

Bitteswell with Bittesby Parish Council

MINUTES OF MEETING

held on Thursday 21st January 2016
at 7.00 pm in the Village Hall

Present:

Mr C Faircliffe	Chairman
Mr R Flint	Vice Chairman
Mr C Grimwood	Councillor
Ms Laura Bolton	PCSO
Mrs S Wetton	Clerk to the Parish Council

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies received from MF.

2. Disclosure of Personal Interests.

No disclosures.

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

4. Matters Arising

Land to the rear of the Alms-houses

The Parish Council has received further correspondence from LCC, Anthony Cross, Team Leader Environment and Property is still considering the various legal issues arising and the role/responsibilities that the County Council has. Once clear on these matters, he may need to contact the Government department DEFRA as they have issued guidance.

He will be also writing in similar terms to the Alms-houses.

Action: Clerk

Traffic Concerns

The Clerk had discussed with PCSO Laura Bolton and Leicestershire Police the collisions along Ashby Lane, they commented on the following:-

'I have looked again at the injury collisions on Ashby Lane in the 40mph and my records show that the last one occurred in January 2008. The fatal collisions to which you refer all occurred in the national speed limit section outside of the village. The most recent of these was in December 2011.

When looking at both the speed and collision history, the 40mph stretch of Ashby Lane does not warrant any enforcement action, but as previously mentioned, I have recommended enforcement in the 30mph section'.

Further information still to be received regarding registration of a 'Community Concern Site'.

Action: Clerk

Lutterworth Road Footpath – Severn Trent

The Clerk was in receipt of an email from Jason Hammonds, Senior Area Technician for Severn Trent. Within the email he stated that Highways have completed some work downstream of The Manor House to the footway and it was clear of water due to gullies they had fitted.

The site visit was carried out on 7th January 2016, they found that near to The Manor House footway water was holding and causing puddles and had nowhere to drain. They lifted STW surface water asset and water was running away and not holding.

Severn Trent has suggested Highways carry out the same type of work to the footway like they have downstream of The Manor House. CG suggested that we also write to LCC and request for the footpath to be re-tarmac as it is breaking up.

Action: Clerk

Railings Manor Road

CF is waiting to hear back from the builder when works will commence.

Action: CF

Footpath

The Clerk will follow up with LCC installing Kissing Gates to the footpath from Valley Lane to Brookfield Way. BPPC has written in support of replacing the entry stile with an additional gate.

Action: Clerk

Housing Needs Survey

The results of the survey are now with the Clerk, however this was not from Mr Pointer as requested numerous times, but from Midlands Rural Housing who conducted the survey. The document will be circulated to all Councillors.

Action: Clerk

Grant Funding

Unfortunately our application for Grant Funding for street furniture has been unsuccessful. The Parish Council is aware that replacement village furniture is required and will be an agenda item for the following meeting.

5.Matters Raised by Residents/Attendees

PCSO Laura Bolton has been in dialogue between the Clerk and Leicestershire Police relating to the speed awareness.

CG mentioned that he had generally noticed that many vehicles are cutting red lights, the one most dangerous is in Lutterworth by the Library. Laura discussed a new procedure of completing an engagement form that would then report back to Lutterworth.

The Chairman thanked Laura for the continued support and presence at Parish Council meetings.

6.Matters Raised by District/County Councillor

All matters communicated by email.

7.Finance

Accounts for Payment:

It was proposed by CG, seconded by RF and agreed that the following accounts be paid:

*Clerks Salary and Expenses December 2015 - £383.62
E.ON Consumption £562.54*

The Clerk has submitted the Precept to HDC within the deadline.

Monthly Budget Report attached.

Total balance in the Current Account after cheques drawn is £2,433.59.

8. Correspondence

The Clerk produced various items of correspondence which were circulated.

The Chairman discussed the correspondence received from the previous Councillor, Peter Hurst. The points raised had been considered and the Parish Council reflected upon its practices. Continuing Councillors remain committed to serving to the best of their capabilities and wish to encourage and support new Councillors to the two vacancies.

The Clerk has decided, due to other work commitments, to resign as Clerk to the Parish Council. The vacancy will be published on the website, in the Newsletter and on the LRALC website, the Parish Council agreed to publish a closing date of the end of February 2016. The Chairman thanked the Clerk for her help and assistance.

9. Planning

New/Unresolved Applications:

16/00003/FUL – Erection of single storey rear extension and side porch entrance. Richmond Court, Lutterworth Road. The Parish Council has no further comments.

16/00011/VAC – Variation of condition 2 (No. of Pitches) increase from 7 to 10 of 14/01531/FUL. Mere Meadow, Mere Road. The Parish Council object to this application, due to the nature of the variation, a new application should be submitted.

16/00030/FUL – Change of use of two agricultural barns to general industrial (B2) and storage or distribution (B8) use (resubmission of 15/01233/FUL). Bitteswell Farm, Ashby Lane. The Parish Council wants reassurance of the access route that the HGV vehicles will be travelling, and the operating times.

15/01889/FUL – Erection of vehicle sales building: change of use to existing sales building to B1, B2 and B8: extension to the parking area and security fencing. Unit 3, Elms Farm, Ullesthorpe Road. The Parish Council has no further comments.

Ongoing/Other Planning Matters:

15/00919/FUL - Erection of 100,844sqm Storage and Distribution centre (B8) with ancillary B1(a) offices on land adjoining and linked to Magn Park, including formation of access road from Magna Park, erection of gatehouse, creation of roundabouts, partial realignment of Mere Lane and upgrading of A5 to dual carriageway, creation of SuDS facilities and associated infrastructure and landscaping works. – A Planning Committee meeting at Lutterworth High School will take place on 28th January, Bitteswell with Bittesby Parish Council has registered intention to speak. CF has also studied the application and is thinking putting some additional pieces into the objection regarding sustainability, the Councillors were in support of this.

Neighbourhood Plan

The Clerk had arranged for Gary Kirk from Yourlocale to attend the February meeting to discuss the process of supporting the Parish Council. As CG will not be present at this meeting, the Clerk will arrange to postpone to the March meeting instead.

RF has developed a few notes regarding a draft proposal of the neighbourhood area that has been circulated all Councillors.

Action: RF

Enforcement

CF proposed to speak informally with Elaine Bird, regarding the Parish Council's position and to discuss arranging a meeting with Mr Proudfoot; CG was supportive of this suggestion.

Action: CF

10. Any Other Business

RF and Mr Pointer correspondence regarding the Local Plan and Core Strategy. This will be a major part of the discussion during the DHL planning committee meeting on 28th January 2016.

The refuse collectors, once again have cut the corner on West End churning up the grass. The Clerk will report again, as this is happening nearly every week.

Action: Clerk

The application will be re-submitted to Historic England, Dr Susan Tebby has worked extremely tirelessly to assist with the application, the Parish Council are very grateful.

11. Date of Next Meeting – 18th February 2016 – 7:00pm start

The meeting concluded at 9:05pm.