

# Bitterley Parish Council

## MINUTES 16<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2024

**Members:** Cllrs A Holman (Chair), G Dolphin, J Gatehouse, R J Osborne, K Parry, J Reardon-Smith, D W Rogers and R Watkins. **In Attendance:** H Coonick (Clerk/RFO).

**2024/237 Apologies Received:** Cllrs P J Martin and T Millard.

**2024/238 Declarations of Interest**

- i. To declare any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests: None
- ii. To declare any Non-Pecuniary Interests: None

**2024/239 Public Participation:** No members of the public were in attendance.

**2024/240 Approve of the Minutes:**

**RESOLVED:** to accept the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting on the 15th July and the Extraordinary Meeting on the 27th August 2024. Both were signed by the Chair.

**2024/241 Shropshire Councillor Report:** Cllr Richard Huffer was not in attendance.

**2024/242 Clerks Report –** H Coonick reported that the application to the Information Commissioners Office has now been made. The External Auditor has excepted the Notice of Exemption, and the Period of Public Rights has now finished. The Defibrillator Volunteers have completed their check of the defibrillators, and The Circuit has been updated. A request has been made to Shropshire Council for road signs for Snitton Gate and Stony Lane. As the wait for the new signs is going to be lengthy, the clerk will provide the contact details of the Ambulance Service to Cllr Gatehouse so the parishioner can contact the Ambulance Service directly about access to their property in emergencies. The Clerk has been informed that the present contractor will not be able to continue with the contract to clear ditches, but they have provided another contactor who she will contact and check insurance etc. The Council wished to thank the previous contractor and wish him well.

**2024/243 Set the Policing Priorities for the Parish:**

**RESOLVED:** to set the three priorities as a. speeding b. Thefts from Outbuildings c. Antisocial Behaviour.

**2024/244 Ledwyche – Progress on Liaison Group:** The planning conditions have now been signed off. If sheep are not used to graze under the panels the pasture will be topped. There is a Landscape and Ecology Management Plan (LEMP) in place. There is a Traffic Management Plan but there is not a specific maintenance traffic plan. The Community Liaison Group will continue to meet.

**2024/245 Consider a Response to the Survey ‘Partnering to Provide Services for Your Area’ From Shropshire Council:**

**RESOLVED:** to ask Shropshire Council for clarification on what they are asking for help with.

**2024/246 Nature Recovery Strategy Survey:**

**RESOLVED:** to place a link to the survey on the website and individual councillors will complete the survey.

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**2024/247 Consider Items to Include in the Place Plan:**

**RESOLVED:** to include:

- i. Remove redundant streetlights and convert remaining to LED with minimal time usage
- ii. Installation of Vehicle Activated Signs in Henley
- iii. Sign on Stoney Lane 'Not Suitable for Emergency Vehicle'
- iv. Sign for Snitton 'No Through Road'.
- v. Decarbonisation of the Village Hall

**2024/248 Approve Payments**

- i. H Coonick (Salary July-September) £776.88 and travel expenses June – August £36.00,
- ii. Shropshire Council (Electricity) £239.89
- iii. Rocking Horse Media (Website) £40
- iv. Councillor Planning Training £15,
- v. Information Commissioner (GDPR) £40.

**RESOLVED:** to make the above payments.

**2024/249 Review and Adopt the Biodiversity Policy:** Deferred to the next meeting.

**2024/250 Wheelchair Access to NATS Gate on Titterstone:** Cllr Holman said she would go and look at the gate/access at the site but in the meantime the enquirer should be signposted to the Council Outdoor Partnership Team.

**2024/251 Letter from the Shropshire Hills Landscape Trust: Noted**

**2024/252 Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) – Dog Fouling and Nuisance:**  
**RESOLVED:** to put a link on the website to Fix My Street where dog fouling and nuisance can now be reported alongside other Shropshire Council issues.

**2024/253 Website Review and Security Breach:** the breach has now been solved by the provider and was noted by the council. The review was deferred to the next meeting.

**2024/254 Councillors Reports:** None

**2024/255 Action List:** Cllr Holman went through the Action List.

**2024/256 Items for the next Meeting at 7.00 Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2024 at Bitterley Village Hall:**

- i. Review and Adopt the Biodiversity Policy
- ii. Website Review

**Signed by the Chair:**

**Date:**