

Bitterley Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at Bitterley Village Hall On Wednesday 10th July 2019

PRESENT Chairman: Mr RJ Osborne

Members: Mr T. Millard (Vice Chairman), , Mr J. Gatehouse, , Mr P. Martin, Mr D Rogers, Mr. C. Chillingworth, Mr HWJ Watkins , Mr D Rogers, Mrs AM Holman and Mrs. K. Wheeler
Also present: Mrs S Jones (Clerk)

- 1) **To receive apologies and reasons for absence:**
Mr. C. Mccamley and Mr R. Watkins
- 2) **Declarations of Interest:** None
- 3) **Public Participation:**
Mr Mark Pinfield came to give the Council some background on his recent planning application that will be discussed.
- 4) **To confirm the Minutes of the Council Meeting held 8th May 2019** 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**
 - a) The highways issues reported to Andrew Keyland have been passed on to the appropriate departments. Ledwyche bridge to development control and Snitton Lane junction to Traffic team. With regards to Snitton lane possible encroachment they need to investigate if the fence has been erected on the highway or not if it has SC can get it removed if it is on private land they will not be able to. The problem will be ascertaining where the actual boundary is.
- 6) **Roads**
 - a) Angel Bank: The hedges have grown over the footpath and the road just below Forge Cottage. It is difficult for people to walk on the footpath and there is poor visibility and safety for both pedestrians and vehicles.
 - b) The hedge at The Rectory needs cutting back, as visibility for traffic is poor, to be reported to Shropshire Council. The Parish Council have requested to the landowner on several occasions for the hedge to be cut but remains untouched.
 - c) **The Ford at Roundthorn:** As approached from the Bitterley direction there are a number of potholes in the ford, cars are becoming damaged when going through. The surfaces on either side of the ford are also in a very poor state of repair.
 - d) **Middleton Speeding:** The VAS has still not been moved but has been forwarded to the relevant department.
 - e) **Magpies Nest, Bitterley Cottages, Bedlam Road:** Now the road has been resurfaced vehicles are travelling much faster on that road. Would it be possible to have a "No Footpath with a child sign" put up or a road narrowing sign or some other option as there is a public footpath further up the road where walkers will be coming from. Also, where the road has been resurfaced there is quite a drop as the planings of the road do not appear to have been used to make it more level. Clerk to contact SC.

f) **Orchard Lea:** The electricity cables are being replaced, and western power are trying to co-ordinates the works while the school is on holiday. The road will possible be closed for a week. Could we contact SC to say that we want the works done in the holiday to cause less disruption.

7) Street Lighting:

The Parish Council is responsible for 6 streetlights. Clerk to check about the light outside No 22 Dhustone Lane. Clerk to find alternative supplier as Npower have become very expensive.

8) HGV Signage:

Highways England have confirmed that the B4364 is clearly signed at the Rocks Green roundabout on the A49 for HGV's. This signing is reinforced by a black HGV route sign, which directs HGV's for Bridgnorth. They understand the problems that HGVs can cause when they divert away from the strategic road network, of which the A49 is a part of, onto narrow local roads. However, they want us to appreciate their funding is not unlimited and they must demonstrate that they are prioritising funds on those improvements that deliver the greatest benefit to all road users and adjacent communities. As appropriate signing is therefore already in place on the A49, they would be unable to make a business case for funding further signs on the A49. It should be noted that the A4117 and B4364 form part of the local road network for which Shropshire Council are responsible for as the local highway authority and it is their responsibility to place restrictions on their roads. Highways England say we may wish to pursue it with Shropshire Council as to what alternative options there may be for additional signing on the A4117 and B4364.

It has been brought to the attention of the Parish Council by Tasley PC that this situation may become worse due to the current planning application at Tasley for the erection of 4 chicken sheds where the waste may be coming along this road into Bitterley. Clerk to ask Tasley PC to keep us informed of any developments as the application appears to have been deferred until the Autumn. John Gatehouse reported that there was no agreement with the Tasley Farm for the disposal of waste.

9) Defibrillators and Phone Boxes

After a short summary of the procedures involved with the adoption of the phone boxes it was Proposed by TM and 2nd by JG to start the process. Also, to ask Mr Kinsey to confirm the cost of 5 defibrillators and whether he carries put an annual check of them, also in his experience what else we may need to do.

10) Ludlow and Surrounding Area Place Plan 2019

It was discussed and agreed that there may be some items to add when the Parish Plan has been analysed.

11) Planning Applications

a) Planning applications already made

None

b) Planning applications for consideration

19/02914/FUL Erection of an agricultural shed used for housing livestock, storage of animal feed / hay and storage of agricultural machinery The Parks Dhustone Lane

c) Planning applications granted

19/01581/FUL - Crow Leasow Farm Middleton - Formation of roadway and car parking for existing dwelling

19/01728/FUL Erection of Conservatory - Louvaine Cottage 5 Middleton

d) Planning applications pending

19/01755/FUL The Meesons Middleton -Conversion of a brick detached barn to a glass workshop and conversion of a Grade II listed barn into a design studio

12) Financial Matters:

a) Financial Balance: £28,766 after following payments made. Clerk to email list of Reserves.

b) Approved since last meeting:

Chq No. 000639 Zurich Insurance £327.88

c) To approve the following payments:

Chq No. 000640 S Jones (Salary) £426.57

Chq No. 000641 S Jones (HMRC) £85.31

Chq No. 000642 Npower £336.77

Chq No. 000643 R Osborne (Parish Plan) £105.00

Chq No. 000644 D Forster £160.00

12) Correspondence

a) A letter has been received about the stone walls and iron estate railings and how they are an attractive part of the village. It was asked if the Parish Council would consider a grant for the repair and maintenance of them. It was all agreed not to make such a grant.

b) A resident has commented on how tidy and well looked after the triangle by the Church is.

13) Reports

a) There have been several training sessions offered recently by SALC and it was confirmed if Councillors wish to attend their mileage would be paid. It was asked if there could be any training sessions in the South rather than in Shrewsbury.

b) Parish Plan: The results of the survey have been circulated to the Parish Council to look at. Parish Plan Steering Group to decide what happens next. Agenda Item for September.

c) Parking at Bitterley School

The Trustees of the Grammar School are in conversation with SSHA to obtain The Green. SSHA are asking residents of Orchard Lea. Residents are meeting to discuss shortly. SSHA are keen to give the responsibility away.

d) Bitterley Housing Survey

The Survey has now been completed.

The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday 11th September 2019 at 7.30pm**

Note: All meetings will be at 7.30pm