

MINUTES OF THE BITTERLEY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON

WEDNESDAY 10th November 2021

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PRESENT: Richard Osborne(Chairman), Mr T. Millard (Vice Chairman), Mr. C. Chillingworth, Mr J. Gatehouse, Mrs A. Holman, Mr D. Rogers, Mr R. Watkins, Mr. J. Reardon-Smith and Mrs. K. Wheeler

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Sue Jones (Clerk)

The Meeting commenced at 7.00pm

	<u>ITEM</u>	<u>ACTION</u>
2021/59	Apologies: Mr. P Martin (Work Commitments)	
2021/60	Public Participation None	
2021/61	Shropshire Councillor Report Not in Attendance It was proposed by RO to request a written report from Richard Huffer on relevant Parish matters to be circulated prior to the Meeting, seconded by AH. All in favour.	Clerk to contact RH
2021/62	Declarations of Interest: RO Declared an interest in item: 2021/69 Village Hall Agreement	
2021/63	To confirm the Minutes of the Council Meeting held 13th October 2021 were APPROVED, and it was <u>RESOLVED</u> that the minutes be signed and ADOPTED as a true record. Minutes to be signed by Chairman.	
2021/64	Clerks Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inspector Roberts has now made contact and apologised for the delay as she has been off work with Covid. I have given the date of the next meeting that will try and make. Could Councillors give any specific issues you want to raise? Property Marking as a Community event. Purchased laminator £34.99 for notice boards A Church near you – Details are now showing correctly. I have requested for information from SNT, they have tried to contact me once, but waiting for them to call back. I have sent to councillors what's included in the website charge. There is a resident in Snitton that would redesign the website but won't maintain it. Have emailed Mr Boddington, to find out if he knows how we could get the SATNav information updated for Stoney Lane: awaiting a reply. Wreath for Remembrance Sunday has been purchased. Locogen have informed the Parish Council that the public consultation event for the proposed Solar Farm at Squirrel Lane is to take place on the 30th November between 12.30 – 18.30. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parish Working Group – EMG was discussed and how this could be used more by PC's. Presentation on "Fix my Street" and training for clerks as superusers to rollout the feature. Next meeting 01/12/21. 							
2021/65	Roads 65.1 Henley Nick Newton from SC met with Councillors today to discuss the issues with speeding. It was agreed to move the 40 MPH signs further down the road, to hopefully calm the traffic by the junction to Bitterley. SC will produce a proposal and ask residents and the PC for them to approve early in the new year. 65.2 A resident from Cleeton Court reported the blocked drains by their property, it has been reported to SC.							
2021/66	Police Charter A discussion was had on the Police Charter, it was agreed that the draft response from JRS with an addition from KW be sent to John Campion and Inspector Roberts.	<u>Clerk to send</u>						
2021/67	Community Benefit Subcommittee If there are any funds received from the proposed Solar Farm a charitable trust would need to be setup. See what information can be found relating to other schemes that have happened, how they work, who ensures that the funds are paid over. Graham French – Planning Officer may be able to help.	<u>Clerk to contact SC Planning</u>						
2021/68	Co-option of Councillor – Cleeton St Mary Ward It was proposed by KW and seconded by JRS to invite the two candidates that has given a registration of interest to the next meeting.	<u>Clerk to add to next agenda</u>						
2021/69	Village Hall Agreement Options for legal advice and work on future relationships with the Village Hall need to be determined. Graham White from SC has said that as the successor Authority SC is the lender for the purposes of the Mortgage. Consequently, there is a conflict of interest which prevents their ability to provide advice to the PC and they are unable to help. Nicola Jones (Lawyer at SC) is going to ask the Finance department to look at the mortgage deed but she can only advise SC. She recommends that the Village Hall Charity and the PC take independent legal advice and then our queries on the redemption of the mortgage and the title query can be addressed. The Parish Council need a clear and concise document that can be used moving forward. The main objectives are: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Clarity on the current situation. 2. Simple agreement between the PC and VH on responsibilities. 3. Clarity on who owns the Village Hall and shows it as an asset in their Accounts. 4. To formulate the agreement. Lanyon Bowdler Solicitors have given two pricing options: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Hourly rate of £270 – Could be in the region of £540 - £810 plus disbursements. 2. £950 Fixed Quote Option 1 plus the Village Hall Committee sharing the cost was proposed by AH and seconded by TM. RO abstained. All agreed.							
2021/70	Financial Matters a) Accounts for payment <table> <tr> <td>Chq No. 723</td> <td>D Forster (Nov)</td> <td>£40.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Chq No. 724</td> <td>S Jones (Poppy Wreath & Laminator)</td> <td>£56.97</td> </tr> </table>	Chq No. 723	D Forster (Nov)	£40.00	Chq No. 724	S Jones (Poppy Wreath & Laminator)	£56.97	
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	<p>b) Financial Summary: Balance of £23,165.94</p> <p>c) To agree Grant and Donation Policy The circulated policy was proposed by RO and seconded by AH. All agreed.</p>	
2021/71	<p>Planning Items:</p> <p>71.1 Planning application decisions already made by SC 19/04196/FUL - Middleton Court CC – The date on the roof has not been reinstated, but the application did not state that should happen.</p> <p>72.2.1 Screening applications 21/04904/SCR Proposed Change of Use of land from Agricultural use to agricultural/solar photovoltaic farm use with continued quasi-agricultural use for the management of grass by low intensity grazing. Proposed Solar Farm To The East Of Squirrel Lane Ledwyche Shropshire</p> <p>JRS asked for clarity about the PC reporting on inaccuracies in the application. RO responded that as this is a screening application it is not open for the PC to comment on.</p>	
2021/72	<p>Reports</p> <p>2021.72.1 DR – Walnut Tree The tree is still there but has been cut back and looks more like a bush, Mr Wiggin is going to replace the tree.</p> <p>2021.72.2 Remembrance Sunday – 14th November RO would like to remind Councillors that this is a Civic Service and to attend if possible.</p>	
2021/73	<p>Items for the Next Agenda</p> <p>If anyone has any items to add to the agenda, could they notify the clerk at least a week before the meeting.</p>	
2021/74	<p>Close of Meeting: 22.00 pm</p>	