

Bitterley Parish Council

Draft Minutes of the meeting held at Bitterley Village Hall On Tuesday 13th January, 2015

PRESENT

Chairman: Mr HCH Chance

Members:, Mr RJ Osborne (Vice Chairman), Mr DT Price, Mr HWJ Watkins,
Mr C Chillingworth

Also present: Mrs S Jones (Clerk),

1) To receive apologies and reasons for absence: Mr DE Bowen (Illness),
Mrs K Wheeler (Away), Mr DW Rogers Mr P Lawley-Jones (None given),
Mrs AM Holman (Family commitment), Mr PJ Martin (Family bereavement)
Also Shropshire Councillor Richard Huffer (Attending an LJC meeting)

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 6th November 2014. The minutes were discussed as there had been a request from a member of the public outside the parish that the comments made under **Item 10 Reports: Clee Hill Partnership** be amended. The minutes were **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 6th November, 2014

Clee Hill Partnership: The councillors resolved that as the minutes were an accurate record of what was said at the meeting the report was a true representation.

Hedge opposite Bitterley school: The hedge has now been cut back along the wall of the Rectory (which now has new owners).

The Pothole – Henley: Has now been filled in.

Bedlam: Mrs AM Holman investigated the issue but could not see any subsidence, but the road is clearly in poor condition. The road is uneven in places and cars low to the ground could catch their underneath on the road. Clerk to ask Phil James from SC if he could look at the road and feed back to us. **ACTION**

Annual place Plan Review: Has been completed and sent in to Shropshire Council.

6) Roads:

a) There is a pothole again down Snitton Lane, Clerk to report to Shropshire Council.

ACTION

b) Severn Trent have been digging the road up at Middleton Bridge, between Middleton Sidings and No. 5. Phil James from Shropshire council is hoping to get it patched before the end of the financial year, as it is a danger to cyclists.

7) Bus Shelter

The Chairman and the clerk met with contractor Mr P Childley to discuss the site of the bus shelter, with a view to the base being laid as soon as possible, weather permitting. **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. The school let the Parish Council know sometime ago that pupils would not be getting on/ off the bus as before so the writing painted on the road is no longer required. Mr HCH Chance met with Glyn Shaw last July time to agree what works needed to be completed, it was agreed not to reinstate the bus parking sign, but it has been done. Clerk to contact Mr. Shaw with a view to having it removed. **ACTION**

9) Speeding through Middleton

The Clerk has had a response from Glyn Shaw saying that the interactive signs for both ends of the village are on order and should be erected in the coming weeks, as previously agreed. Once these are in place, Mr Shaw will carry out further speed checks and report these back to the Council. When this is done, there are no current plans for further works in Middleton. Once this is done the application can be made to the Safer Road Partnership to become a Site of Community Concern.

10) Parish Council Website

The Clerk has contacted Mr Darren Forster of Axiam Computers in Middleton about designing a website and also the administrator for the Hopesay website. Mr Foster quoted £100 for Web Design, Hosting: £59.98 +VAT per year and £4.98 + VAT per year for having an org.uk domain name. Clerk to get 2 more quotes and to move forward with the best quote. **ACTION**

11) Precept 2015/16

The income and expenditure of the Parish Council where discussed and it was **APPROVED** and it was **RESOLVED** that the precept request would be £5,250. Proposed by Mr DT Price and seconded by Mr HWJ Watkins and be **signed by the Chairman.** **ACTION**

12) Planning Applications

a) Planning application decisions already made

None

b) Planning applications for consideration

None

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.

14/03530/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.

The Parish Council discussed the dissatisfaction in the length of time is it taking Shropshire Council to make decisions on planning applications.

13) Financial Matters

a) Financial balance. £6081.16

b) Cheques signed since last meeting

None

c) Cheques signed at this meeting

513 Npower £58.46

514	S Jones (expenses)	£25.35
515	S Jones (Salary)	£257.33
516	Post Office Ltd (HMRC)	£64.20

14) Correspondence:

Superfast Broadband: Although it has recently been reported that Superfast Broadband is available, it would like to be noted that it is not available throughout the Parish as stated and further developments are awaited.

War Memorial – Bedlam: The Parish Council received an email from Mr Underwood was trying to locate the War Memorial at Bedlam, as it has connections with his grandfather, who was quarry manager at the time. Mr HCH Chance wrote to him with photos of the memorial and a contact number for members of the Gatehouse family who had said they were happy to speak to him.

Section 137 Briefing

The NALC Legal Briefing Note confirming this amount has now been revised to £7.36 per elector.

15) Reports:

Remembrance Service

The Remembrance Service was a great success, thanks to all that took part.

LJC

The last meeting was very poorly attended, there was a talk on Future Fit, and Peter Gillard will attend Parish Council meetings if required. There is now 1 Policeman and 1 Community Support Officer for the area. The Fire Service are currently fitting smoke detectors for vulnerable people or those aged over 75. The Police have reported that there has been more anti-social behaviour around the pubs in Ludlow. The Chairman thanked Mr Osborne for his report and for attending on the parish council's behalf.

Village Hall Committee

Mr N. Ker won the 100 Club and the finances of the committee seem to be more on an even keel now.

Notice Boards

It was reported that the notice board at Middleton is in particularly bad condition as the cork boarding has eroded. Clerk to arrange for the board to be repaired.

16) The next meeting: will be held on **11th March at 7.00p.m.**

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