

Bitteswell with Bittesby Parish Council

MINUTES OF MEETING

held on Thursday 21st May 2015
at 7.00 pm in the Village Hall

Present:

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

1.Apologies for Absence Cllr Grimwood and Cllr Booth.

2.Disclosure of Personal Interests.

There were no disclosures.

3.Minutes of the Last meeting, held on 16th April 2015 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

4.Matters Arising

Parish Strip

Cllr Flint suggested arrangement of a separate meeting to discuss the issue and whether we should seek legal advice. Taking account of our financial position we should review this and decide if we should challenge it or not. The Clerk will arrange for a meeting with all Councillors present.

Highways Ownership of Land & Land to the rear of the Alms-houses

LCC have acknowledged that the land to the north, south and east of the Alms-houses is Village Green and therefore is covered by byelaws.

The area of land to the rear of the Alms-houses that has been marked by LCC for work is currently being investigated by a solicitor that LCC have approached.

E.ON Unmetered supply increase

The Clerk has spoken with various energy companies to retrieve quotes, but most of them will only take on new contracts if the annual usage is over 20,000kwh. Cllr Page discussed the option of changing the streetlights to LED to save energy and the Chairman also talked about the possibility of subcontracting with LCC. The Clerk will email over statement to Cllr Flint to look at in more detail.

HDC Assets of Community Value Listings

Correspondence received from Matthew Bills at HDC informing PC if we were to nominate

buildings or land (i.e. pub or playing field), that if these were ever put up for sale the PC would have up to 6 months, giving us the opportunity to get together and raise the finances to bid to buy it. This will go into the circulation folder to be discussed further at the next meeting.

Railings Manor Road

The Clerk had received information that two builders within the village had looked at this work and did not see that the cables would cause a problem. The Chairman will follow this up further.

5. Matters Raised by Residents/Attendees

6. Matters Raised by District/County Councillor

There has been a recent survey for the Boundary review, we shouldn't be affected this time. Litter again is a problem, mostly all along Ullesthorpe Road and at Woodby Lane. The Clerk will chase to get this removed.

We have had the biggest election turnout for many years, with many younger people and first time voters.

7. Finance

Accounts for Payment:

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

Clerk's Salary and Expenses April 2015 - £434.79

Mark Wilkes Grass cutting 13th & 27th April - £200.00

LCR Subscription - £17.00

CPRE Subscription - £36.00

Monthly Budget Report attached.

Total balance in the Current Account after cheques drawn is £6,251.63

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.

9. Planning

New/Unresolved Applications:

15/000471/FUL - Former George House, Hunter Boulevard, Magna Park - Erection of distribution warehouse, with ancillary offices, parking areas and landscaping. **Objection letter sent to the Case Officer on 14/05/2015**

15/00561/FUL - Unit 1, Mere Farm, Mere Road - Erection of fence and gate pillars (retrospective). **Comments submitted 20/05/2015**

Cllr Foster asked for an update on the proposed application on Ashby Lane. Cllr Page will look into this.

Magna Park

Cllr Flint discussed the letter received from Mr Pointer from the original letters sent to him dating back to 17/11/2014. It appears that Magna Park will be incorporated into the new Local Plan, but within the core strategy it states there will be no expansion to Magna Park, it is not clear

there is any need to change the core strategy policy.

Ongoing/Other Planning Matters:

Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr Flint would like to understand the proposals in more detail and suggested that we also discuss this at the separate meeting for the Parish Strip. We need to decide on whether to include the industrial area and to include/exclude Bittesby as we don't know what plans are going to happen. The two areas do not join geographically and are separated by Magna Park.

Enforcement

The Clerk chased again the offer of an independent review from Mr Proudfoot at HDC, but no response. The Chaiman spoke with the Ombudsman and they advised to refer this to a private individual who had been disadvantaged by the enforcement process and also to write to local MP. Cllr Page will chase the offer of the review directly with Mr Proudfoot.

10. Any Other Business

Cllr Foster asked for the PCSO to attend the next meeting as there was an eastern European man found in the doorway of the Church recently and there was also an incident with a van of men shouting abusive language to a young resident whilst walking which has been reported to the Police.

Cllr Hurst asked for the website to be updated with the correct Councillors contact details. He also mentioned whether we could look at installing a sign at the entry to Valley Lane stating 'cul-de-sac' as there have been reports of many vehicles driving down and there is little room to turn around at the end. The Councillors will look at this further when the next village walkabout takes place in the Summer.

11. Date of Next Meeting – 18th June 2015 – 7:00pm start

The meeting concluded at 10.05pm.