

**Minutes of Birchanger Parish Council
Held on Tuesday December 2nd, 2014 at 8pm.
In Birchanger Village Hall**

Present: A Driscoll – Chair (AD)
M Zych (MZ)
M May (MM)
S Dowle(SD)
M Davy (MD)
K Wheatley (KW)
E Godwin (EG)
R Gooding (RG)

Absent:A Stewart (AS) L Pocklington (LP)

75. Chairman's Welcome

The Chairman welcomed all those present.

76. Apologies and Reason for Absence

LP sent her apologies as she has personal reasons. AS is unable to attend due to illness.

77. Declarations of Interest

None

78. Public participation session with respect to items on the agenda and other matters that are of mutual interest.

No members of the public were present.

79. Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the last meeting held on Tuesday, November 4th, 2014 were agreed as a true and accurate record and signed accordingly.

80. Recreation Working Group

Update:

New zip wire to be installed next week.

AS submitted a quote from Dave Debnam: £430.00 for maintenance, improvement and removal of graffiti + £30.00 for padlock on 5 bar-gate. This was agreed with work to take place asap, weather permitting.

81. Planning

Appeal - 19 Bradley Common: a follow-up letter has been sent to reiterate the issues previously raised.

82. Highways

Vandalised bus shelter: Quote for £658.00 from A1 Glass & Glazing approved by insurers. BPC to pay excess of £250.00.

Letter from Rissa Long – Highways Liaison Officer dated 26/11/14 regarding applications for works using S106 money. It was agreed to apply for extra lights on the lane.

RG recommended that all future lighting be upgraded using economical timings and electronic ballasts.

Village gates to be installed on January 19, 2015.

No progress on the pavement around the Churton bend or 20 mph along the lane.

Two street lights have been reported to be not working; by Duck End and near 90 Birchanger Lane.

83. Finance

A. Account Balances – as previously circulated

B. Invoices and Standing Orders for Payment as per schedule previously circulated with the exception of the payment to A1 Glass & Glazing – BPC to pay the full amount. The insurance company to reimburse the difference between the quote minus the excess of £250.

The donation to the Royal British Legion was agreed at £30.

84. Employment

3 candidates for the role of Clerk/RFO have been interviewed; one of them has been selected and ratified by the council. All candidates will be informed in writing.

If the new clerk accepts he will commence work on Monday 5th January 2015.

85. Closure of Meeting

The meeting closed at 9.40 pm. The next Council Meeting will be at 8pm on Tuesday, February 3, 2015 in the village hall.