

**MINUTES OF THE BITTERLEY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 13th October 2021**

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

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Sue Jones (Clerk) and Mr H Chance

The Meeting commenced at 7.00pm

	<u>ITEM</u>	<u>ACTION</u>
2021/43	Apologies: Mr D. Rogers (Work Commitments)	
2021/44	Public Participation Mr H Chance didn't have any items to discuss but suggested that a minute's silence was observed for the passing of Mr Towy Price who was a long-standing member of the Parish Council. A minutes silence followed.	
2021/45	Shropshire Councillor Report Not in Attendance	
2021/46	Declarations of Interest: None	
2021/47	Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 9th September 2021 To confirm the Minutes of the Council Meeting held 9th September minutes were APPROVED , and it was <u>RESOLVED</u> that the minutes be signed and <u>ADOPTED</u> as a true record subject to the addition to item 2021/35 Notice Boards: It was agreed that new notice boards would not be purchased and that the Phone boxes would not be used to house the notice boards. Proposed by TM and seconded by CC. Minutes to be signed by Chairman.	
2021/48	Clerks Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Highways report has been received showing issue's logged and their current status. This information could be better as the enquiry numbers don't relate to the log Numbers on "My Shropshire". This system wasn't designed to give us the information, hopefully the new system will be more informative. Ask if it is possible to run the report from April 19. The next Highways Group meeting is on the 21st October, the clerk to ask if clerks will be able to run their own reports of issues in the parish. Also to ask if outstanding issues will be logging onto "Fix My Street. Expression of interest has been received by Mr Geoff Dolphin of Cleeton St Mary to become a Parish Councillor, circulated to Parish Councillors for consideration. Awaiting a date from the trainer, it will probably be and Monday or Friday evening. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I have sent two emails to Inspector Nicola Roberts, inviting her to a Parish Council meeting, but no reply. Awaiting response from Mr Clayton regarding highway works. A suggestion has been made by a resident the notices that are put on the Snitton notice board be laminated. It was proposed by AH and seconded by KW that the clerk could purchase a laminator up to the value of £50. The website "A Church near you" has now be updated with the right address and contact details, but still the clerks telephone number. 	<u>Clerk to purchase a laminator.</u>
2021/49	Roads 49.1 Speeding at Middleton Figures have been received from the Safer Roads Team from monitoring that took place at Middleton in June showing that the average speed of 31mph and 30 mph. Further information has been requested: 1) Total number monitored 2) Number over the limit 3) Fastest speed recorded 4) Number over 25% of the limit i.e 37.5 mph in a 30 limit 5) Time and date of the monitoring - rush hour or not. CC commented that he had seen a member of the SNT and they would be going to monitor at different times of the day	<u>Clerk to request further information</u>
2021/50	Police Charter The contract that the Parish Council received from West Mercia Police does not show the Top 3 main Concerns that we sent to them when requested. The Clerk to reply to reiterate what the 3 concerns where. A discussion was had on the Police Charter, it was agreed for JRS to draft a response and to send to everyone for approval before being sent to John Campion.	<u>JRS to draft a response</u>
2021/51	Website There have been 1717 "hits on the website since it became live 6 years ago. The top 3 were on links to Shropshire Council, Shropshire Community Directory and Shropshire Rural Community Council. It was commented that the "Home" page was difficult to see on a mobile device and the type face could be improved on the Calendar, Agenda, Minutes and Finance tabs. It was also suggested that we could add links to Ludlow groups and the Bitterley Facebook page. There are missing photos of Councillors so these can be taken and uploaded to the website. The Councillors requested a breakdown of the monthly charge that is paid for the website maintenance.	<u>Clerk to arrange</u>
2021/52	Safer West Mercia Plan The above plan has been circulated to Councillors for response and the link to the consultation. Clerk to resend the email and show questions to be answered so that Councillors can make individual submissions.	<u>Clerk to resend email</u>
2021/53	Tree Planting Shropshire Council Community Tree Scheme for 2021/22 is now open for applications to be made. RO is going to post the link of the Bitterley Parish Facebook page so that individuals can apply. It has been reported that the Walnut tree that was planted for the Queens Diamond Jubilee is no longer there. CC to discuss with DR about a replacement tree.	<u>RO to post on FB</u>

