



BIRCH PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of a meeting of Birch Parish Council, held on
Tuesday 1 February 2022, 7.30pm at Birch Memorial Hall.

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

22/03. CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME.

The Chairman welcomed those present to the meeting.

22/04. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies were received from Cllr Cottrell and Cllr Walsh.

22/05. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING.

The minutes of 4 January 2022 were approved as a correct record of events.

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

22/06. 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.

22/07. REPORTS.

County Council – apologies were received from Cllr Bentley.

Borough Council – no report received.

22/08. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.

- Blocked drains have been cleared on one side of the road, the other side is still to be done.
- A member of the public thanked Cllr Ninnim and Mr Bowtle for all the work they do around the Parish and commended their public spiritedness. A number of residents have also praised their work and it was asked if this could be recorded in the minutes.

22/09. PROGRESS CHECK.

No matters raised.

22/10. PLANNING.

Application No: 212812. Proposed 4 bedroom dwelling and garage/store.

Location: Lynch Cottage, Mill Lane, Birch CO2 0NH. **Application refused.**

Erection of Double Garage.

Location: Brambles, 4 Birch Street, Birch. Reply regarding the development not being built in accordance with the plans submitted. A reply to be sent

asking if planning permission is needed for the container and querying the fact that there is no room for an external staircase.

Birch Church – email regarding retaining the footprint of Birch Church as a Garden of Remembrance/Memorial Garden (circulated).

Application Nos: 220168 & 220169. Re-roof using existing tiles, timber repairs, new conservation rooflight, cast iron rainwater fittings. Repair, replace and fit new timber external windows and doors. Remove single storey modern extension, install new foul drainage system.

Location: Brakes Farm, Maldon Road, Birch CO2 0NU. No objections.

Application No: ESS/45/18/COL. 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.

22/11. FINANCE.

Payments made / money received:

101789 £38.40 The Church Notice Board Company (Replacement Locks)
101790 £349.54 Colchester Borough Council (Litter Picking/Bin Emptying)
101791 £372.20 A Balcombe (Salary/PAYE/Expenses)
101792 £45.00 Clacton Business Services (Payroll)
101793 £50.00 VCS Websites Ltd. (3 months hosting)
101794 £21.36 E Bowtle (Screws/Timber).

22/12. CORRESPONDENCE.

Cllr Bentley – potholes in Maldon Road to be put forward for night work repair and the site to be inspected again for any urgent temporary repairs. An email to be sent to Cllr Bentley to let him know that the work still hasn't been done.

Residents email – regarding 'over-zealous' flailing of hedges and verges.

22/13. PARISH COUNCILLOR REPORTS / NEXT AGENDA ITEMS ONLY.

- **Cllr Ninnim** – 24 bags of rubbish collected. The Play Area safety report shows there are no urgent repairs needed. A quote to be obtained to put bonded mulch at impact points such as at the bottom of the slide (next agenda). Weed killer to be purchased.
- **Proposed Transformer** – no further news.
- **Police 'Speed Check Area'** – two new signs have been erected.

22/14. MEETING DATES 2022.

1 March, 5 April, 10 May (Annual Parish Meeting/Annual Council Meeting),
7 June, 5 July, 6 September, 4 October, 1 November (Budget Meeting),
6 December.

The meeting closed at 20.57 pm.

SIGNED (CHAIRMAN):

DATE: