



BIRCH PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of a meeting of Birch Parish Council, held on
Tuesday 3 December 2019, 7.30pm at Birch Memorial Hall.

Present: Cllrs: Bowtle, Boyce, Campian, Cottrell, Ninnim & Sherlock.

In the Chair: Cllr Bowtle.

Clerk: Angela Balcombe.

Also present: 2 members of the public

19/56. CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME.

The Chairman welcomed those present to the meeting.

19/57. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies were received from Cllr Walsh.

19/58. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING.

The minutes of 5 November 2019 were approved as a correct record of events.

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

19/59. 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.

19/60. REPORTS.

County Council – Cllr Bentley arrived at the close of the meeting and gave a brief update on County and Borough matters.

Borough Council – apologies were received from Cllr Maclean.

Zone Warden – no report received.

19/61. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.

The HGV sign needs straightening at the entrance to Pudding Lane as does the one at Heckford Bridge.

19/62. PROGRESS CHECK.

No matters were raised.

19/63. PLANNING.

Application No: 192766. Proposed car park lighting – 4 no. luminaires.

Location: Birch Business Centre, Maldon Road, Birch CO2 0LT. No objections.

Application No: 192857. Demolition of porch and construction of replacement porch, demolition of part existing ground floor, two storey rear and side extensions, Roof extension and general modernisation.

Location: Summer Place, Mill Lane, Birch CO2 0NH. No objections.

19/64. TREE WARDEN SCHEME.

Cllr Ninnim volunteered to become the Tree Warden for the Parish Council, as part of the Borough Council Tree Warden Scheme.

CBC has launched a Woodland Project and are looking for areas of land that could be considered for tree planting over the course of a five-year project. Details at: (<https://www.colchester.gov.uk/colchesterwoodlandproject/>).

19/65. FINANCE.

Payments made / money received:

101701 £389.54 A Balcombe (Clerks Salary & Expenses).

101702 £360.00 Hill Farm Landscapes Ltd.

101703 £85.00 Birch Memorial Hall (Hire).

19/66. CORRESPONDENCE.

ECC Highways - Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 - Section 14(1) Temporary Traffic Regulation Order of School Hill, Birch. Closure of School Hill, Church Road due to commence on 8th December 2019 for 1 day. The closure is required for the safety of the public and workforce while Anglian Water undertakes new connection.

For details: <https://one.network/?tm=115208281>

19/67. PARISH COUNCILLOR REPORTS / NEXT AGENDA ITEMS ONLY.

- Cllr Ninnim – litter has been picked up in nearly every road in the Parish, a total of 24 bags has been collected.
- A dumped sofa on the side of the road to be reported to the Zone Warden.
- Potholes outside the Village Hall need chasing up.

19/68. MEETING DATES 2020.

7 January, 4 February, 3 March, 7 April, 5 May, 2 June, 7 July, 1 September, 6 October, 3 November, 1 December.

The meeting closed at 19.50

SIGNED (CHAIRMAN):

DATE: