

Minutes of the meeting of Bitteswell with Bittesby Parish Council Held on Thursday 16th February 2017 at 7pm in the Village Hall

Present: Cllr Chris Faircliffe (Chair), Cllr Reg Flint, Cllr Clive Grimwood, Cathy Walsh (Clerk),
District/County Cllr Rosita Page and no members of the public.

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Foster.

2. To receive Declarations of Member's Interests

None.

3. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 19.01.17

Resolved: The minutes of the meeting were approved as a true record of proceedings.

4. Matters Arising - To consider matters arising from the Minutes of the Meeting held on 19.01.17

4.1. Street Lighting

The insurance claim for the damaged street light on Lutterworth Road has been submitted.

Further information is required by the insurers; 2 quotes to replace the light and photos/location map of the damaged light.

The Parish Council would also like to review their street lighting policy.

Action: To include on the agenda for the next meeting.

5. To note any comments or matters raised by residents

None.

6. To note any matters raised by the District/County Councillor

Harborough District Council (HDC) agreed a £5 Council Tax increase on the average Band D property for 2017/18.

HDC's Off-Street Parking Places Consultation has now closed. Points to note: the removal of the first hour free concession in all Lutterworth car parks. The creation of free time-limited parking spaces in Station Road Car Park, Lutterworth.

Fly Tipping – the road between Bitteswell and Ullesthorpe was cleared on 15.02.17 by HDC. HDC's campaign to crack down on fly-tipping is having some success.

7. Financial Matters

7.1. Accounts for Payment

Cheque No.	Payee	Description	Totals
35	Bitteswell Village Hall	Hall Hire Nov + Dec 2016 & Jan, Feb, Mar 2017	£50.00
36	Cathy Walsh	Clerk's salary and allowances - February	£446.29

Total £496.29

7.2. Financial Statement – Bank Reconciliation to 10th February 2017

Opening Balance	1-Apr-16	<u>£33,717.79</u>
Receipts to	10-Feb-17	£14,512.58
Payments to	10-Feb-17	-£16,976.76
Closing Balance	10-Feb-17	<u><u>£31,253.61</u></u>

The balance carried forward is represented by these funds

		<u>£</u>
Current Account		£2,038.73
Business Reserve account		£29,711.17
Add income received but not yet cleared		£0.00
Less payments made but not yet presented		-£496.29
Bank Reconciliation to	10-Feb-17	<u><u>£31,253.61</u></u>

8. To discuss the United Charities vacancy and the two vacancies on the Parish Council

The Parish Council noted that there were no expressions of interest for the vacancies. The vacancies will be advertised again in due course.

9. Deregister as Village Green of the Powell Row Land – To receive an update

The Parish Council, having made its representations prior to the consultation period, there were no further representations made during that period.

10. To consider the grass cutting contract for the 2017 season.

The Parish Council's current grass cutter, Mark Wilkes has moved abroad. He has transferred the grass cutting contract to Mark Osborne under the previous terms and conditions.

11. To consider purchasing a Mobile Vehicle Activated Sign (MVAS)

The Parish Council are still minded to pursue this. Cllr Faircliffe is happy to take the lead responsibility for the camera if purchased. In principle the Parish Council are quite open to the idea of a shared purchase with Misterton with Walcote Parish Council. Their preferred option is Swarco's MVAS2 'Your Speed' sign.

Action: To confirm that data download is included. To check which sign Misterton with Walcote Parish Council are interested in.

12. To receive an update on the following**12.1. White Cottage – agreement regarding the gardens and the Village Green**

The correct version of the agreement was confirmed. The Parish Council will check to make sure the curtilage of White Cottage is not encroaching the Village Green.

12.2. The condition of drainage in the village

The heavy rainfall over the last 48 hours has made the footpath very muddy and difficult to walk on.

Action: The clerk to contact Severn Trent Water for an update on their attempts to contact the occupants of the Manor House.

13. Planning Matters

13.1. To note any planning matters – new and unresolved applications

17/00119/CLU | Certificate of lawfulness of proposed development for the installation of porous hardstanding for a parking area to front; including the removal of a boundary wall and hedge | The Chestnuts, Bitteswell.

Resolved: To make no comment on the application.

13.2. To note/discuss any Enforcement cases

The Parish Council has noted areas of concern and will take photos so that these can be submitted to the Enforcement Team at Harborough District Council.

13.3. To progress the Neighbourhood Plan

The period of consultation has passed and the Designated Area approved. However, the Parish Council questioned why Bittesby had been excluded from the Designated Area.

Action: To find evidence of the discussions/documentation of the agreed area.

Action: To include on the agenda for the next meeting.

13.4. Planning Application 16/00997/Out - Development off Dingley Road, Great Bowden

Cllr Flint drafted a letter in relation to the above, however it was agreed that this would be better submitted personally rather than on behalf of the Parish Council.

14. Any other business

14.1. Magna Park Liaison Group

Cllr Faircliffe attended the last meeting of the liaison group and reported that new lighting has been introduced at Magna Park. He had agreed to identify which lights, if any, were causing a problem and contact the owners.

14.2. Local Government Elections

The elections are being held on 04th May 2017.

15. To confirm the date of the next meeting

The next meeting date was confirmed for 16th March 2017 at 7.00pm

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.45pm.