpath in need of repair. It was agreed that the footpath from the Gallery to opposite the Village Hall (towards the school) would be the Councils priority as it was used by school children and was on a very busy road.

#### **19/88. PROGRESS CHECK.**

- Play Area Insurance Claim – has now been concluded based on the estimate from Playquip for £2,010.74 inclusive of vat and net of the £100 excess.

#### **19/89. EMERGENCY PLAN.**

To sign off the final version of the Emergency Plan – next agenda.

#### **19/90. FINANCE.**

Payments made / money received.

101679 £362.89 A Balcombe (Clerks Salary & Expenses).

101680 £134.40 Netscan Ltd. (Domain Renewal).

101681 £360.00 Hill Farm Landscapes (Grass Cutting).

#### **19/91. PLANNING.**

**Application No: 190799.** Erection of detached garage for the storage of tractors and other horticultural/maintenance equipment necessary for the upkeep and cultivation of the field which is alongside.

**Location:** Hardys Green, Birch. **Refused.**

#### **19/92. COMMUNITY INITIATIVES FUND.**

A pre-application form has been submitted and accepted for funding for the refurbishment of the Play Area. It was agreed to submit a full application form. It was also agreed to apply to other funders.

#### **19/93. CORRESPONDENCE.**

**Highways** – Closure of Garlands Road commencing on 10 June for 1 day for carriageway patching.

**CALC** – minutes of the last meeting.

**Colchester Borough Council** – Planning Skills training opportunity, Thursday 12 September, 6pm at the Council Chamber.

**Residents email re St Peters Church** – Mr Richard Carr has contacted the resident directly offering his advice.

**Parish Website** – a request to provide a link to a Job Centre directory to be declined as the proposed linked website contains third party advertising.

**Netscan** – the latest invoice to renew the website domain name to be queried.

#### **19/94. PARISH COUNCILLOR REPORTS / NEXT AGENDA ITEMS ONLY.**

Cllr Ninnim has carried out strimming around the Parish.

#### **19/95. MEETING DATES 2019.**

2 July, 3 September, 1 October, 5 November, 3 December.

*The meeting closed at 20.19*

**SIGNED (CHAIRMAN):**

**DATE:**