

Bitterley Parish Council

Draft Minutes of the meeting held at Bitterley Village Hall On Wednesday 14th September, 2016

PRESENT

Chairman: Mr RJ Osborne

Members: Mrs AM Holman (Vice Chairman), Mr HCH Chance, Mr HWJ Watkins, Mr C Chillingworth, Mr DT Price, Mr PJ Martin, Mrs K Wheeler, Mr D Rogers, Mr J. Gatehouse and Shropshire Councillor Mr Richard Huffer.

Also present: Mrs S Jones (Clerk),

1) To receive apologies and reasons for absence:

None

2) Declarations of Interest.

None

3) Public Participation session.

A member of public wished to bring to the attention of the Parish Council a recent complaint to the residents of Park Hall Farm.

4) To confirm the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 13th July 2016. 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 PJ Martin. Minutes **signed by the Chairman.**

5) Matters arising from the Minutes of the Meeting held on 13th July, 2016

a) Orchard Lea Green – Still waiting for the Housing Association to produce the covenants. It was suggested that the residents of Orchard Lea should purchase the land, rather than the maintenance costs falling to the whole parish. A quote to mow the Green has been given at £10 per hour, so should cost around £400-£500 per year to maintain. The insurance company has indicated that as long as there is nothing on the land and risk assessments are carried out there would not be an increase in the insurance premium.

b) Mill Farm Corner – Mr RJ Osborne has spoken to the residents and the next step is to ask Shropshire council to cut back the brambles. **ACTION**

c) The bad pothole on the road to Bitterley from Henley on the left-hand side, is getting much bigger, water is coming up through the hole in the road. . Clerk to report **ACTION**

d) The Solar farm at Henley: The clerk has contacted the Planning Officer and he has contacted Kronos with regards to the Unilateral Undertaking, and is awaiting a reply.

6) Roads:

a) Snitton Lane: There is programmed work taking place and the road will be closed for 17 days between the 21/09/2016 to 07/10/2016.

b) Roundthorn to Stoke turn: There is programmed work to take place from 13/10/16 – 24/10/2016.

c) Middleton to Hopton Cangeford: Just past the Church on the right-hand bend, it has been done a number of times but it is not just the edge of the road now, it is 1.5 meters in. Clerk to report **ACTION**

7) Planning Applications

a) Planning application decisions already made

None

b) Planning applications for consideration

16/03794/FUL: Temporary siting of a mobile home on site during building Works.

16/03079/FUL: The Warf, Bitterley: Erection of a pole barn to provide covered storage area for plant and machinery. Mr HCH Chance and Mrs K Wheeler declared an interested and did not comment.

8) Financial Matters

a) Financial Summary

Current Balance: £11,426.50

b) Cheques signed at this meeting

Chq 563	S Jones	£414.58
Chq 564	HMRC	£82.92

9) Correspondence:

10) Future Delivery of Services

The next meeting of the Town and Parish Council Working Group is on Thursday 29th September at 2.30 pm to discuss the Future Delivery of Services. Mrs AM Holman to attend. RH commented that Shropshire Council cannot continue to provide existing services so want to delegate to town and Parish Councils. RH also wanted to inform the meeting of the Post Offices plans to close Clew Hill Post Office, and replace it with a mobile service in the crescent for 1 hour, 3 days a week. There is a meeting on 20th September at 7.15 pm at Clew Hill Village Hall where a representative from the PO will be there to answer any questions.

11) Reports

- a) Speeding through Middleton:** GS has passed on to the contractors to sort out the problem of the VAS not working. GS has been contacted again to say that the matter has now become very urgent after 3 months of waiting. Mouchel have confirmed that an equipment check was not done, and an engineer has been sent out to check the VAS and we are awaiting their findings.
- b) Parking at Bitterley School:** The next meeting is w/c 16th September. It appears that there are some children just out of the catchment are receiving free transport, which is hopefully helping the situation.
- c) LJC:** The next meeting is at Ludlow School on Thursday 29th September at 6.30 for formal LJC business and a chance to speak with the local police. 7.00 pm Open meeting to discuss Local Services and Ludlow Hospital with MP Phillip Dunne.
- d) Parish Plan Update:** Next Meeting Thursday 13th October, 2016 at Middleton Court.
- e) South Shropshire Area Committee:** Clerk to advise when the next meeting is.
- f) Other Councillor Reports:**
 - a) Flood Forum:** The next meeting is the 4th October, 2016 at 7.30pm at RO's house. There is a meeting of Ludlow's Flood Action Group on the 22nd September. The Independent Flood forum may get assistance from the National Flood forum
 - b) Remembrance Sunday:** Mr HCH Chance reminded the council about the organisation of the Civic Service on Sunday 13th November.

15) The next meeting: will be held on **9th November, 2016 at 7.30p.m.**

The dates of further meetings:

11th January

15th March (Annual Parish Meeting)

Note: All meetings will be at 7.30pm