## 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-	
2021/45	standing member of the Parish Council. A minutes silence followed.	
2021/45	Shropshire Councillor Report Not in Attendance	
2021/46	Declarations of Interest:	
2021/40	None	
2021/47	Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 9 <sup>th</sup> September 2021 To confirm the Minutes of the Council Meeting held 9 <sup>th</sup> 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> <li>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.</li> <li>The next Highways Group meeting is on the 21<sup>st</sup> 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.</li> <li>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.</li> <li>Awaiting a date from the trainer, it will probably be and Monday or Friday evening.</li> </ul>	

	<ul> <li>I have sent two emails to Inspector Nicola Roberts, inviting her to a Parish Council meeting, but no reply.</li> <li>Awaiting response from Mr Clayton regarding highway works.</li> <li>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.</li> <li>The website "A Church near you" has now be updated with the right address and contact details, but still the clerks telephone number.</li> </ul>	Clerk to purchase a laminator.
2021/49	Roads	
	<ul> <li>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: <ol> <li>Total number monitored</li> <li>Number over the limit</li> <li>Fastest speed recorded</li> <li>Number over 25% of the limit i.e 37.5 mph in a 30 limit</li> <li>Time and date of the monitoring - rush hour or not.</li> <li>CC commented that he had seen a member of the SNT and they would be going to monitor at different times of the day</li> </ol> </li></ul>	Clerk to request further information
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.	JRS to draft a response
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.	Clerk to arrange
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.	Clerk to resend email
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.	RO to post on FB

2021/54	Financial Matters	
	a) Payments made since the last meeting	
	None	
	b) Accounts for payment	
	Chq No. 722 D Forster £40.00	
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	c) Financial Summary:	Next Agenda
	Balance of £23,205.94	
	d) To agree Grant and Donation Policy	for
	To be adjourned to the next meeting.	<u>discussion</u>
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2021/55	Planning Items:	
	55.1 Planning application decisions already made by SC 19/04196/FUL - Middleton Court	
	It has been reported that the Pattern of Diamonds and Chevrons	CC to draft
	have been removed from the tiles on the roof, it is unclear if this is	response
	allowed within the scheme. CC to draft a response to the	response
	Conservation Officer.	
	55.2.1 Planning applications for consideration None	
	55.3.1 Planning Terms of Reference	
	Subject to Author, date and version being added to the document is	Clerk to
	was proposed by CC and seconded by JRS to adopt the policy.	<u>update</u>
2021/56	Reports	
	2021.56.1 Village Hall Report	
	Finances are sound with approx £30k in bank from all the Covid grants.	
	RO did ask the committee about installing broadband in the Hall but it was	
	agreed that as the mobile signal is much better now allowing better	
	connectivity it may not be financially viable.	
	2021.56.2 KW	
	There have been a few instances when the Ambulance Service have been	
	attending calls to Furlongs Farm and Furlongs Cottage when they have used	Clerk to
	Stoney Lane as they have been following their SATNAV. This is a no	contact Mr
	through road, so delaying the response time to the emergency. Is there	<b>Boddington</b>
	anything that can be done to stop this. Clerk to ask Andy Boddington as it is	
	believed he has experience of this problem.	
	2021.57.3 Remembrance Sunday – 14 <sup>th</sup> November	
	RO would like to remind Councillors that this is a Civic Service and to attend	
0004/57	if at all possible.	
2021/57	Items for the Next Agenda	
	Village Hall Solicitors – RO declared a non-pecuniary interest in this item.	Claule to add
	To discuss the costs attributed to engaging a solicitor and what will be	Clerk to add
	covered. RO and TM to send the quote received from Lanyon Bowdler	to next
	Solicitors and any documentation they have in relation to the ownership of	<u>agenda</u>
	the Village Hall. It was suggested the Clerk also contacted a Solicitor at	
	Shropshire Council for advice.	
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	least a week before the meeting.	
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2021/58	Close of Meeting: 21.45 pm	