

# Bitterley Parish Council

## Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at Bitterley Village Hall On Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2018

**PRESENT Chairman:** Mr RJ Osborne

**Members:** : Mr T. Millard (Vice Chairman), Mrs AM Holman, Mr J. Gatehouse, , Mr P. Martin, Mrs. K. Wheeler, Mr. C. Chillingworth, and Mr R. Watkins.

Also present: Mrs S Jones (Clerk) and Mr. R Huffer

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

Mr D Rogers, Mr HWJ Watkins and Mr. C. Mccamley

**2) Declarations of Interest:** None

**3) Public Participation:**

Residents of Henley Lane, Middleton came to discuss the speeding at Middleton which was discussed in item 7 below. Mrs S Chance attended to discuss the Parking outside the school and the church grant. Mrs Chance outlined the parking issues, and said the ideal scenario was a one-way system in the field owned by Mr Wheeler, as discussed previously and that the parking group were under the impression that the Parish Council were going to apply to have Bitterley status changed to "Cluster" rather than the current "Open Countryside" status. The Parish Council feel that there would be a lot of implications involved in changing the status and there would have to be a public consultation with residents before this could ever happen, and there were no plans to do that at the present time. The ownership of Orchard Lea was also discussed, but due to liabilities involved with taking on the area of ground this also has not been pursued. Mrs Chance said that maybe the school would be interested in taking on ownership, school to be given contact details at the Housing Association.

**4) To confirm the Minutes of the Council Meeting held 9<sup>th</sup> May, 2018** the minutes were **APPROVED** and it was **RESOLVED** that the minutes be signed and **ADOPTED** as a true record. Proposed by Mrs AM Holman and seconded by Mr. C. Chillingworth. **Minutes signed by the Chairman.**

**5) Matters arising from the Minutes of the Meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> May, 2018**

a) The item regarding the grant that is given to the churches in the parish for the grass cutting of the churchyards was discussed. After a vote of 4 in favour, 1 against (Mr T. Millard) and 1 abstention, it was agreed to continue with the grant. It was proposed that £550 for St Marys Church Bitterley and Cleeton St Marys Church £375

**6) Roads**

a) Cle Stanton Road has been resurfaced but it does not appear that the road was swept beforehand and there is grass still growing through. The tar used has also blocked drains and it is felt that the job has not been done properly and was a waste of money, it was question if roads are ever inspected to ensure that work has been undertaken adequately. TM to provide the clerk with further details so a letter can be written to Shropshire Council.

b) Contact Severn Trent to find out if they are coming back to make good the road after the

burst pipe outside Mill Farm. Between Lower Court House and Mill House on the left-hand side it needs to be filled either side of the road and the drains are blocked so it will flood when we get heavy rain, the drain to the brook also needs checking. Clerk to **ACTION**

## 7. **Speeding in Middleton**

At the Annual Parish Meeting on the 9th March 2016 representatives from Shropshire Council and West Mercia Police attended to discuss the speeding issues in Middleton. Police wouldn't enforce the speed limit beyond 40 mph. The average speed limit has now come below 40, so the Middleton can now become a member of the "Safer Roads Partnership". Shropshire Council Highways has informed us that if we wish to have the 30 mph vehicle activated sign repositioned they would do this but at the cost to the Parish council of £300. It is hoped that if we do so vehicle speeding through the built up part of the village would be reduced. 'It was suggested that a site meeting be arranged between residents, Andrew Keyland, Chris Chillingworth, and a representative from the Police' to discuss traffic calming at the junction with B4364 and Henley Lane to reduce the possibility of accidents on emerging, the likelihood of which has increased since the speed limit here was raised from 30 to 40 mph. Also the "Parent and Child" sign needs reinstating and if it is possible to tone down the brightness of the sign for traffic approaching Middleton from the opposite end of the village.

## 8. **Parish Plan**

A date to be set for the next meeting, as further actions need to be discussed and some issued revised. Clerk to Action

## 9. **The Community Benefit Fund**

Further discussions are needed to decide how the fund is to be spent. Priorities maybe identified once the Parish plan has been completed. RO has made enquiries about solar panels on the Village Hall but companies don't appear to be interested in community buildings.

## 10) **Planning Applications**

### a) **Planning applications for consideration**

**18/02993/Ful – Potteries Farm, Angel Bank.** Erection of extension and roof extension following demolition of kitchen extension. This may get withdrawn or revised as goes against policy.

**18/03030/FUL: Goldthorn Farm, Cleeton Lane, Cleeton St Mary,**

Erection of roof over livestock holding yard, between existing agricultural buildings

Councillor Mr.P. Martin declared an interest and didn't contribute to the discussion.

### **Support**

**APP/L3245/W/15/3132946** Removal of Condition No.22 attached to Appeal Reference: To allow continued renewable energy generation on the site - Withdrawn

### b) **Planning applications since last meeting**

### c) **Planning decisions:**

## 11) **Financial Matters:**

a) **Financial Balance:** £29,355.30 after following payments made.

### b) **Approved since last meeting:**

Chq No. 000601	S Jones (Salary)	£456.04
Chq No. 000602	S Jones (HMRC)	£91.21
Chq No. 000603	S Jones (Transparency funding)	£420.00
Chq No. 000604	K Adams (Auditor)	£150.00

Chq No. 000605	Npower	£133.08
<b>c) To approve the following payments:</b>		
Chq No. 000606	Shropshire Council (Elections)	£100.00
Chq No. 000607	Npower	£237.83
Chq No. 000608	C Chillingworth (Expenses)	£55.80

## 12) Correspondence

- a) A letter has been received from Marcus Carter requesting confirmation from the Parish Council that he fits at least 2 criteria from the policy criteria for 'strong local connections'.  
Agreed to confirm

## 13) Reports

- a) **LJC** The last meeting was attended by Steve Brown (Highways) to talk about the reduction in the highway budget.
- b) **Other Councillor Reports:**

The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2018 at 7.30pm**

14<sup>th</sup> November.

9<sup>th</sup> January

13<sup>th</sup> March

Note: All meetings will be at 7.30pm