

# *Bitterley Parish Council*

## **Minutes of the Meeting held at Bitterley Village Hall On Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2015**

### **PRESENT**

**Members:** Mr HCH Chance (Chairman), Mr RJ Osborne (Vice Chairman) Mr C Chillingworth, Mrs AM Holman, Mr DT Price, Mr HWJ Watkins, Mr P Lawley-Jones, Mr DE Bowen and Mr DW Rogers.

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

**Apologies and reasons for absence (received at the earlier Annual General Meeting: None**

### **1) To confirm the Minutes of the Council Meeting held 11 March, 2015**

The minutes were **APPROVED** and it was **RESOLVED** that the minutes be signed and **ADOPTED** as a true record. Proposed by Mr RJ Osborne and seconded by Mr C Chillingworth.  
**Minutes signed by the Chairman.**

### **2) Roads**

**a) Road signs at Henley:** Mr C Chillingworth said that there are signs on the approach to the junction of Henley Lane from both directions which say 'Slow. Reduce Speed. Traffic Emerging'; unfortunately the sign for traffic approaching from Kidderminster towards Ludlow is in the wrong position as it is positioned after the junction with the junction with Bitterley Lane. It is vitally important that this sign is moved back further south up the hill in the Kidderminster direction near where the sign says 'Henley' so that it applies equally to the Bitterley junction as well and not after it. Clerk to contact Shropshire Council.

**ACTION**

### **3) Planning Applications**

**a) Planning application decisions already made: None**

**b) Planning applications for consideration:**

- **15/01724/FUL: Yew Tree Cottage , Cleestanton Road, Bitterley,**  
Proposal: Erection of two-storey extension and demolition of rear single storey Building. All agreed to support as the extension is not overwhelming and it will make the Property more habitable. **ACTION**
- **15/01625/FUL: Meteorological Radar Mast, Dhustone Lane, Clee Hill,**  
Proposal: Installation of a fuel tank  
Mr HCH Chance declared an interest because one of the joint landowners is also the beneficiary of a trust of which he is a trustee. All agreed to object to the application, the tank should remain underground and should not be adding to the volume of the buildings already there. **ACTION**
- **15/01472/FUL: Proposed Solar Farm To West Of, Squirrel Lane,**  
Proposal: Formation of a solar farm comprising the installation of (circa) 22,000 ground mounted solar panels; 4 inverter buildings; one centre station comprising one transformer building, one gear building and one DNO cabinet; 21 x 3m high pole mounted CCTV cameras; 2m high security boundary fencing: Landscaping scheme. After a discussion and a vote there were 5 objections to the applications, 2 supporting and 2 abstaining. The reasons for objecting are:  
The application is on good quality agricultural land. Although not in the AONB it can be

seen from the AONB. It should be on a brownfield site. The site is right on the road. The scale of the scheme is far too large scale, with a close proximity to residents. **ACTION**

**4) Financial Matters:**

**a) To approve the following payments:**

a) Chq No. 000524	T. Preece (Bus Shelter)	£2,340.00
b) Chq No. 000525	Npower	£57.18
c) Chq No. 000526	S. Jones (salary)	£257.33
d) Chq No. 000527	Post Office (HMRC)	£64.20
e) Chq No. 000528	K. Adams (Auditor)	£57.75
f) Chq No. 000529	SALC	£333.46
g) Chq No. 000530	Bitterley Village Hall	£250.00

The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2015 at 7.30pm.**