

# *Bitterley Parish Council*

## Minutes of the meeting held at Bitterley Village Hall On Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> July, 2016

### PRESENT

**Chairman:** Mr RJ Osborne

**Members:** Mr HCH Chance Mr HWJ Watkins, Mr C Chillingworth,  
Mr DT Price, Mr PJ Martin, Mrs K Wheeler, Mr D Rogers, Mr J. Gatehouse  
Also present: Mrs S Jones (Clerk),

#### **1) To receive apologies and reasons for absence:**

Mrs AM Holman (Vice Chairman)- Away

#### **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 on 11<sup>th</sup> May 2016.** The minutes were APPROVED and it was RESOLVED that the minutes be signed and ADOPTED as a true record subject to changes discussed. Proposed by Mr HCH Chance and seconded by Mr C Chillingworth Minutes **signed by the Chairman.**

#### **5) Matters arising from the Minutes of the Meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> May, 2016**

**a) Orchard Lea Green** – The Housing Association are willing to let the Parish Council take responsibility of the Green. Adam Burge at is going to produce the covenants, but there is also a piece of land behind the houses that they would like to look at passing on. This area behind the houses is not a community use area, just the residents. As the green would be a Community Asset, it would have to be in agreement of all of the Parish, not just the residents of Orchard Lea to go ahead with Parish ownership. Mrs Osborne is waiting for a quote to mow the green to give an indication of maintenance costs. It was pointed out that if the Parish council owns an area of ground they may be obliged, upon request, to provide allotments, so this would be an issue to investigate. Clerk to enquire how owing the land would affect the insurance policy. RO to provide information on the size of the land.

#### **ACTION**

**b) Mill Farm Corner** – Downton Estate would be happy to let volunteers tidy the area. The residents of Mill Cottage to be contacted to see if they would agree to it being tidied, and RO to ask Shropshire Council about the visibility and making good on the verge opposite.

#### **6) Roads:**

**a)** There is a bad pothole on the road to Bitterley from Henley on the left-hand side, closer to Henley. Clerk to report **ACTION**

#### **7) Planning Applications**

##### **a) Planning application decisions already made**

None

##### **b) Planning applications for consideration**

**i) 16/02297/FUL** – 4 Snitton Gate, Snitton, Knowbury. Erection of Single storey side extension and two storey rear extension. Support

**ii) 16/02297/FUL** – 2 Snitton Gate, Snitton, Knowbury. Erection of Single storey rear extension. Support

**c)** The Planning appeal for the Solar Farm at Henley has now been passed. Clerk to check what the agents had agreed, specifically regarding a community contribution of money via the Parish Council. **ACTION**

## 8) Financial Matters

### a) Financial Summary

Current Balance: £11,924.78

### b) Cheques signed at this meeting

Chq 561	D. Forster	£40.00
Chq 562	N. Power	£134.25

## 9) Correspondence:

- a) **Clee Hill Sign:** It was proposed by Mr PJ Martin and seconded by Mr J. Gatehouse that Bitterley Parish Council should not be on the sign if erected. It was thought that Shropshire Council, or A.O.N.B would be more appropriate to be on the sign. Clerk to inform Mr George Cummings of the decision.
- b) **Letter from Hopton Wafers Parish Council regarding speeding on the A4117 over Clee Hill:** The Councillors felt that Bitterley Parish Council could not sign the letter along with Hopton Wafers Parish Council and Coreley Parish Council as it would not appropriate as they have no derestriction over that length of road, but would offer any advice or assistance they could, maybe Caynham Parish Council would be more appropriate.

## 10) Future Delivery of Services

There is a meeting of the Town and Parish Council Working Group on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July at 4.30 p.m. to discuss the Future Delivery of Services. The invitation is only to clerks and the clerk has had to send her apologies but will keep members updated as information is received.

## 11) Reports

- a) **Speeding through Middleton:** CC reported that the VAS has now been moved. It wasn't checked to see if it worked before the contractors left the site. GS has passed this on to the contractors to sort the problem out, but it may be the position of the sign has no sun reaches the sign. Clerk to contact GS **ACTION**
- b) **Parking at Bitterley School:** The Village Hall have offered to the School that teaching assistants could park at the hall each day except Tuesdays. Headmaster to speak to the staff. This can then be reviewed to see if it helps. Consideration must be given to the implications of the school using the Village Hall car park
- c) **LJC:** The last meeting was here at Bitterley Village Hall. There was a talk from the NFU, Affordable Housing and Phil Holden from AONB. The Pheasant at Neenton was discussed as being a Community Asset. Ludford Bridge was discussed as residents are unhappy with the quality of the work. Residents would like HGV's not to be allowed over the bridge, but this would cause major issues on alternative routes in the town. There may be changes to signage.
- d) **Parish Plan Update:** Meeting to be arranged for August time to discuss the review.
- e) **South Shropshire Area Committee:** Forward previous meetings of meeting for Councillors information.
- f) **Other Councillor Reports:**
- a) **Flood Forum:** "What happens in flood" To discuss model emergency Plan. We have to access and collate the information locally, and look at ongoing issues, as Shropshire Council are not. There may be funding opportunities from S.T.W.A.

**15) The next meeting:** will be held on **14<sup>th</sup> September 2016 at 7.30p.m.**

The dates of further meetings:

9<sup>th</sup> November.

11<sup>th</sup> January

15<sup>th</sup> March (Annual Parish Meeting)

Note: All meetings will be at 7.30pm