



BIRCH PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of a meeting of Birch Parish Council, held on
Tuesday 6 October 2020, 7.30pm at Birch Memorial Hall.

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

20/33. CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME.

The Chairman welcomed those present to the meeting.

20/34. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies were received from Cllrs: Boyce, Cottrell & Walsh.

20/35. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING.

The minutes of 1 September 2020 were approved as a correct record of events.

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

20/36. 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.

20/37. REPORTS.

- **County Council** – apologies were received from Cllr Bentley.
- **Borough Council** – Cllr Ellis gave a brief update on Borough Council matters.
- **Zone Warden** - the zone manager has agreed to purchase a mobile CCTV; the first location will be in Birch.

20/38. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.

No matters were raised.

20/39. PROGRESS CHECK.

No matters were raised.

20/40. REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY 8 NOVEMBER 2020.

It was agreed to purchase a poppy wreath £50/60.

20/41. PLANNING.

Application Nos: 202005 & 202006 Listed Building. Proposed single storey rear & side extension and internal alterations.

Location: White House, Mill Lane, Birch CO2 0NH. No objections.

Application Nos: 202011 & 202012 Listed Building. Replacement of defective windows.

Location: Birch C of E Primary School, School Hill, Birch CO2 0LZ. No objections.

Layer Solar Farm - The consultation will run for 4 weeks and commences Friday 2nd October until Friday 30th October. Works traffic to go via the A12 through Salcott and not through Birch.

Birch Church – security fencing, the Report (from CBC Planning Officers) is being chased up.

20/42. FINANCE.

Payments made / money received:

101733 £372.10 A Balcombe (Salary & Expenses)

Income CBC £6,066.00 2nd Instalment Precept.

20/43. AGE CONCERN COLCHESTER & NORTH EAST ESSEX.

Request for funding (email circulated). Next agenda.

20/44. CORRESPONDENCE.

Highways England – A12 Chelmsford to A120 widening, preferred route announcement.

RCCE – updated information for the re-opening of village halls (circulated).

RCCE – AGM 21 October, 6pm (Zoom).

ECC – Closure of Hardys Green due to commence on 9 November 2020 for 5 days. Installation of County Broadband Fibre Network.

20/45. PARISH COUNCILLOR REPORTS / NEXT AGENDA ITEMS ONLY.

Cllr Ninnim - 35 bags of rubbish have been collected plus an additional 12 bags from Blind Lane.

The Chairman gave an update on the progress of County Broadband.

20/45. MEETING DATES 2020.

3 November (Budget Meeting, to be held at 4pm), 1 December at 4pm.

The meeting closed at 20.11

SIGNED (CHAIRMAN):

DATE: