



BIRCH PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of a meeting of Birch Parish Council, held on
Tuesday 2 July 2019, 7.30pm at Birch Memorial Hall.

Present: Cllrs: *Boyce, Bowtle, Campian & Ninnim.*
In the Chair: Cllr *Bowtle.*
Clerk: Angela *Balcombe.*
Also present: *Borough Cllr Maclean and four members of the public.*

19/96. CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME.

The Chairman welcomed those present to the meeting.

19/97. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies were received from Cllr Cottrell and Cllr Walsh.

19/98. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING.

The minutes of 4 June 2019 were approved as a correct record of events.

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

19/99. 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.

19/00. COUNTY / BOROUGH COUNCILLOR REPORTS.

Apologies were received from Cllr Bentley.

Cllr Maclean gave a report which included an update on the Local Plan and the proposed 2,000 houses, however with no infrastructure in place it was difficult to see how the additional homes would be viable.

With regard to The Angel at Heckford planning application, the Borough Council have written to the applicants asking for evidence of the 100 covers stated (proof of need). The Parish Council reiterated that it would like to see a pub/restaurant provided.

19/01. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.

- Mr Gordon was welcomed to the meeting and informed the Council that he had opened a small gym in his garage. He explained that it was open to disabled people or people who don't want to go to a conventional gym for training.
- Blocked drains on School Hill has been reported to Highways. The Clerk to check dates for the channel sweeper.

- A problem with dog mess on the green by the War Memorial was raised, any evidence of the culprits should be reported to CBC.
- Parking problems blocking the highway leading to St Peters Church continues to be a problem. Details of the vehicles to be sent to the Police/Safer Parking Partnership.

19/02. PROGRESS CHECK.

Up to £4,000 has been set aside for play equipment. Next agenda.

19/03. CO-OPTION OF PARISH COUNCILLOR.

Cllr Bowtle proposed Peter Sherlock as Parish Councillor, this was seconded by Cllr Boyce and unanimously agreed therefore Peter Sherlock was co-opted as Parish Councillor for Birch Parish Council.

Cllr Sherlock signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and was welcomed to the meeting.

19/04. EMERGENCY PLAN.

To sign off the final version of the Emergency Plan. Next agenda.

19/05. PLANNING.

Application No: 191321. Rear and side single storey extension, comprising of kitchen diner and attached extended garage. Constructed in masonry walls and having mono pitch roof up to a flat roof profile.

Location: 1 Birchway, Birch CO2 0NQ. No objections.

19/06. HEDGE CUTTING.

Residents are reminded to cut back any shrubs/hedges that are overhanging footways/roads that they are responsible for. A standard letter to be prepared to send to residents if necessary.

19/07. FINANCE.

Payments made / money received.

101682 £358.28 A Balcombe (Clerks Salary & Expenses).

101683 £75.00 Birch Memorial Hall (Hire).

101685 £72.60 RCCE (Annual Subscription).

101686 £4.75 R Bowtle (Goal Post Brackets).

19/08. CORRESPONDENCE.

RCCE – AGM Wednesday 7pm, 10 July at the Chelmsford City Racecourse.

Residents Phone Call – overgrown trees by the pond in Shatters Road.

19/09. PARISH COUNCILLOR REPORTS / NEXT AGENDA ITEMS ONLY.

- Cllr Bowtle attended the recent Passenger Transport Meeting, a complaint had been received about cars racing at Birch Airfield, this has been reported to the Police. Potholes at Birch Park junction towards Layer to be reported to Highways. VE Day – ideas welcomed, possibly a street party or children's party?
- There has been some social media activity around speeding in The Street. The police to be contacted to see if speed checks can be done.
- Mobile Library – has been parking on the dangerous bend opposite Hall.

19/10. MEETING DATES 2019.

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

The meeting closed at 20.25

SIGNED (CHAIRMAN):

DATE: