

# *Bitteswell with Bittesby Parish Council*

## **MINUTES OF MEETING**

held on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2015  
at 7.00 pm in the Village Hall

### **Present:**

Mr R Flint	Vice Chairman
Mrs M Foster	Councillor
Mr C Grimwood	Councillor
Mr C Sandercock	Councillor
Mrs R Page	District and County Councillor
Mrs S Wetton	Clerk to the Parish Council

**1.Apologies for Absence** Cllr Chris Faircliffe..

### **2.Disclosure of Personal Interests.**

There were no disclosures.

**3.Minutes of the Last meeting**, held on 19<sup>th</sup> March 2015 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Vice Chairman.

### **4.Matters Arising**

#### LCC Grass cutting

The Clerk informed the Councillors of the costing that our new contractor, Mark Wilkes had priced for re-seeding the grass, specifically designed for a shaded area on verge along Lutterworth Road. This will be agreed later in the year alongside, whether the PC wish to proceed to take on the responsibility of cuts from LCC for the 2016 season.

#### Lutterworth Road Footpath

Cllr Foster had spoken with Sarah Stevens at Severn Trent, she confirmed that work had been carried out and the drain had not collapsed, but was mainly full of rubbish which has been thoroughly cleansed and flushed down to the brook with cameras checking the pipe. Severn Trent have suggested an annual operation to ensure the pipe is cleared, Cllr Grimwood suggested to diary this after Autumn.

#### Parish Strip

Correspondence has been received from the person who has been working on the Parish Strip and also applied the padlocks. Cllr Flint would like to arrange a separate meeting to discuss this further and look into the possibility of seeking legal advice on this matter. Cllr Grimwood asked, in the first instance we respond back to the person in question to acknowledge their letter, and in the absence of providing document evidence on any of the other plots, ask for the locks to be removed. Also, to state that the PC do have documentary evidence of our position. The Clerk will draft a letter for the Councillors approval.

Highways Ownership of Land

No further update from LCC on this matter, the letter was sent on 01/04/2015.

Bitteswell Christmas tree lights

The United Charities have already made a donation, the PC would like to see this as a joint village venture. Cllr Grimwood suggested to maybe look at forming a representative group, to advertise this through the newsletter. Cllr Foster will speak with Sue Manning.

Railings Manor Road

It had been mentioned within the village that various builders would be able to solve the problem of installing the railings beside the services underground. It was suggested we contact local builders obtain quotes.

Land to the rear of the Almshouses

LCC have marked out this area for a dropped kerb, the Clerk has spoken with LCC and they informed her that a request was made on the 24/03/2015 and an application form requested on 27/03/2015. A letter has also been received from the Chairman of the Powell and Welch Almshouse Charity, informing the PC of their plans to block pave this area and make it into parking spaces.

The Councillors asked that the Clerk writes again to LCC informing them that confusion has been made regarding this land, which is part of the Village Green, therefore this application cannot proceed. Also, to reply to the Powell and Welch Charity informing them of this position.

E.ON Unmetered supply increase

A letter has been received from E.ON stating that their deemed contract rates will be increasing from 1<sup>st</sup> May 2015. The current rate is 8.24p per kw, and the new price is 12.40p per kw. The Clerk has spoken with E.ON and they only advise for Parishes to enter into a fixed contract if their annual usage is over 23,000kw, we do not fall into this category, our usage is much less. The Clerk will retrieve further quotes from alternative providers.

LRALC and RCC Membership

All Councillors in agreement to renew membership of LRALC but not RCC.

Elections

Cllr Sandercock had confirmed he will be standing down as a Councillor. The remaining Councillors wanted to express their appreciation and thanks to Cllr Sandercock and that he will be missed.

**5.Matters Raised by Residents/Attendees**

**6.Matters Raised by District/County Councillor**

New application for George House extension, Magna Park.

New Head of Planning and Regeneration, David Atkinson to join HDC.

**7.Finance**

*Accounts for Payment:*

It was proposed by Cllr Foster, seconded by Cllr Grimwood and agreed that the following accounts be paid:

Clerks Salary and Expenses March 2015 - £406.00  
LRALC Annual Membership £175.81  
E.ON Consumption £371.51  
E.ON Maintenance £174.84  
Mark Wilkes Grass cutting 16th & 30th March £200.00  
Insurance renewal £596.45  
Village Hall Hire £30.00  
Christmas Tree Lights Donation £100.00

*Monthly Budget Report attached.*

*Total balance in the Current Account after cheques drawn is £2,092.42*

### **8. Correspondence**

The Clerk produced various items of correspondence which were circulated.

Cllr Flint advised Cllr Page, that we still have received no response from the letters that have been sent to Cllr King on 03/11/2014 and 24/02/2015 and a letter to Mr Pointer on 17/11/2014. Cllr Page will look into this.

A letter has been received from Norman Proudfoot, in relation to the Manor Court enforcement case. Within the letter it states that HDC will seek independent legal advice, we finally seem to have some movement, but it was stressed that we were looking for an independent review of the 'system' not just the individual cases.

### **9. Planning**

#### **New/Unresolved Applications:**

15/00346/FUL - 4 Valley Lane. Erection of proposed extension to the rear and extensions to the roof (revised scheme of 13/01843/FUL) – **Comments submitted to HDC 13/04/2015.**

15/00220/FUL - Unit 5220, Vulcan Way, Magna Park. Erection of fencing and siting of portacabin. – **Circulated.**

15/00437/FUL – North Gables, Ashby Lane. Erection of single storey rear extension. – **Circulated.**

15/00421/FUL – Sports Ground, Ashby Lane. Installation of additional floodlights on existing columns. – **Circulated.**

Cllr Grimwood asked the PC whether we had received the following planning applications: -

- 15/00177/FUL The Flat Lutterworth Town Football Club, Erection of single storey front extension. The site is divided between Lutterworth TC and BBPC and out of courtesy we have always been copied in, as we have taken an interest into previous applications.
- 15/00242/MNA 4 Valley Lane, Addition of 550 x 780mm centre pivot clear velux window within pitched roof to south elevation (proposed as non-material amendment of 13/01843/FUL).

Cllr Grimwood discussed the application made by Delamere, Valley Lane. The resident spoke with him directly, and informed him that they are both keen gardeners and that the proposed trees to be removed, in time will be replaced, which was not incorporated in the application.

#### **Ongoing/Other Planning Matters:**

Neighbourhood Plan

The scope of the Neighbourhood Plan was discussed, from the notes of the meeting with the Chairman, Clerk, Mr Pointer and Mr Bills. Cllr Flint, wished to understand more clearly what is being suggested, but at present could see no advantage in what is being proposed, to exclude Magna Park and Bittesby. Cllr Grimwood was opposed to the exclusion of Bittesby and noted that people lived within the area “parcel of land”. This needs to be discussed further with the Chairman, when all Councillors are present.

Enforcement

We also still have received no reply from Mr Proudfoot or Ms Bird, since we sent the letter on 21/01/2015, outlining our chosen cases to be independently reviewed. The Clerk will chase this further.

**10. Any Other Business**

The Councillors discussed the Midlands Rural Housing survey that has been recently distributed to all households. Cllr Grimwood, proposed to send a letter to register some valid points that the survey is lacking, as it is an important document.

**11. Date of Next Meeting – 21<sup>st</sup> May 2015 – 7:00pm start**

**The meeting concluded at 9:15pm.**