

Bitterley Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at Bitterley Village Hall On Wednesday 14th November 2018

PRESENT Chairman: Mr RJ Osborne

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

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

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

Mr D Rogers

2) **Declarations of Interest:** None

3) **Public Participation:**

A resident of Bitterley Parish came to the meeting to inform us that they had their van broken into and all his equipment stolen. He came to see what the possibility of setting up a neighbourhood watch in the Parish. Clerk to try and get hold of the Local Crime Prevention Officer. The recent Police Survey said that 50% of Parish Councils in Shropshire replied and said that rural crime and speeding were the top two concerns. There is an unofficial neighbourhood watch page on Facebook that covers Clee Hill that several people use. Clee Hill also has a Neighbourhood watch scheme clerk to find out more information. Contact Mr Cumming to find out how/who we can invite to a meeting. It was suggested that an alert be put in the West of the Clee advising people to be wary and that there will be a meeting in the New Year, also a leaflet drop at the school and notice boards.

4) **To confirm the Minutes of the Council Meeting held 12th September 2018** the minutes were **APPROVED** and it was **RESOLVED** that the minutes be signed and **ADOPTED** as a true record. Proposed by Mr T. Millard and seconded by Mr. C. Chillingworth. **Minutes signed by the Chairman.**

5) **Matters arising from the Minutes of the Meeting held on 12th September 2018**

- a) **Defibrillators and Phone Boxes:** The Parish Council need to find out what funding is available before deciding how many to have. Mr M Kinsey is going to contact the clerk about funding and training. Clerk to check with a neighbouring Parish about the running costs.
- b) Mr Wheeler has kindly offered to tidy up the area at Church Lane.
- c) The footpath at Henley has been partly cleared but only half way, clerk to find out when the rest is going to be done.

6) **Roads**

- a) No new Issues

7) **Speeding in Middleton**

The meeting with SC to discuss the resitting of the 30 mph sign has now taken place and the VAS is to be moved further along the road where the repeater sign is. The PC does not have to pay for this to be done.

8) **Parking at Bitterley School**

The next meeting is Friday 16th November.

9) **Community Infrastructure Levy**

A letter was received from SALC that the Parish council felt contained a very poorly worded paragraph about Place Plans and felt that this should be feed back to SALC. It was also felt that the Clerk should contact Shropshire Council stating that the initial idea of CiL was that the area in which the development took place should benefit from the funding, not that Shropshire Council should decide where the money is spent. **ACTION**

10) Environmental Highways Grant

The process of applying for the funding has changed. The main changes are that there must be match funding of 1:1, higher match funding will score higher, work to be undertaken on SC land only, must demonstrate value for money ie. Collaborative contract arrangements, creates social value etc. Cannot be used to top up core budgets and must provide evidence upon application. At the end of each financial year a report is provided to SC providing evidence such as invoices, timesheets, and council minutes to confirm that the grant has been spent in accordance with the criteria and on the activities stated on the application. Match-funding should also be evidenced. Priority will be given to applications that: Exceed the 1:1 match funding, that increases safety to highway users, enhances the local economy, supports the Shropshire pound and uses volunteers. Applications will be accepted for 2018/19 up until the end of this calendar year and the applications process for 2019/20 will commence in January 2019. **ACTION**

11) Planning Applications

a) **Planning applications for consideration**

b) **Planning applications since last meeting**

18/04673/Ful – Affordable Dwelling at Cleeton Lane, Cleeton St Mary – Supported

18/04139/Ful - Affordable Dwelling at Land Adj to Bridge Cottage, Henley – Supported

c) **Planning decisions:**

12) Financial Matters:

a) **Financial Balance:** £26,697.82 after following payments made.

b) **Approved since last meeting:**

None

c) **To approve the following payments:**

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| Chq No. 000616 | Clee Hill Poppy Appeal | £30.00 |
| Chq No. 000617 | S Jones (Salary) | £422.23 |
| Chq No. 000618 | S Jones (HMRC) | £84.45 |
| Chq No. 000619 | S Jones (Expenses) | £28.74 |
| Chq No. 000620 | N Power | £302.78 |

13) Correspondence

a) None

14) Reports

a) **LJC:** The remaining money in the LJC pot will be used for Young Peoples Mental Health projects. The next LJC is the 29th November, still awaiting to be told the future of the LJC.

b) **Village Hall Committee:** The New Play Equipment has now been installed, and the fence now needs repairing. There is a Community Breakfast on Saturday 17th November.

c) **Parish Plan:** The draft is currently being reviewed and it is planned to also have the questionnaire online and on paper.

d) **Parish Paths:** CC reported that the Parish Paths group couldn't go ahead and clear the Right of Way by Mill Farm and will be reviewed.

e) **Other Councillor reports:** The Remembrance Service was well attend and went very well.

The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday 9th January 2019 at 7.30pm**

13th March

Note: All meetings will be at 7.30pm