

## BIRLEY WITH UPPER HILL PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Council Meeting held at The Function Room, The Bush Inn HR4 8EH  
7.00pm on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2019

### **Present:**

Councillors: Mrs A Pendleton (Chair); Mrs I Stokes (Vice Chair); Mr R Grayburn; Mr J Gough and Mr A Last.

### **In Attendance:**

Cllr M Jones (Ward Cllr) and M Hopkins (Clerk)

**Members of the public:** None

**1. To Accept Apologies for Absence**

No apologies received.

**2. To Approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2019**

**Resolved:** The Minutes were confirmed and signed by the Chair.

**3. To Receive Declarations of Interests and Applications for Dispensations**

**Resolved:** None

**4. To Receive Brief Reports from:**

**4.1 Herefordshire Councillor (Cllr M Jones)**

Cllr Jones reported on:

Waste management contract ends 2023. Considering introducing a brown bin for food & garden waste.

Cabinet increased the number of pitches at travellers' sites.

Skylon Park, Rotherwas – businesses occupying 68 acres of the 110 acre site.

New businesses welcome and as planning permission already agreed there is no need for those new businesses to apply for planning permission.

By-pass put on hold and general scrutiny committee now undertaking project development.

Children's Scrutiny Committee focusing on child exploitation and county lines drug gangs.

Fibre optic broadband – Chris Marsh overseeing the rollout. Birley is towards the bottom of the list. Grants maybe available to 3%/5% of those parishes who are at the bottom of the list.

Mental Health Awareness Day is on 20<sup>th</sup> January 2020.

Parish Summit – travelling around the market towns surveying responses and thoughts.

**Resolved:** Report noted and to be circulated. Cllr Jones thanked accordingly.

**4.2 Westhope Common Management Association (Cllr Mrs I Stokes)**

The pedestrian gate near Cwm House requires a new catch.

The dead Jubilee Oak to be replaced by either planting another oak in a slightly different location or plant a different species of tree.

The flying of model airplanes appears to be less of a problem at present.

Management of bracken - to be discussed at the AGM.

The next meeting is the AGM on 10<sup>th</sup> December 2019 - 7.30pm at Nags Head.

Prior to which a talk will be given titled 'The Geology of the Common'.

**Resolved:** Report noted and Cllr Stokes thanked accordingly.

**5. Open Time**

No items

**6. To Receive the Clerks Report, General Updates and Note the Information**

All updates since the meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> September 2019 are included in the Information Sheet which had been circulated.

**Resolved:** Reports, Updates and Information Sheet noted. A copy of Information Sheet is attached to these minutes.

**7. Financial Matters**

**7.1 To Receive a Report from the RFO**

Bank Balances as of 15<sup>th</sup> October 2019: Community Account: £6,511.92 and Business Premium Account: £984.39.

**Resolved:** Report noted.

**7.2 To Consider the following Payments**

**7.2.1 Payments Made since the last Meeting:**

HALC (website hosting and purchase of domain name) £60.00 (580).

**Resolved:** Payment agreed.

**7.2.2 Outstanding Payments:** Canon Pyon RBL (2 wreaths) £32.00 (581), The Bush Inn (room hire) 20.00 (582), M&S (internal auditor payment) £30.00 (583), Membership of SLCC £43.00 (584), Clerks salary (Oct/ Dec) £130.10 (585), HMRC (PAYE Oct/Dec) £32.40 (586).

**Resolved:** The above payments were agreed. On the advice of HALC the payment to Birley PCC for mowing of church yard was considered at present.

**8. To Consider and Agree the Budget for 2020/21**

The proposed budget was circulated and discussed.

**Resolved** – The Budget spend of £3,000 was agreed and approved (copy attached to these minutes).

**9. To Consider and Agree the Precept for 2020/21**

**Resolved** – It was agreed to set the Precept at £3,000.

## 10. Planning Matters

### 10.1 Planning Applications Received:

**193015** – Red House Farm, Bush Bank HR4 8PG – alterations to existing storage building to form additional ancillary accommodation to Red House.

**Comments:** Parish Council were content with the application and had no adverse comment to make.

**193737** – Hawthorne Cottage, Upper Hill HR6 0JZ – Proposed garage

**Comments:** Parish Council were content with the application and had no adverse comment to make.

### 10.2 To Note Planning Decisions Received:

**184617** – Land adjacent to Lye Green, Bush Bank (plans to include a summerhouse) - Granted

**Resolved:** Planning decisions received noted.

## 11. Highway Matters

### 11.1 To Receive Updates on Speeding issues

Meeting with Ian Connolly, Traffic Management Advisor with West Mercia, still to be arranged

**Resolved:** Clerk to request stickers and other anti-speeding material.

### 11.2 To Receive an Issues for Herefordshire Highways.

When travelling from Upper Hill to join the A4110, the visibility, when looking right towards Knapton, is severely restricted because of the overgrown vegetation.

**Resolved:** Clerk to report this issue to Balfour Beattie.

## 12. To Receive an update on Broadband within the Parish and discuss the Birley Community Project

### Broadband

Quote of £73,000 had been received from Openreach for fibre broadband to be bought down through Aulden, Birley and up to part of Upper Hill.

### Birley Community Project

Naming of the Church Tower restoration project. This will include a community space in the church with kitchenette, toilet and area for meetings. Update on how it is going and proposed plans.

**Resolved:** In the absence of Cllr De Rohan, who had raised the issues, these items were deferred to the next meeting.

## 13. To Raise Items for the next Scheduled Parish Council Meeting - No Discussion

**Resolved:** All items referred from this meeting plus co-option of Parish Cllr..

**14. To Confirm the Date of the next scheduled Parish Council Meeting**

**Resolved:** Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2020 at 7pm *(to be confirmed)*

Venue: The Function Room, The Bush Inn HR4 8EH

**Meeting concluded at 8.03pm**

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**Signature of Chair**

10<sup>th</sup> March 2020  
**Date**