

MINUTES OF THE BITTERLEY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON

WEDNESDAY 13th January 2021

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PRESENT: Richard Osborne(Chairman), Mr. C. Chillingworth, Mr T. Millard (Vice Chairman), , Mr D. Rogers, Mrs AM Holman, Mrs K Wheeler, Mr C. McCamley and Mr R. Watkins

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Sue Jones (Clerk), Mr and Mrs. Cherry and Mr Nick Lumsden

The Meeting commenced at 7.30pm

<u>ITEM</u>		<u>ACTION</u>
1.	Apologies: Apologies — Mr HWJ Watkins and Mr P. Martin	<u>Apologies agreed</u>
2.	Declarations of Interest:	
2.1.	None	
3.	Question from the public	
3.1	None	
4.	SWS Broadband Presentation	
4.1	Racheal and Rob from SWS gave an informative overview of the service they are offering to the Parish.	
4.2	All councillors to encourage expressions of Interest in vouchers for helping to improve the broadband capability in Bitterley village and across the parish.	
4.2	RO to inform Rachel (SWS) of Alison Holman email address	
4.3	Rachel (SWS) to provide information for RO to refer to West of Clee parish magazine, parish Facebook page and email known parish contacts.	
4.4	SWS to provide leaflets to RO address for delivery by volunteers around Bitterley village.	
5.	Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 11th November 2020	
5.1	To confirm the Minutes of the Council Meeting held 11th November minutes were APPROVED , and it was <u>RESOLVED</u> that the minutes be signed and <u>ADOPTED</u> as a true record. Minutes to be signed by Chairman.	
6.	Matters Arising from the Minutes:	
6.1	3.2 no action at present by PPP due to Covid-19 restrictions	
6.2	5.1 lengths man, RO or Clerk to contact John <u>G</u> gatehouse to find out if jobs allocated. (Maybe find out if he can put noticeboards up or replace the cork backing?)	
6.3	Gritting / safety. request from Tony Millard could we find out if Shropshire Council will provide grit bins in centre of Bitterley village near school (there used to be one there) would be helpful for school and village residents.	
6.4	8.1 Trees for Bitterley ongoing, meetings being held. Volunteers	

6.5	sought for future planting when able to be done. Landowners encouraged to take part and all councillors please help identify potential locations for tree planting to provide succession for hedgerow oaks and other locations in public view. Dave Rogers providing some practical advice. Ongoing. 11.3 fence rear of village hall Dave Rogers reported likely costs around £700. One contractor quote obtained, another quote to be obtained and £700 to be built into the 21/22 budget.	
7.	Roads	
7.1	Speeding – A4117 Henley	
7.1.1	There have been several concerns raised over the last 12 month about the speed of the traffic traveling this road, there have been a couple of accidents at the Snitton Lane and Squirrel Lane junctions, fortunately no fatalities.	
7.1.2	The last response from SC regarding the issue was <i>“Due to recent budget cuts and reduced Capital funding allocated to Highways and Transport in Shropshire Council, our current priority is the implementation of safety measures across the County at locations which are defined as accident cluster sites, and unfortunately, this section of A4117 does not form part of these. Therefore, we are sorry, but we are unable to consider a speed limit reduction at the present time. However, we can confirm that we will investigate the existing signage along the route and if additional and/or upgraded signage is deemed appropriate and necessary, then this will be put forward for inclusion as part of our future Traffic Management Minor Works programme where it will be subject to available funding and prioritisation against other competing scheme requests”</i>	
7.1.3	A letter to be sent in response to above asking for clarification.	
7.1.4	RO suggested that a Freedom of Information Request be sent to SC regarding the outstanding issues in the Parish. A letter to be drafted. Also to ask Mr Richard Huffer for his views.	
7.1.5	NL has reported the missing Henley sign and the Speed Limit signs you approach from Clee Hill. NL will give the clerk the Enquiry Numbers to add to the log of Highways Issues reported.	
7.2	It was reported by DR that there does not appear to have been any proper gully emptying done in the Parish this year. The machines came through the village once but appeared only to do the odd drain, the drain by the Village Hall was not done.	
7.3	The culvert on the side of road on Bitterley Lane above Hilluppencott needs reporting.	
8.	Precept Requirement 21/22	
8.1	After the Draft Budget supporting documents were discussed it was Proposed by DR and Seconded by CC and all agreed to raise the precept by 3% to £7,413.	
9.	Financial Items	
9.1	Payments Made since last meeting	
	Chq 690 S Jones – Salary	£414.46
	Chq 691 S Jones – HMRC	£105.00
	Chq 693 SC – Electricity (Oct-March)	£241.94

	Chq 694 Bitterley PCC £550.00	
	Chq 695 Cleeton PCC £375.00	
	Chq 696 D Forster (Dec) £40.00	
9.2	Accounts for Payment:	
	Chq 697 S Jones – Zoom (Dec and Jan) £14.39	
	Chq 698 D Forster (Jan) £40.00	
9.3	Financial Summary:	
	Balance of £14,923.00 including above invoices as detailed in supporting information supplied including Bank statements and reconciliation.	
10.	Planning Items:	
10.1	Planning application decisions already made	
10.1.1	None	
10.2	Planning applications for consideration	
10.2.1	None	
10.3	Planning decisions:	
10.3.1	20/04063/HHE – 2 Daisy Bank, Farden, - Rear single storey Extension – REFUSED by Shropshire Council	
11.	Correspondence:	
11.1	None	
13.	Reports:	
12.1	The Volunteer group is still offering help if needed and there has been an additional contribution of £150 to the group so support is still ongoing.	
12.2	There is a Village Hall meeting in a few weeks. The Covid-19 support Grant they received should be able to keep them going through this time.	
12.3	The Clerk reported that the Defibrillators have been fitted, but the refurbishment of the phone boxes will be completed soon when the weather has improved.	
12.3.1	CM asked if we are going to insure the Defibrillators, Clerk to investigate.	
12.4	RW reported the issue of the road past the Alms Houses at Cleeton St Mary. The works done as part of the planning Application at The Old Vicarage are causing encroachments onto the highway for residents and visitors to the Church. Clerk to contact SC.	
14.	Close of Meeting: 9.30pm	
14.1	Next Meeting – Annual Public Meeting 10 th March at 7.30pm	
14.2	Due to current restrictions the Annual Public Meeting will be conducted through Zoom, it was suggested that the Meeting is advertised earlier to ensure residents that are unable to join through Zoom have sufficient time to raise any issues to be discussed.	