

Bitterley Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held at Bitterley Village Hall On Thursday 6th November, 2014

PRESENT

Chairman: Mr HCH Chance

Members:, Mr RJ Osborne (Vice Chairman), Mr DT Price, Mr HWJ Watkins,
Mr PJ Martin, Mrs AM Holman, Mr DW Rogers

Also present: Mrs S Jones (Clerk), Richard Huffer (Shropshire Councillor)

1) To receive apologies and reasons for absence: Mr DE Bowen (Operation),
Mrs K Wheeler (Away), Mr C Chillingworth (Unwell), Mr P Lawley-Jones (None given)

2) Declarations of Interest.

None

3) Public Participation session.

No members of the public attended.

4) To confirm the Minutes of the Council Meeting held 10th September 2014. The minutes where **APPROVED** and it was **RESOLVED** that the minutes be signed and **ADOPTED** as a true record. Proposed by Mr DT Price and seconded by Mr HWJ Watkins Minutes **signed by the Chairman.**

5) Matters arising from the Minutes of the Meeting held on 10th September 2014

Hedge at The Old Rectory, Bitterley: The Clerk has written to the residents of The Old Rectory and The Rectory. The owners of the Old Rectory have replied saying they cut their hedge back. The clerk has had no reply from The Rectory, so the Clerk to write to the Diocese directly. The clerk also to contact Shropshire Council to pursue the problem further.

ACTION

6) Roads:

Pothole: The clerk to report a pole hole at Henley, about 100 yards before the Henley sign as you travel west to Ludlow. **ACTION**

Bedlam: The road to Bedlam seems to be subsiding in places, Mrs AM Holman to investigate. **ACTION**

7) Bus Shelter

The clerk has ordered the bus shelter from TP Timber, but the base has still not been arranged. The clerk to get two quotes from local contractors for laying the base. **ACTION**

8) Parking at Bitterley School

Mr R. Osborne still awaiting to discuss the situation with Shropshire Housing Association. The problem is still high on the agenda at Governor Meetings, the Head Teacher is looking at alternatives for help the situation. **ACTION**

9) Speeding through Middleton

Drivers are still traveling around 60 mph through Middleton, Glyn Shaw is still to order the VAS to replace the broken one and to order the second VAS. Glyn Shaw needs to complete his works so that an application can be made to the Safer Road Partnership. Clerk to write to Glyn Shaw and ask him to confirm that works have been completed if nothing more is to be

done. If confirmation can be gained then it can become a Community Concern site.

ACTION

10) Remembrance Service

The Remembrance Service will take place on Sunday 9th November at 10.45 at St Mary's Church Bitterley. This is a Parish Council Civic Service and it is hoped that all Parish Councillors can attend. It was agreed that a £5 contribution be given towards the cost of refreshments. The collection will be a 50:50 split to the Church and the Poppy Appeal.

11) Parish Council Website

The clerk showed the Councillors a number of options to give an idea of what could be had and the cost. Mr HCH Chance to contact Darren Forster to ask him about designing a website and the cost. **ACTION**

12) Annual place Plan Review

After a discussion it was agreed to make the following amendments, add:

Under Provision and Maintenance of facilities and equipment for sport, recreation and leisure to add "**The playground at the Village Hall needs upgrading**" also "**Improved cycling and walking route between Bitterley and Middleton (subject to Landlords consent).**"

Under Highways improvements: delete "**Angel Bank.... And suggested that a speed reduction be introduced on the main road between Henley and Clee Hill.**"

ACTION

13) Planning Applications

a) Planning application decisions already made

b) Planning applications for consideration

14/03530/FUL: Proposed Agricultural Workers Dwelling At Shop Farm, Dhustone Lane and An Affordable Dwelling, the clerk wrote to Julie Preston – Planning Officer saying the Parish Council wish to confirm that this is a recognised settlement and hamlet and that it is not isolated and that there used to be village hall there. Also that the application is architecturally in keeping with the area. This then also had to be submitted for the Affordable dwelling, currently the applicant is waiting to the Planning Officer to visit the site, to access the position of the development.

c) Planning Application Pending

14/02442/OUT: Outline application for residential development: Proposed Residential Development South Of Paddock Side, Middleton – Update: A flood Risk assessment has now been submitted to Shropshire council for consideration.

14) Financial Matters

a) Financial balance. £6081.16

b) Cheques signed since last meeting

506 N Power (1/4/14 - 30/6/14) £158.21

507 N Power (1/7/14 - 30/9/14) £159.97

508 PCC Bitterley Parish £450.00

509 PCC Cleeton St Mary Parish £325.00

c) Cheques signed at this meeting

510 S Jones - Salary £257.33

511 HMRC £19.89

512 SALC £120.00

15) Correspondence

None

16)Reports:

Personnel Sub Committee: It was agreed to increase the clerk's salary to £1930 per year.

Village Hall AGM: The hire charges are to remain the same, the finances are much better now, due to the various funding raising events that have taken place. The committee is putting together a list of priorities and are looking at what grants could be available.

Clee Hill Partnership: The Clee Hill Partnership's £1 million bid for a National Lottery Grant was derailed when the Titterstone Clee Heritage Trust pulled out as lead partner at the last minute. It was hoped that Shropshire Council might take on the leases but it decided not to. The Partnership is investigating whether another body may be able to lead the project or if the 18 month enterprise is fatally stalled.

The next meeting will be held on **13th January at 7.00p.m.**

The dates of further Meetings: 11th March, 13th May, 8th July, 9th September and the 11th November 2015.