

# MINUTES OF BITTERLEY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON

WEDNESDAY 8<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2023

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**PRESENT:** Mrs. A. Holman, (Chair) Mr. R. Osborne, Mr. C. Chillingworth, Mr. J. Reardon-Smith, Mr P Martin and Mr D. Rogers

## **ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:**

Mr R. Huffer and Mrs T Huffer (Shropshire Councillors)

## **The Meeting commenced at 7.00pm**

	<b><u>ITEM</u></b>	<b><u>ACTION</u></b>
2022/106	<b>Apologies:</b> Mr. G. Dolphin, Mrs. K. Wheeler, Mr T. Millard, and Mr R. Watkins	
2022/107	<b>Public participation</b> None	
2022/108	<p><b>Shropshire Councillor Report</b></p> <p>T Huffer: There are 17 free beds in Shropshire, 150 beds are bed blocking, 150 patients fit to leave 50% in those beds for 2 months were fit to go home, but nothing in place, eg Care Package, home not suitable. There are step-up properties, which are short-term, but being used long-term. Adult Social care is having a further cut, overspend on children £8M and Adults £5 M. If this is taken from reserves it will only leave £5.4M in reserves. Government needs to put more in SC Adults social care £600M 22/23, 225M to adult social care, and children, there is a £50M deficit to start. Peer review says SC is overstating £50M overspend by £30M.</p> <p>Dean Carole has be challenged over Relief road around Shrewsbury, £32M overspent and doesn't know why.</p> <p>JRS doesn't accept SC are short of money, they have purchased Shopping centre, golf courses, etc. How do we do get SC to spend money in the right places. TH: SC needs more money per head from Central government.</p> <p>Health service is broken and will not get back to where it was before.</p> <p>TH: Local Government Settlement has now be announced and is £3M better. The level received from Government has been decreasing over the last few years.</p> <p>RO – DFG money is £3.6M if anyone needs to get out of hospital Wyre Forest District Council use DSG money when homes aren't fit. Is SC thinking around ways to resolve the issues? TH: Tanya Miles, Director Public Health, is bringing new ideas and initiatives. Councils did have intermediate places for people to go, all 24 beds are all full in Ludlow. Cut from 86 – 40, then 40 – 24, If you could discharge from acute hospital to community hospital it could ease the suitation. SC are only advisory to the health boards. What Parish Councils need to do is to support to help get Ludlow Hospital to what it was. Want all of the beds open, and to full capacity. TH doesn't think the current site is the best position for the hospital.</p> <p>JRS: What is the plan, what do you want the PC to do to get the Community Hospital as it was. TH: There is a group called " Fighting for Health". Get involved with the meetings. Make it known to residents.</p> <p>JRS asked if it was possible to attend the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee at SC, yes, TH to send the details.</p> <p>RO What are SC doing to? RO to contact T.Myles</p> <p>RO: Do SC have enough staff to run the Social Care? TH:No. Looking at Social care training packages.</p>	<p><b><u>THuffer</u></b></p> <p><b><u>RO</u></b></p>



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