

BITTERLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish council meeting held at Bitterley Village Hall On Wednesday 11th September 2019

Present

R J Osborne (chairman), T Millard, J Gatehouse, P Martin, C Chillingworth, R Watkins, H Watkins, Mrs K Wheeler.

Apologies

S Jones (Clerk), D Rogers, C Mccamley

Declarations of Interest.

None.

Public Participation

Angela Evans of Cockshutt Cottage Bitterley raised serious concerns about speeding in the lanes of Bitterley. They have lost several animals and have had serious encounters with speeding cars in the lane themselves when walking or trimming hedges. There had also been a spate of “boy Racers” driving around the lanes late at night/ early mornings. There continued to be the issue of speeding school mothers showing no regard for residents. Other Bitterley residents present and on the Council confirmed this to be an ongoing issue. Various matters were discussed but no conclusion was reached.

The subject of neighbourhood watch, smart water was discussed. TM said he would contact George Cumming in respect of the neighbourhood watch.

Minutes

The minutes of the last meeting were approved.

Matters arising from the minutes

Electrical work would be taking place during school half term and it was anticipated there would be road closure by Orchard Lea from 28th October.

It was confirmed that there is no street light outside 22 Dhustone.

It was reported that the reference to Bitterley had been removed from the Tasley chicken farm planning application.

The cost of the defibrillators was confirmed as

£1,210 per defibrillator

£575 per heated box incl training.

£160 per installation

Total £1,945

It was resolved to ask if there was a discount for five and the Clerk to contact BT to progress.

Roads

John Watkins complained about the restrictions on the B4364 and problems experienced with delivery. Also in respect of overgrown hedges in the lane. It was agreed a letter to be sent to the Landlord, Charles Lumsden.

Drainage work had been completed by A Clayton contracting. Clerk to send letter of thanks.

Cleeton St Mary, road on bridge still not repaired.

Parish Plan

In Hand.

Housing survey

Being analysed.

RO to go to survey meeting on 13th September.

Parking at school

There had been a meeting with Orchard Lea residents. The grammar school trust was proposing to enlarge the layby for staff parking. Concern was raised that this would make the problem worse and that the Green would be turned into a car park.

Planning

The application for a conservatory was passed on 13th July.

The application for the barn on the smallholding at Dhustone was awaiting approval.

There was an application at the Old Farmhouse from Councillor Huffer. No decision yet.

Financial Matters

A summary was provided with a list of payments made.

Correspondence

Communication had been received from a local Arts project in to the locality asking for support. This was agreed.

Reports

Issues regarding the funning of the village hall, the involvement of the Bitterley Hall trust and insurance issues were discussed. TM was asked to investigate further.

Councillors Gatehouse and Wheeler questioned the donation of funds to the local PCC.

Next meeting Wednesday 13th November at 7.30pm at Bitterley Village Hall.