

Bitteswell with Bittesby Parish Council

MINUTES OF MEETING

held on Thursday 15th October 2015
at 7.00 pm in the Village Hall

Present:

Mr R Flint	Vice Chairman
Mrs M Foster	Councillor
Mrs P Booth	Councillor
Mrs S Wetton	Clerk to the Parish Council
Mrs R Page	District and County Councillor
Mark Osborn	Resident
Margaret Osborn	Resident

1. Apologies for Absence

Cllr Faircliffe, Cllr Grimwood and Cllr Hurst.

2. Disclosure of Personal Interests.

Cllr Booth declared an interest in any discussions relating to the Alms-houses, and Cllr Foster declared an interest in discussions relating to the School.

3. Minutes of the Last meeting, held on 17th September 2015 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Vice Chairman.

4. Matters Arising

Parish Strip

A letter of response has been received from Land Registry, stating that there was insufficient evidence regarding the application and the case would not be taken any further. Cllr Booth and the Clerk will discuss this further and arrange to re-submit the application if possible.

Action: PB & Clerk

Land to the rear of the Alms-houses

A meeting date is due to be arranged on 29th October with a representative from LCC and Councillors that are available to attend.

Action: Clerk

Traffic Concerns

The Parish Council will receive the results from the covert survey that is due to take place on our selected roads in due course.

Action: Clerk

WI Bench on the Village Green

Cllr Booth has completed the application form and sent onto HDC to apply for a share of the Community Grant Fund. A number of items within the village have been included on the application to be replaced, early stage of initial quotes at this stage with more to be obtained. The United Charities, Bitteswell WI and some residents have come forward to also make a donation.

Action: PB

Publication of Draft Minutes of Parish Council Meetings

The Parish Council have published the draft minutes of the meeting onto the website, as required by the Government's Transparency Code for Local Authorities. The Clerk will gain clarity of the correct procedure as advised by Cllr Page.

Action: Keep under review

Re-Tarmac Village Green Path

The Diocese and architect have been in contact with one another to discuss reinstatement of the bollards and tarmac, the Clerk will speak with the architect to provide an update.

Action: Keep under review

Tree Preservation Order

It was suggested that a resident in the village who has the relevant knowledge and qualifications in this sector could be asked to impartially advise what trees they felt would benefit from a TPO.

Action: MF

Village Improvements

The grinding of the tree stump on the Village Green will be carried out in due course to coincide with other work within the village.

Action: PB

5.Matters Raised by Residents/Attendees

6.Matters Raised by District/County Councillor

Whittle Plane Restoration – email circulated including a questionnaire to source funding for the maintenance of the plane.

Current consultations – Combined Authority, Local Plan and the Leicestershire Fire & Rescue Service.

A meeting to discuss the Magna Park planning applications is due to take place on 29th October at HDC Offices with the Planning Officer, Action Groups and Parish Councils, Cllr Page asked for two Councillors to attend the meeting on behalf of the Parish Council.

7.Finance

Accounts for Payment:

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

Clerks Salary and Expenses September 2015 - £398.76

Defibrillator Electrician Installation - £300.00

E.ON Maintenance & Repairs - £105.60 & £67.50

E.ON Consumption - £560.24

Poppy Wreath £20 (donation of £20 also)

*Mark Wilkes Grass cutting 1st, 14 & 28th September & Re-seed Lutterworth Road Verge
£370.00*

Village Hall Hire Oct-Dec £30.00

Monthly Budget Report attached.

Total balance in the Current Account after cheques drawn is £ £5,764.45.

8. Correspondence

The Clerk produced various items of correspondence which were circulated.

9. Planning

New/Unresolved Applications:

15/01456/TCA – Powell & Welch Almshouse Charity 1-6 Powell Row, The Green. Works to trees – Circulated.

15/01531/OUT - Hybrid Planning Application comprising: 1) Outline application for the demolition of existing buildings and erection of up to 427,200 sq m Storage and Distribution (B8) with ancillary offices (B1a), up to 3,700 sq m for a Logistics Institute of Technology (D1) with associated playing field, up to 9,000 sq m small business space (B1a, B1b), up to 300 sq m estate office with conference facility and exhibition centre (D1), the creation of a Country Park, other open space and landscaping works on land to the north of Mere Lane, formation of access road from Magna Park, creation of roundabouts, partial realignment of Mere Lane, upgrading of A5 to dual carriageway, creation of roundabout access on A5, creation of SuDS facilities and associated infrastructure and landscaping works (siting, extent and use of the defined parcels, the maximum quanta and height of buildings, the restriction on the siting of yards, demolitions and means of access to be considered only); and 2) Detailed application for the creation of a 140 space HGV parking facility, associated gatehouse and HGV Driver Training Centre, vehicle wash and fuelling facilities, and a rail freight shuttle terminal, with associated hardstanding, landscaping works and SUDS facilities on land adjacent to Asda George Headquarters, A4303 | Land At Mere Lane Bittesby Leicestershire – To go into circulation.

Ongoing/Other Planning Matters:

15/00919/FUL & 15/00865/OUT

A letter has been sent to the Case Officer on behalf of the Parish Council on 25th September outlining our objections to both proposed planning applications, additional information can be added to this in due course. Cllr Booth queried whether the request for section 106 funding could be included within the letter, the Clerk advised that after discussing with the Chairman and relevant additional information can be added to the letter at any stage.

Action: Clerk

Neighbourhood Plan

A separate meeting to be arranged by the Clerk to discuss further.

Action: Clerk

Enforcement

The information that was sent to the Barrister from one of the chosen cases, Manor Court has been received, however the information relating to the four remaining cases are yet to be forwarded.

Action: Clerk

5 Year Housing Land Supply

Cllr Flint expressed his disappointment in the response from Cllr King, Cllr Flint will produce a holding letter to be sent in the interim before a more detailed reply is sent in due course. Within Cllr King's letter he refers to the Planning Advisory Service, Cllr Flint intends to write to them regarding the application of retrospective data.

Local Plan

Cllr Flint asked the Clerk to request from HDC paper copies of this document.

Action: Clerk

Housing Needs Survey

Cllr Flint asked the Clerk to request the information from Mr Pointer as outlined in his letter of 13th May 2015 regarding the analysis of the survey.

Action: Clerk

10. Any Other Business

Cllr Foster has spoken with the owners of the vehicle, that had been parked under the Chestnut tree for some time.

Cllr Booth suggested that Parish Council include in the Newsletter, information how to report any incidents that happen by refuse collectors, as they seem to be causing damage throughout the village.

Cllr Hurst asked Cllr Booth in his absence to query the minutes dating back to 2013, regarding the agreement in new fine levels or change the byelaws relating to the Village Green. The Chairman has copies of this document and the Clerk will locate and circulate accordingly.

Action: Clerk

11. Date of Next Meeting – 19th November 2015 – 7:00pm start

The meeting concluded at 8:45pm.