

Bitterley Parish Council

Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held at Bitterley Village Hall On Wednesday 12th July 2017

PRESENT Chairman: Mr RJ Osborne

Members: Mr HWJ Watkins, Mr. C. Chillingworth, Mr D Rogers, Mr J. Gatehouse, Mrs. K. Wheeler, Mr T. Millard , Mr P. Martin, Mr. C. Mccamley and Mr R. Watkins

Also present: Mrs S Jones (Clerk),

1) To receive apologies and reasons for absence: Mrs AM Holman (Vice Chairman)

2) Declarations of Interest: None

3) Public Participation: None

4) To confirm the Minutes of the Council Meeting held 10th May, 2017 the minutes where **APPROVED** and it was **RESOLVED** that the minutes be signed and **ADOPTED** as a true record.

Proposed by Mr DW Rogers and seconded by Mr HWJ Watkins. **Minutes signed by the Chairman.**

5) Matters arising from the Minutes of the Meeting held on 10th May, 2017

6) Roads

a) The road to Hopton Cangeford has been tar sprayed over some of the potholes and chippings put on top but the chippings are already coming off going down the drain. The Councillors do not feel that this has worked and it is an inadequate surface, and has already failed. Clerk to report to SC. **ACTION**

b) The hole that has been filled on the Bitterley to Henley road has already got water coming through again. Clerk to report to SC. **ACTION**

c) It has been reported to the Parish Council that the hedge opposite the village hall is too high, nearly 3 times higher than it used to be and also needs cutting back as when it is wet the bows go over into the road and can catch people's faces and vehicles as they go by. RO is going to speak to the landowner. Councillors considered that there are many hedges in the village that are growing into the road and could affect traffic, especially farm vehicles. Timing of people cutting hedges due to bird nesting etc can be from September so the issue will be reviewed in September meeting.

d) Highways Maintenance Grant: The grant has been agreed by SC, could Councillors please give the clerk their priorities of work to be done, so a list can be drawn up.

7) Planning Applications

a) Planning application decisions already made:

i) Planning application 17/02280/Full. 8 Angel Bank, Bitterley. Erection of single storey side extension, first floor extension and roof alterations: Supported

8) Financial Matters:

a) **Financial Balance:** £15,071.65 after following payments made.

b) To approve the following payments:

a) Chq No. 000581	Darren Forster	£39.99
b) Chq No. 000582	N Power	£134.55
c) Chq No. 000583	K. Adams	£90.00

9) Correspondence

a) Fire Service – Consultation

10) Reports

a) **Speeding:** Change in Speed Limit and associated traffic calming: Councillors mainly agreed to the proposed introduction of the new 40 mph speed limit at the western end of the village provided that, following the results of the subsequent speed survey, the Police are willing to support enforcement of the remaining 30 mph limit if necessary throughout the rest of the village and

additional means of traffic calming are also considered if that is the case. One Councillor had reservations about the new limit as he believed drivers would think the limit had been raised overall and they would ignore the change to 30 mph in the section where it still applies. That's why the existing VAS needs to be moved to the new location for the start of the 30 mph limit where it applies.

2) It was agreed that Highways England be approached about changing the information on the large green signs at the Rocks Green roundabout at the junction of the A49 and A4117 so as to achieve uniformity with new signing provided by Shropshire Council at the nearby junction of the B4364 and A4117 which now indicates that the B4364 is unsuitable for Heavy Goods Vehicles throughout its length including similar signage now used at the Bridgnorth end of this road (junction of the B4364 and A458). Shropshire Council have already approached Highways England supporting this change and Bitterley Parish Council now wish to add their support too for reasons of consistency. It is considered that the existing old small signs at the Rocks Green roundabout directing HGVs for Bridgnorth via the B4365 are inadequate and confusing and frequently ignored. **ACTION**

b) Parking: No further update

c) LJC: The next meeting is the planning meeting on the 4th August. It was suggested that maybe a Planning Officer could be invited to a meeting to discuss the planning and enforcement process.

d) Parish Plan Update: Survey to be delivered in September

e) Other Reports: Bitterley Fete 15th July at 12 noon

The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday 13th September 2017 at 7.30pm.**

The dates of further meetings:

8th November.

10th January

14th March

Note: All meetings will be at 7.30pm