

**Minutes of Birchanger Parish Council meeting
held on Tuesday 4th April 2017 at 8.00 pm.
in Birchanger Village Hall**

Present: Angie Driscoll (AD) - Chair
Elizabeth Godwin (EG)
Maria Davy (MD)
Linda Pocklington (LP)
Alex Stewart (AS)
George Taylor (GT)
Ken Wheatley (KW)

1 member of the public
Keith Williams (Parish Clerk)

275. Chairman's Welcome

The Chairman welcomed all those present.

276. Apologies and Reason for Absence

Sandy Dowle (SD) – holiday

277. Declarations of Interest

None.

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

There were no representations from the public.

279. Minutes of the last meeting

Acceptance of the minutes of the last meeting held on Tuesday 7th March 2017 was proposed by MD and agreed as a true and accurate record, and duly signed by the Chairman.

280. Recreation Ground Working Group/Allotments – Glebeland

a) Play area inspection report from AS (already circulated) – noted.

AS will obtain a quotation from Dave Debnam for carrying out the required repairs.

b) Recreation ground report from LP (already circulated)- noted.

It was agreed to purchase the 4 bicycle Hi-Hoop Bicycle Rack at a price of £90 + VAT. The Parish Clerk to arrange purchase. AS to obtain quote for fitting.

c) Updated allotment rules.

KW had made some amendments to the rules which he would like agreed before forwarding to the allotment holders. Further amendments were agreed (in particular the deletion of 6.4). KW will draw up revised rules to be submitted to Peter Wilton.

281. Highway proposal for pedestrian footpath at Churton bend

The proposed extension of yellow lining around Churton bend to the Three Willows was agreed as acceptable.

282. Finance

- a. Account Balances (already circulated).
- b. The payments were accepted and authorised to be made.
- c. Draft income and expenditure report, already circulated, was noted.

283 Reports from county and district councillors

Ray Gooding –

- Ray had nothing to add to his report made to the Annual Parish Meeting other than to advise that the County Council was currently in a state of purdah pending the elections in May.

284 Employment

This was in closed session. MD reported that the Employment sub-committee has recommended that the Parish Clerk's salary scale be increased by 1 point. This was agreed.

285. Closure of meeting

There being no further matters to discuss the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 20.40.

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