

# BITTERLEY PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at Bitterley Village Hall On Wednesday 13th November 2019

### PRESENT

Chairman: Mr RJ Osborne

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

Also present: Mrs S Jones (Clerk)

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

Mrs AM Holman and Mr P. Martin

#### 2) Declarations of Interest:

Mr HWJ Watkins and Mr R. Watkins declared an interest in Notice of Public Footpath order at Hall Farm.

#### 3) Public Participation:

Mr Kelly came to discuss the issue of the hedge opposite the village hall again still needing attention, photos were shown on how overgrown the hedge has become over the years. Clerk to write to the tenant again and copy in Downtown Estate for their information. ACTION The Hedge at The Rectory was also discussed and how it is now damaging vehicles as they drive past, must be an issue for the school bus. Clerk to chase a response to an email sent to SC in the summer.  
ACTION

Mr Childe and Mr Price came to discuss the planning application at The Old Forge, Bitterley, for a Variation of condition no.5 (outside work) pursuant of 13/02401/FUL to allow for equipment/machinery to be dismantled outside the workshop

After a discussion it was suggested that the operations that cause the noise would possibly be better to be moved further down the yard and to look at other things that may help.

A member of the public asked if anything had happened about a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme. TM replied that the PC cannot run the NHW and that it needs to have the community involved and to take an active part. The Safer Neighbourhood Inspector has offered to be involved if anything can be organised.

#### 4) To confirm the Minutes of the Council Meeting held 11th September 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 Mr C. Chillingworth. Minutes signed by the Chairman.

#### 5) Matters arising from the Minutes

- a) Still investigating if a refund is due for the Street light outside 22 Dhustone, also investigating an alternative provider for the electricity.
- b) Still no repairs to the bridge at Cleeton St Mary.

## 6) Roads

- a) All of the drains by Mill Farm, Bitterley have an issue, the water is coming up through the tarmac, the pipework is possible defective.
- b) Church Lane and Warthill: There is a culvert under the road that appears to be blocked.
- c) There is a dangerous gully by Bitterley Court Lodge, the water has eroded around the gully, so the metal works is proud of the road.
- d) The HGV signage on the B4364 is confusing, the wordings on the sign is incorrect: needs to be no through road, access to properties only, should it be on a round sign?

All above issues to be reported to Shropshire Council. ACTION

## 7) Parish Plan

RO and Clerk to arrange a meeting of the Steering Group to discuss the next steps.

ACTION

## 8) Bitterley Housing Survey

Clerk to circulate the link to the survey to Councillors and put on the Parish Council Website.

ACTION

## 9) Parking at Bitterley School

Nothing additional, the school are still looking investigating the options.

## 10) Speeding in the Parish

Speeding by the school was discussed, particularly at dropping off/pickup times and on Friday and Saturday evenings between 10 – 11 p.m. RO to email SNI with the details. ACTION

## 11) Defibrillators and Phone Boxes

All agreed to purchase the Defibrillators but there are concerns that the phone boxes will not be ready to install them, how long will the quote be valid, Clerk to check. ACTION

## 12) Planning Applications

a) Planning applications already made

19/03571/FUL	Erection of Oak framed ext.	Supported
19/02914/FUL	The Parks Dhustone Lane	Supported

b) Planning applications for consideration

19/04196/FUL	Middleton Court	Agreed to Object
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### 13) Financial Matters:

a) Financial Balance: £25,796.22 after following payments made.

Approved since last meeting:

Chq No. 000645	C Chillingworth	£16.50
Chq No. 000646	S Jones (Salary)	£409.68
Chq No. 000647	S Jones (HMRC)	£102.20
Chq No. 000648	A Clayton (HMG)	£1,560.00

To approve the following payments:

Chq No. 0649	S Jones (Salary)	£409.68
Chq No. 0650	S Jones (HMRC)	£102.20
Chq No. 0651	Npower	£340.51
Chq No. 0652	C Chillingworth	£33.00
Chq No. 0653	RBL Poppy Appeal	£30.00

### 14) Correspondence

a) Notice of Public Footpath Order - Hall Farm

No comments to be made

### 15) Reports

a) The Remembrance Service was well attended, Edward Curtis read out the names of the fallen and laid the wreath. Thanks to Tony Millard and the Clerk for coordinating the arrangements.

b) It has been raised that the wording on the Village Hall Insurance policy needs amending and that new signs have been erected to say children must be supervised when using the play area.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 8th January at 7.30pm

Note: All meetings will be at 7.30pm