

**Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday 18th February 2020
at the Birbury, Birdingbury**

Present: Cllr Mrs Davy, Cllrs Preston, Cutts, French and Mrs J Chapman (Clerk)

1. Welcome.

Cllr French opened the meeting at 19:31 hrs and welcomed those present.

2. To accept apologies for absence

Cllr Morton
Cllr Mrs Crane

3. Declaration of interest

None

4. Representations from the public

No public were present.

5. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 21st January 2020

The minutes of the meeting held on 21st January 2020 were agreed as a true and complete record.

6. Reports from Borough and County Councillors

Neither was present

7. Reports from Councillors

None

8. Planning Applications

8.1 No planning applications have been received.

Planning Application R19/1539 at Unit 1-2 Munro Business Park has been amended it now shows vehicle access will be via the current access as opposed to a new one being created across a field. There was no objection to this change.

8.2 The following planning decisions have been received.

Application	Address	Decision
R19/0925	Davenport Farm, Long Itchington Road, Birdingbury, Rugby CV23 8EQ	Application withdrawn

8.3 Appeals – none

9. Financial Issues

9.1 Payments made since meeting held on 21st January 2020

Payee	Amount £
Clerks fee January 2020 plus mileage	

9.2 Approval of cheques

Payee	Amount £
Clerks fee February 2020 plus mileage	
Ms D Stevens – reimbursement for website	79.13
The Birbury Management Committee – rent for use of the Birbury 16.07.19, 17.09.19, 15.10.19, 19.11.19	20.00

It was proposed by Cllr Mrs Davy, seconded by Cllr French and **RESOLVED** the payments be made.

19.56 – Cllr Cutts joined the meeting

9.3 Bank Balance Reconciliation

The bank reconciliation was agreed and signed by Cllr French.

9.4 Budget Report as at 29.01.2020 – agreed

10. Highways

Stockton Road – WCC Locality Officer has advised that Stockton Road is in for structural patching along the worst sections of the carriageway. WCC cannot advise if this will take place during the next financial year or not as costs are still being calculated and scheme designs are being drawn up for not only Stockton Lane but all of the suggested sites for 2020-2021.

If Birdingbury Parish Council would like “pulling in” areas to be built into Stockton Road, this request will need to be submitted to the Traffic and Safety Team at WCC.

Stockton Road – Be aware of Horses and Rider signs request. The Safety Team responded as follows. “Warning signs can play a part in improving road safety. However, overuse of warning signs can dilute their effectiveness, and leads to a general disregard of warning signs. There is no legal requirement to provide Horse Warning Signs, and there is pressure on the County Council to reduce sign clutter in rural areas. We therefore regret we cannot justify the provision of these signs as requested. A driver should always be aware when using a rural road, or driving through a village, of the probability of encountering deer, horse riders, pedestrians etc. and drive according to the road conditions. Sadly, the poor driving standards that you have described are seen on a daily basis in numerous locations and refer to driver behaviour, which unfortunately, we cannot control. With regards to speeding vehicles and/or dangerous driving, any non-compliance with the speed limit and/or inappropriate driver behaviour is a matter for Police enforcement. Residents are advised to approach their Local Community Forum where enforcement priorities are agreed with Local Councillors and the Police”.

Blocked gullies – WCC will arrange for all gullies to be jetted within the village.

Road Closure - Birdingbury Road, Marton and Marton Road, Birdingbury closed to vehicular traffic between the junctions of A423 (Coventry Road) and Main Street, Birdingbury. Carriageway patching and associated works, 09:00 - 15:30hrs, Mon to Wed. From 9th March 2020. Cllr Cutts will post this information on Birdingbury Facebook page.

11. Recreation Ground

No further information available.

11.1 Proposed pathway to the recreation ground

No update.

12. Allotment Shed

A metal beam has been ordered.

13. Birdingbury Village Club

Cllr French advised he attended a recent Birdingbury Club meeting to understand what the Club’s ideas are for their future. A Memorandum of Understanding will be

issued which will set out their plans. The Memorandum will be issued to appropriate interested parties. It is the Club's intention to have a private space for meetings.

14. Rugby Borough Council request for subjects for scrutiny.

Cllr French reminded Cllrs a request can be forwarded to RBC at any time

15. 4 Back Lane, Birdingbury

The Clerk advised she has had an email from the Executive Director of Rugby Borough Council confirming he will look into this matter and report back.

16. Gate to Recreation Ground

The Clerk advised the information the Safety Officer from WCC gave regarding a gate into the top of the recreation ground was not minuted.

17. Joint Strategic Needs Assessment on Health and Wellbeing needs in rural Rugby.

The Cllrs did not wish to respond to this assessment.

18. Newcomers to the Village

Valley View Stables

19. Correspondence received and action required

Noted, nothing arising.

20. Items for the next Agenda

Recreation Field, Budget, 4 Back Lane, Grass Cutting Maps

21. Date of next meeting 17th March 2020

Meeting closed 22:27 hrs

Signed

Date