

Minutes of the Meeting of Bitteswell with Bittesby Parish Council Held on Wednesday 24th October 2018 at 7.00pm in Bitteswell Village Hall

Present: Reg Flint (Chair), Cllr Grimwood, Cllr Foster, Clerk Cathy Walsh, District/County Councillor Rosita Page and 4 member(s) of the public.

1. To receive any apologies for absence

None.

2. To receive Declarations of Member's Interests

None.

3. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 20.09.18

Resolved: To approve the minutes as a true record of proceedings.

4. To consider any matters arising from the minutes of the meeting held on 20.09.18

Mobile Vehicle Activated Sign (MVAS)

The 4 additional fixing brackets have now been purchased and the unit needs calibrating to the correct speed limit.

Action: Include on Matters Arising for the next meeting agenda.

National Highways & Transport (NHT) Public Satisfaction Survey, Parish Council Consultation

Cllr Grimwood completed the survey on behalf of the Parish Council.

5. To note any comments or matters raised by residents, at Chairman's discretion

None.

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

Cllr Page provided an update on current matters. Including, the Local Plan Examination, Lutterworth East Strategic Development, Strategic Growth Plan for Leicester and Leicestershire and unitary council(s) for Leicestershire.

6.1. Gypsy and Travellers

There has been many reports of crimes and anti-social behaviour by the gypsy and traveller community in the area. Local businesses and the general public are suffering. Cllr Page is urging parishes to take a united stance and lobby their MP on a continual basis to evaluate national laws on the subject. A meeting between the Parish Councils in the area is being scheduled to address the issues.

Cllr Page also recommended that all incidents are reported to Leicestershire Police. For non-emergencies this can be done via the new online reporting facility or by calling 101. The greater the number of incidents reported in an area, the greater number of police activity is deployed to the area.

Whilst it is not for HDC to record crime its remit includes it to collate, to facilitate and to communicate. The Parish Council believe that such a register of reported crimes/incidents should be available in the public domain.

7. Financial Matters

7.1. Accounts for payment

Cheques signed at the meeting

Payee	Description	Totals
Mark Osborne	Village Green grass cutting x2 Sept & Urban	£350.00
E.On	Electricity consumption 01.07.18 to 30.09.18	£806.74
Swarco Traffic Limited	Clips & brackets x4 for MVAS	£147.60
Cathy Walsh	October's salary and allowances	£446.69
Cathy Walsh	Expenses October 2018	£25.95
E.On	Attend faulty street light on Ashby Lane	£48.00
Total		£1,824.98

7.2. Bank Reconciliation and Receipts & Payments Summary to 20.10.18

Opening Balance	1-Apr-18	£27,970.55
Receipts to	20-Oct-18	£14,448.57
Payments to	20-Oct-18	-£11,285.66
Closing Balance	20-Oct-18	£31,133.46

The balance carried forward is represented by these funds

Current Account	£5,962.90	
Business Reserve account	£26,995.54	
Add income received but not yet cleared	£0.00	
Less payments made but not yet presented	-£1,824.98	
Bank Reconciliation to	20-Oct-18	£31,133.46

7.3. Action to update the bank account mandate

Resolved: Not to change the bank mandate at the present time.

8. To discuss the progress of the Agreement for White Cottage

The PC is seeking legal guidance, Chris Faircliffe had previously agreed to approach the recommended solicitor. This is ongoing.

Action: Agenda for the next meeting.

9. To finalise the draft leaflet advertising councillor vacancies to residents

It is intended that the leaflet is distributed to all residents alongside the Swift Flash.

Resolved: To approve the draft leaflet and printing/distribution costs.

10. Planning Matters

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

10.1.1. 18/01612/PCD Discharge of condition 25 (extraction equipment) of 15/00919/FUL, Land At Mere Lane

Resolved: To make no comment on the application.

10.1.2. 18/01620/PCD Discharge of condition 26 (drainage) of 15/00919/FUL, Land at Mere Lane

Resolved: To make no comment on the application.

10.2. To consider which trees to put forward for a Tree Preservation Order Request

The PC identified potential trees that may be suitable for a TPO and asked Bitteswell's Tree Wardens for their advice on its recommendations.

The clerk was asked to contact Total Tree Services to arrange a routine tree inspection.

Action: The clerk.

10.3. To note/discuss any enforcement cases

18/00348/DEVS Allegation that Gazeley have started to develop without obtaining planning permission (Magna Park) | Land At Mere Lane, Bittesby.

This is pending consideration by HDC.

18/00340/COMS Breach of condition 3 of 16/01221/FUL which requires mobile home to be removed by 30.9.2018 | Ullesthorpe Road, Bitteswell.

This is pending consideration by HDC.

The Parish Council would like clarification to the background of the enforcement case.

Action: The Clerk.

10.4. Other Planning Matters

Changes to HDC's Planning Committee and Procedures

On 30th July 2018 the District Council agreed to revise its planning procedures to adopt a more efficient approach and bring the Council in line with other planning authorities.

Cllr Page summarised some of the revisions and confirmed that this would require a revision of the HDC Constitution. The Parish Council asked whether the revisions are available in the public domain on HDC's website and asked Cllr Page to obtain a copy of the revisions of the HDC Constitution.

Action: Cllr Page.

Garden Grabbing

The Parish Council received a response to its letter from David Atkinson, Head of Planning and Regeneration at HDC. HDC does not intend to introduce a specific policy on Garden Grabbing policy at present. HDC claim that the provisions in the new Local Plan will deal with development in residential gardens.

10.5. Neighbourhood Plan – Next Steps

The next Neighbourhood Plan meeting will be held on Saturday 27th October at 10.00am in the Village Hall. Gary Kirk from YourLocale, will be in attendance and will explain the tasks which need to be completed. All interested parties have been sent copies of the

relevant paperwork.

11. To consider Leicestershire County Council's incentive to convert to LED Street lighting

LCC will send the Parish Council some more information on the incentive now that it is in receipt of the Parish Council's current street lighting assets.

Action: Agenda for the next meeting.

12. To receive an update on the Lutterworth Road Footpath

The footpath has recently been swept by HDC.

Action: Cllr Foster to confirm with The Manor House owner whether Severn Trent Water has completed its repair work.

Action: The clerk to contact Leicestershire County Council about resurfacing the footpath.

13. Any other business

Openreach work to the Broadband Cabinet on the Village Green

A representative undertaking work on behalf of Openreach at the Broadband cabinet on the Village Green suggested that the litter bin on the Green would need to be moved to provide clearance when the cabinet is extended.

Action: The clerk to make enquiries.

14. To confirm the date of the next meeting

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as Thursday 15th November 2018 at 7.00pm.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 08.20pm.