

# Bitterley Parish Council

## Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at Bitterley Village Hall On Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> September 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 and Mr. C. Mccamley

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

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

Mr HWJ Watkins, Mrs AM Holman and Mrs. K. Wheeler

**2) Declarations of Interest:** None

**3) Public Participation:**

A resident enquired if a response had been received about the cutting back of the hedge opposite the village hall. A response has been received but the person responsible for the hedge does not feel that there is a problem with the hedge. The resident was advised that Shropshire Council would be the next step as the Parish Council has no powers to enforce the work to be done. Members of the public attended to ask the Parish Council if they had any questions about their recent submission of a planning application for an affordable dwelling and siting of mobile home during the works at land adj to Bridge Cottage. As the application has only just be received by the PC they had no questions at this time, but would review the plans in due course.

**4) To confirm the Minutes of the Council Meeting held 25<sup>th</sup> July, 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 25<sup>th</sup> July, 2018**

a) **Parish Plan:** Date of the next meeting 11<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30pm at Mr R Osborne's house.

**6) Roads**

a) The clerk has finally received a reply from Mr Jaffier from Highways England. He has said that he will:

i) Ask his Network Team to look at this as a Patch initiative to assess the situation and provide him with a recommendation to move forward on the issue we have raised

ii) Raise this, with Chris Edwards, assistant Director at Shropshire Council who is responsible for transport issues. He will request that a member of his team investigate this and whether they can work collaboratively on a solution.

b) On the Middleton to Hopton Cangeford road by Meesons Farm is breaking up badly on the side of the road. Clerk to report to SC. **ACTION**

**7. Speeding in Middleton**

As discussed at the last meeting Shropshire Council has informed us if we wish to move the 30 mph sign it will cost us £300. CC would like to propose that the PC contribute to the cost of reciting the VAS to a better location to become more effective and that it comes from the Highways Maintenance Grant. 5 voted For, 2 Against and 1 Abstention. Agreed CC to give details to SC where it is to be sited. **ACTION**

## 8. Lengersman Scheme

The clerk has found a contractor that is interested in doing the work for the PC. Clerk to email the list around to everyone to see if there is anything to add. Clerk also to obtain a schedule of works for the drainage work that SC have identified. **ACTION**

## 9. Defibrillators and Phone Boxes

The possibility of the phone boxes in the Parish becoming places to install Defibrillators was discussed. Clerk to contact BT about taking over responsibility of the phone boxes and Mrs Huffer said she could send details of grants for Defibrillators to the clerk. **ACTION**

## 10) Planning Applications

### a) Planning applications for consideration

### b) Planning applications since last meeting

**18/03676/Ful** – Bodenham Cottage, Cleeton Lane, - Demolition of existing outbuilding and erection of a detached garage - Supported

### c) Planning decisions:

## 11) Financial Matters:

a) **Financial Balance:** £27,576.02 after following payments made.

### b) Approved since last meeting:

None

### c) To approve the following payments:

Chq No. 000610	S Jones (Salary)	£422.23
Chq No. 000611	S Jones (HMRC)	£84.45
Chq No. 000612	SALC	£347.60
Chq No. 000614	Cleeton St Marys PCC	£375.00
Chq No. 000615	Bitterley PCC	£550.00

## 12) Correspondence

a) **Footpaths:** It has been raised by a member of the public that there is a problem with dog fouling along the Shropshire Way running through the parish. There have been no other reports. Member of the public to be advised that there has to be a witness to the fouling and ideally photographic evidence for action to be taken.

b) A letter has been received about the tree at Church Lane and what can be done to stop traffic from driving on the grass there. JG is going to ask Mr Wheeler about tidying up the area.

## 13) Reports

a) **LJC:** The format of the committee is changing but we are unsure how and when the next meeting is.

### b) Other Councillor Reports:

CC reported that the Parish Paths group are going to clear the Right of Way by Mill Farm

The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2018 at 7.30pm**

9<sup>th</sup> January

13<sup>th</sup> March

Note: All meetings will be at 7.30pm