

Bitterley Parish Council

Draft Minutes of the meeting held at Bitterley Village Hall On Wednesday 13th January, 2016

PRESENT

Chairman: Mr HCH Chance

Members: Mr RJ Osborne (Vice Chairman), Mr HWJ Watkins, Mr C Chillingworth, Mrs AM Holman, Mr P Lawley-Jones, Mr DT Price, Mr PJ Martin, Mrs K Wheeler, Also present: Mrs S Jones (Clerk),

1) To receive apologies and reasons for absence:

Mr D Rogers (unwell)

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 11th November 2015. The minutes were **APPROVED** and it was **RESOLVED** that the minutes be signed and **ADOPTED** as a true record. Proposed by Mr P Lawley-Jones and seconded by Mr DT Price
Minutes signed by the Chairman.

5) Matters arising from the Minutes of the Meeting held on 11th November, 2015

a) Mrs Green has been given an update from Governors on parking at the School.

b) **Footpath at Middleton:** A response has been received from SC with the plan and costing from Mouchel. Councillors to consider. **ACTION**

c) **Verges at Henley A4117:** Clerk contacted Mr James with regard to the footpath being made wider, rather than just the strimming of the grass. Mr James hoped this work would be put on next year's schedule of work.

d) **The Green at Orchard Lea – Potential Purchase:** RO to contact Adam Birch from SSHA to find out if there are any restrictive covenants. **ACTION**

e) Awaiting response from SC with regard to future works on the road from Middleton to Hopton Cangeford and to see if it is still on the road works schedule. **ACTION**

f) The large pothole at Roundthorn is to be done.

g) **Defibrillator for Bitterley** – The Village Hall is investigating the possibility of having a defibrillator and the Head Teacher is willing to site the one at school so it is more accessible for everyone to use but is seeking funding for a suitable all-weather box.

6) 2016/2017 Precept Requirements

The clerk produced a budget summary for the year with a projected year-end balance of £5,331. It was proposed by CC and seconded by PJJ to ask for a precept of £6,250.

ACTION

7) Flooding and the Emergency Plan

CC is concerned that residents do not know what the plan is in case of an emergency. In the past HCHC and RJO have attended meetings but it was felt that the department was run very badly. SC gave their contractors money to write a report, but it was felt that it was not very useful. Various suggestions were made to try and help the situation but nothing has been done. It was agreed that the Flood Committee meet to take this forward. Members of the committee are HCHC, PJM, RJO and CC. **ACTION**

8) Transparency Code Requirements

The Clerk attended a training session on the Transparency Code and it was proposed by RO and seconded by AH that the clerk applies for funding to obtain a laptop and costs associated with the setting up of the new website. **ACTION**

9) Roads:

a) Potholes that need reporting to Shropshire Council: **ACTION**

- i) Between Asbatch Farm and Henley
- ii) Top end of Stoney Lane by the bungalow
- iii) Reminder about Roundthorn and that the whole road needs work.

10) Parish Councillor Vacancy

Mr David Bowen has resigned as Councillor so there is a vacancy to fill. The clerk has advertised the vacancy as required. After the 26th January the Council will know if they can co-opt into the vacancy. Clerk to write to Mr Bowen thanking him for the time he has given to the Parish Council. **ACTION**

11) Planning Applications

a) **Planning application decisions already made**

None

b) **Planning applications:**

i) **15/04725/PMBPA:** Barn Adjacent to The Long House, Angel Bank, Bitterley
Change of use from agricultural to residential use. **For information only as being dealt with under General Permitted Development.**

ii) **15/03982/PMBA:** Agricultural Building at Mill Farm, Bitterley: Change of use to Residential: **For information only as being dealt with under General Permitted Development.**

c) **Planning applications pending**

14/03530/FUL: Proposed Agricultural Worker's Dwelling At Shop Farm, Dhustone Lane and an Affordable Dwelling. RH believes the Agricultural has been approved but the Affordable has not, more information to be found on why. Tim Rogers and Ian Kilby are the people to contact. **ACTION**

12) Financial Matters

a) **Cheques signed since last meeting**

None

b) **Cheques signed at this meeting**

Chq 548	S Jones	£264.90
Chq 549	S Jones (HMRC)	£66.40

13) Correspondence:

None

14) Reports

a) **Speeding through Middleton**

The Chairman has received a letter from a member of the public with regard to how dangerous it is for walkers along the road, especially a dog walker that they see regularly, as they could easily get hurt. The brightness of the sign is a great issue at the height it is sited. HCHC and CC went to visit the police as the response given was "I have chased SRP and the Data has been captured – they use other technology rather than cables. The 85th% figures show that vehicles travelling towards Ludlow are at 35.5 mph, those travelling towards Clee Downton are 40.5. As discussed they would seek to enforce both directions and that figures come back to 38.8 mph. The combined speed will need to be brought down to 35 mph for police/ SRP enforcement of to 34 mph and below for Community Speed Watch". It was then decided by Councillors that the only way forward is to get as many people together to discuss the

issues face to face. Clerk to invite Inspector Rob Thomas, Mr Glyn Shaw, The Middleton Group, the MP, Shropshire Councillor Mr Richard Huffer to the Annual Parish Meeting on the 9th March. **ACTION**

b) Parking at Bitterley School

The Working Party is meeting on 2nd February, there is potential progress in letting the younger pre-school children use the school transport.

c) LJC

The LJC no longer give out grants, but last year a loan of £2,500 was given. This has now been paid back. The Chairman of the LJC said that the money is to be put towards Youth Service provision in Ludlow as the budget of £10,500 will not be sufficient to run the service. There were other options of a sign on Titterstone or buying the equipment to run a Community Speed Watch for which there will now no longer be funding available. The next planning meeting is on the 25th Jan and the main meeting is on the 23rd February.

d) Parish Plan Update

Meeting arranged for 21st January to discuss the review.

e) Councillor Reports:

i) **Bitterley Facebook Page** is very well used and as many people as possible should like it, as it is very informative.

15) The next meeting: will be held on **9th March 2016 at 7.30p.m.** (Annual Parish Meeting).

The dates of further meetings:

11th May (Annual General Meeting),

13th July,

14th September,

9th November.

Note: All meetings will be at 7.30pm