



BIRCH PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of a meeting of Birch Parish Council, held on
Tuesday 1 September 2020, 7.30pm at Birch Memorial Hall.

Present: Cllrs: Bowtle, Boyce, Campian & Ninnim
In the Chair: Cllr Bowtle
Clerk: Angela Balcombe
Also present: Borough Cllr Ellis and one member of the public.

20/21. CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME.

The Chairman welcomed those present to the meeting.

20/22. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies were received from Cllrs Cottrell, Sherlock and Walsh.

20/23. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING.

The minutes of 7 July 2020 were approved as a correct record of events.

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

20/24. 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.

20/25. REPORTS.

County Council – apologies were received from Cllr Bentley.

Borough Council – apologies were received from Cllr Maclean. Cllr Ellis gave a brief update on Borough Council matters.

20/26. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.

Security of Birch Church was discussed and correspondence regarding the security measures was noted.

20/27. PROGRESS CHECK.

- Dangerous Trees in Luard Way – these have now been dealt with.
- Speeding Birch Street – more speed checks to be requested.
- Proposed Solar Farm – Cllrs Bowtle and Boyce attended a site meeting; the proposed solar farm is mainly situated outside of Birch. Hedges will be planted around the perimeter to screen the panels.

20/28. PLANNING.

There were no planning applications to consider.

20/29. FINANCE.

Payments made / money received:

August

101726 £934.80 C Boyce (Dunelm) (Village Hall Curtains)

101727 £362.91 A Balcombe (Salary & Expenses)

September

101728 £360.00 Hill Farm Landscapes Ltd (Grass Cutting)

101729 £363.23 A Balcombe (Salary & Expenses)

101730 £35.00 CALC (Annual Subs.)

101731 £51.50 E Bowtle (Blinds, Village Hall)

101732 £420.91 D Ninnim (Equipment & Wood Preserver)

20/30. CORRESPONDENCE.

ECC (ELS)

Case 1030: Application to upgrade parts of Footpath 24 Copford and Footpath 3 Birch to Restricted Byway and addition of continuation east and south to the north of Byway 2 Birch. The County Council has considered all evidence in this case and have decided to **refuse the application**.

Case 1031: Application to upgrade Footpath 5 to Restricted Byway and add a continuation to Maldon Road. The County Council has considered all evidence in this case and have decided to **refuse the application**.

Birch Church – copies of correspondence regarding planning application nos: 181908 and 181909. Also copies of correspondence regarding security. There is a notice on the door to say new security fencing to be erected which has now been started.

20/31. PARISH COUNCILLOR REPORTS / NEXT AGENDA ITEMS ONLY.

Cllr Ninnim – a total of 91 bags of rubbish has recently been collected. The Parish Council noted its thanks to the residents who helped to clean up the play equipment. Various benches around the village have also been cleaned up.

Cllr Bowtle and her husband have cleared rubbish and weeded around the bus shelter in Mill Lane.

20/32. MEETING DATES 2020.

6 October, 3 November (Budget Meeting), 1 December.

The meeting closed at 20.04

SIGNED (CHAIRMAN):

DATE: