

MINUTES OF THE BITTERLEY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON

WEDNESDAY 13th APRIL 2022

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PRESENT: Richard Osborne(Chairman), Mr T. Millard (Vice Chairman), Mr. C. Chillingworth, Mrs A. Holman, Mr R. Watkins and Mr. P. Martin, Mrs. K. Wheeler, Mr. G. Dolphin and Mr. J. Reardon-Smith

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Sue Jones (Clerk)

The Meeting commenced at 7.00pm

	<u>ITEM</u>	<u>ACTION</u>
2022/01	Apologies: None	
2022/02	Public Participation None	
2022/03	Shropshire Councillor Report Mr Huffer did not attend, no report was presented to the meeting.	
2022/04	Declarations of Interest: Mr R. Watkins declared a Pecuniary interest in the planning application: 22/01474/FUL Asbatch Farm and Mr G. Dolphin declared a pecuniary interest in the Grant request for Cleeton Church.	
2022/05	To confirm the Minutes of the Council Meeting held 26th January 2022 were APPROVED , and it was RESOLVED that the minutes be signed and ADOPTED as a true record subject to 2021/82.3 amended to: The passing places on Henley Lane, Bitterley are deteriorating and has no proper edges. Minutes to be signed by Chairman.	
2022/06	Clerks Report <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) Nick Newton from SC has confirmed that the signage for Squirrel Lane should be up by the end of this month.b) The speed limits proposals for Henley are with WSP to draw up and provide the documentation to enable NN to go out to consultation. Mr Newton will be in touch as soon as they are with him. JRS pointed out that NN had already shared some proposals with the PC and asked what further plans were being drawn-up. Clerk to get confirmation from NN.c) Still awaiting confirmation regarding the outcome of the works being completed at Cleeton Rectory. Contact Planning enforcement again to reiterate that large vehicles (Hearse's, coaches, refuse lorries cannot turn due to the encroachment of the works being done. The situation is becoming hazardous if someone falls due the works who will be liable? As far as the PC is concerned this is a highway. Councillors are getting anonymous abusive calls regarding this ongoing matter as they feel the Parish Council or Shropshire Council are doing their job.	<u>Clerk to contact SC</u>

	<p>d) Reminder about the next Police Charter meeting on the 25th April at 6.00 pm on teams. Email invitation has already been forwarded to Councillors.</p> <p>e) The Street Lighting Joint Energy Agreement for 2022-23 has been received at £375.21 plus Vat which is £3.49 less than last year. All agreed to continue.</p>	
2022/07	<p>Roads</p> <p>a) Andrew Clayton to be asked to look at the ditch between the bridge at Cleeton brook and the cattle grid has the ditch has been filled in.</p> <p>b) Clerk to report the potholes up the bank on Snitton Lane from Hall Farm.</p> <p>c) Clerk to report the potholes that are about ½ mile on the Bitterley Village lane to Roundthorn and also on Clee Stanton Road by Clee Stanton Farm.</p>	
2022/08	<p>Solar Farms</p> <p>Henley 2</p> <p>There have been changes made to the Planning application since the screening application for Henley 2, so the submission of the planning application for comments is imminent.</p> <p>It was discussed that this could mean a separate meeting to discuss the application to ensure comments can be made before the deadline for responses. There does not appear to be a written process to be followed on how the Parish Council gets the community benefit that this application will attract due to the massive impact that this will have on the landscape. There are four potential applications in the surrounding Ludlow area. JRS, AH, CC and RO to consider a meeting to discuss the Community Benefit process.</p> <p>Rocks Green</p> <p>Although this application is not within Bitterley Parish, it will affect residents of the parish as there are two properties close to the site. Ludford PC have made comments on the screening application, 22/00581/SCR. The Community Benefit will need to be discussed with the developer. Bitterley Parish Council will not get a notification of the application as its not in the Parish, due to the impact of residents in the parish the clerk to ask Ludford PC when the application is made and if they would consider working with Bitterley PC when the application is submitted.</p>	
2022/09	<p>20 mph Speed Limits for Shropshire Town and Parish Councils</p> <p>Members discussed the above campaign and decided that this would be impossible to implement in this Parish and will not be passing a motion to support.</p>	
2022/10	<p>Smart Water Project</p> <p>Members discussed the information that had been received from Francis Bridgwater the Co-ordinator for Smartwater and it was agreed to invite Mr Bridgwater to the next meeting to give a presentation about the project.</p>	<u>Clerk to invite to next meeting</u>
2022/11	<p>Parish Boundaries</p> <p>The Parish Council has received an email from Stanton Lacy Parish Council regarding the Boundary with Bitterley and themselves at Downton Hall. This prompted the Clerk to contact other surrounding parishes for their comments on their boundaries with Bitterley Parish. Caynham Parish Council wish to remain with the same boundaries. Stoke St Milborough PC</p>	<u>Clerk to follow up</u>

	are yet to respond. Ludford PC have previously said they have no issues with Governance or Boundaries, I have emailed to see if this is still the same , but no response yet. After a discussion it was agreed that no proposals to be put forward for any changes.	
2022/12	Financial Matters Payments made since the last meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Chq 732 D Forster - Feb & March £80.00 Chq 733 Shropshire Council – Electricity £151.48 Chq 734 S Jones (Microsoft Subs) £59.99 Chq 735 S Jones – Salary Jan – March & backpay £826.46 Chq 736 S Jones – HMRC Jan – March & backpay £206.60 Chq 737 A Clayton Contracting £1500.00 b) Accounts for payment: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chq 738 C Chillingworth (Printer Cartridge) £18.50 Chq 739 D Forster - April £40.00 c) Appointment of Auditor Kevin Adams the Internal Auditor from previous years was proposed and all agreed expect TM. TM agreed to draw-up a tender to be used for next year. d) Grant Application – St Mary’s Church, Cleeton St Mary The Church have applied for a grant of £500 for the mowing of the grass in the Church yard. To be adjourned to next meeting, to allow further consideration. 	
2022/13	Planning Items: 13.1 Planning application for consideration 22/01474/FUL Asbatch Farm Site meeting arranged for the 19 th April, Planning Committee to report back to councillors with comments .	
2022/14	Reports The Village Hall Committee The committee are arranging an event for the Jubilee Celebrations. More details to follow. The Village Hall Committee have asked that a representative from the Parish Council becomes a non-trustee member.	
2022/15	Items for the Next Agenda – 25th May at 7pm. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Parish Council Representative for the Village Hall Committee b) Grant Request – Cleeton St Mary Church If anyone has any further items to add to the agenda, could they notify the clerk at least a week before the meeting.	
2022/16	Close of Meeting: 22.05 pm	