

Bitterley Parish Council

Draft Minutes of the meeting held at Bitterley Village Hall On Wednesday 9th November, 2016

PRESENT

Chairman: Mr RJ Osborne

Members: Mrs AM Holman (Vice Chairman), Mr HCH Chance, Mr HWJ Watkins, 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:

Mr PJ Martin, Mrs K Wheeler, Mr C Chillingworth and Mr DT Price (Best Wishes sent due to spell in hospital)

2) Declarations of Interest.

None

3) Public Participation session.

Mrs T Huffer attended and told the Parish Council about the march that was being held by Mums to "Save Ludlow Maternity Unit" on the 9th December from the Castle to the Maternity unit. Mrs Huffer also informed the meeting that the Future Fit Programme is Becoming the STP – Strategic Health Transformation Programme. There will be workshops for the public to attend to find out what services they want and need. Central Government Funding will hopefully be available.

4) To confirm the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 14th September 2016. The minutes were **APPROVED** and it was **RESOLVED** that the minutes be signed and **ADOPTED** as a true record. Proposed by Mr HWJ Watkins and seconded by Mrs AM Holman. Minutes **signed by the Chairman.**

5) Matters arising from the Minutes of the Meeting held on 14th September, 2016

a) Orchard Lea Green – Land Registry search to be completed. RO to provide the details to the clerk. **ACTION**

b) Mill Farm Corner – Shropshire Council think they only do an annual verge cut there. Phil James suggested that we apply for the maintenance grant, but the Clerk was under the impression that you could no longer apply for the grant so is going to check. **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, has been reported and SC are going out to look.

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) Hopton Cangeford: Councillor Huffer to ask Shropshire Council Highways how they prioritise work.

7) Planning Applications

a) Planning application decisions already made

16/04219/CPL: Slate House Farm, Titterstone. A Lawful development certificate.

16/04212/FUL: Land East Of Warthill Farm. Sitong of an Anaerobic Digester and ancillary works and buildings

b) Planning applications for consideration

None

8) Financial Matters

a) Financial Summary

Current Balance: £9,888.29

b) Cheques signed since last meeting

Chq 565	N Power	£135.71
Chq 566	PCC- Bitterley	£500.00
Chq 567	PCC – Cleeton	£375.00

c) Cheques signed at this meeting

Chq 568	Royal British Legion	£30.00
Chq 569	S Jones	£414.58
Chq 570	HMRC	£82.92

9) Public Open Spaces

Questionnaire to be completed and returned **ACTION**

10) Telephone Boxes Removal

The Parish Council agreed that they did not want to lose any of the phone boxes in Cleeton St Mary, Bitterley, Angel Bank or Middleton, mainly due to the poor mobile phone reception and the poor weather conditions in the winter. Clerk to respond.

ACTION

11) Correspondence

a) ANOB Letter of support to be sent as the Parish council value their advice and support

12) Reports

a) **Speeding through Middleton:** The VAS is now working.

b) **Parking at Bitterley School:** The Village Hall car park has been used on occasions, but mainly the Upper Play Area at the school. The school has asked for a feasibility study to be completed. The Parish Council agreed that they would give a contribution towards the study. The school need to liaise with the clerk to agree who the cheque is made payable to.

c) **LJC:** The Youth Provision is struggling for funding and will be discussed at the next meeting.

d) **Parish Plan Update:** Next Meeting Thursday 13th November, 2016 at Middleton Court. The existing questionnaire will be revised, but will not be replacing the whole document.

e) **South Shropshire Area Committee:** Clerk to advise when the next meeting is.

f) Other Councillor Reports:

a) **Flood Forum:** RO and CC have looked at flood routes through the village and the condition of the brooks. Richard is to put together a list of possible schemes to mitigate flooding in the parish for further consideration by the flood committee and approach to Shropshire council and land owners. There was a general discussion on the need to manage woody debris in brooks where it has potential to lead to blockages on key pinch points such as bridges.

b) **Remembrance Sunday:** The Council were reminded about the Civic Service on Sunday 13th November.

c) **Town and Parish Forum:** Next meeting 24th November. AH to attend and report back.

13) The next meeting: will be held on 11th January, 2017 at 7.30p.m.

The dates of further meetings:

8th March (Annual Parish Meeting)

Note: All meetings will be at 7.30pm