

Bitteswell with Bittesby Parish Council

MINUTES OF MEETING

held on Thursday 20th August 2015
at 7.00 pm in the Village Hall

Present:

Mr C Faircliffe	Chairman
Mr R Flint	Vice Chairman
Mr C Grimwood	Councillor
Mr P Hurst	Councillor
Mrs P Booth	Councillor
Mrs S Wetton	Clerk to the Parish Council
Mark Osborn	Resident & Tree Warden
Margaret Osborn	Resident & Tree Warden
Marianne Pearson	Resident
Sheila Carlton	Resident

1.Apologies for Absence Received from Cllr Foster.
Cllr Grimwood had to leave the meeting at 8:30pm.

2.Disclosure of Personal Interests.

Cllr Booth declared an interest in any discussions relating to the Alms-houses.

3.Minutes of the Last meeting, held on 18th June 2015 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman, with a slight amendment to the wording under 'Parking under Chestnut Tree'.

4.Matters Arising

Defibrillator

The awareness session was a success with a turnout of fifteen residents. We have also received the undercoat and gloss paint for the kiosk through James Briggs, who are members of the British Coatings Federation. Cllr Booth discussed arranging for first responders, the Clerk will look into this.

Parish Strip

This is being looked into further by Cllr Hurst, Cllr Booth and the Clerk.

Land to the rear of the Alms-houses

We are still awaiting the final decision on the application from the Legal Team at LCC.

There seemed to be some confusion over the application and the access over the Village Green. The Clerk will mark as an agenda item to be discussed at the next meeting.

Bittesby House

The Clerk has been in contact with Dr Susan Tebby to discuss re-applying to Historic England for the listing of Bittesby House again. She has great knowledge of the house, and the

surrounding land that could be of great beneficial use to our application.

HDC Consultations on Draft Supplementary Guidance Document on Planning Obligations
Circulated to all Councillors by email.

Traffic Concerns

The Clerk produced various correspondence received from residents along Ashby Lane, with their concerns over the speeding when entering the village. The Clerk is still pursuing registering this road as a 'Community Concern Site' The funds from the sale of the pump house could go towards expenditure of installing traffic calming measures, but this would take a substantial amount of the funds and the traffic calming also comes with mixed views as to the benefits.

United Charities

Correspondence received from Sheila Carlton regarding the nomination of Peter Osborn, his tenure is due to expire in November. All Councillors were in favour for Peter to continue as a fellow trustee. The Clerk will notify Sheila in writing.

A suggestion from the United Charities had been made to erect a new village sign, they would be willing to contribute to the funding of the sign and had received an estimate of approx. £3,500 for a wrought iron sign made by a local blacksmith. The Clerk suggested the community grant funding that has been made available by HDC, this can be match funded for projects similar to this. The Clerk will ask United Charities for further information on the location and design of the sign.

WI Bench on the Village Green

Cllr Foster to discuss at the next WI meeting a suggestion of a replacement bench, this could also be applied through the community grant funding available from HDC. The bin beside the bench also needs replacing, the Chairman proposed that the BBPC would contribute around £150-£250 towards replacement costs.

Parking Chestnut Tree

Marianne Pearson expressed her concerns regarding any restrictions being placed on the parking that has taken place over a number of years. The Chairman explained that the stance of BBPC is pragmatic rather than official, the position is that it is not legal to park on the Village Green. He reiterated that the 1986 Highways act states it is a breach of byelaw to park on the Village Green, the bollards are not placed on the boundary and the hardcore is still part of the Village Green.

Priorities

The Chairman would like to review each individual Councillors priorities, this will be marked as an agenda item for discussion at the next meeting.

Litter Pickers

The Clerk had arranged for two litter pickers to be sent to Cllr Booth, who suggested that we keep one in the phone kiosk for residents to access. All Councillors were in agreement, the Clerk will ask for a note to be published within the Newsletter.

Grasscutting

The Clerk had previously circulated the Service Level Agreement from LCC to take over the responsibility of cutting the areas of grass that are currently under LCC jurisdiction. In doing so, BBPC will receive an annual income of £623.12, the current contractor Mark Wilkes has agreed

to take on these additional cuts at £50 five times a year.

Within the agreement, it asked that any contractor has the relevant highways signage and flashing beacon whilst carrying out this work, our contractor does not currently have these but is happy to purchase and the cost can be absorbed into the annual fee.

Cllr Booth signed the agreement, this will take effect from 2016 season.

This will now also include Lutterworth Road grass verge, our contractor had previously provided a quote to re-seed this area using a shady grass mixture at a total cost of £66.95. The Councillors were in agreement to proceed with this work, the Clerk will confirm with Mr Sheldrake in the first instance that we are able to carry the work out and that LCC do not cut this area after the seed has been laid.

Dog fouling has been brought to the attention of BBPC, the contractor had come across many deposits left on the Village Green and also other Councillors agreed that this seems to be an issue. The Clerk will request an article to be published in the newsletter.

Streetlight Ullesthorpe Road

Cllr Booth confirmed that the streetlight has now been installed.

Village Walkabout

The Councillors and Clerk carried out the annual Village Walkabout on 29th July 2015.

The following items were raised for further discussion:-

- School Contractors, that recently relaid tarmac on the pathway across the village green toward the School looked in a bit of a mess. The Clerk had contacted the architect and agreed to reinstate the bollards to the correct position, but felt that the job that had been carried out to re-tarmac would suffice as it was in a bad state of repair to begin with. This will need to be addressed by Cllr Foster for further discussion.
- Newsletter general note, to please keep greenery tidy so footpaths remain passable.
- Tree stump on the Village Green, all Councillors in agreement to proceed and have the stump ground down at a cost of £200+VAT.
- Quotes received to:
 - Re-bed and point missing bricks in Pinfold £50.00. Work complete
 - Pinfold re-paint and treat metal box, bench and bin also to re-hinge notice board £320.00. Cllrs agreed to proceed
 - Re-varnish V.Hall noticeboard £80.00. Cllrs agreed to proceed
 - Treatment within Bus Shelter £145.00. Cllrs agreed to proceed
- Remove the current 'No through road' sign as you enter Valley Lane and reposition to the back of opposite sign to save on signage cluttering.
- Clerk to contact Mr Sheldrake regarding the overhanging trees over the Lutterworth Road footpath.

Minutes of the Meeting

Cllr Booth raised the point of the minutes not being made available until after they are signed off at each meeting. The Chairman requested that this is discussed at the next meeting as there are differing views on the process and all Cllrs should be present.

Queens 90th Birthday Celebrations

Cllr Hurst had been approached by a resident asking for the support of BBPC to commemorate the celebration of the Queens 90th Birthday. The Chairman confirmed that in principle we would support this, but it will require further discussion at the next meeting.

Request for bin at the Bus Stop

A request from a resident for either a new bin, or to move the current bin from the side of the telephone kiosk. The Clerk will check the inventory as to whether we own this bin and if it can be moved.

5.Matters Raised by Residents/Attendees

Sheila Carlton presented BBPC with the United Charities end of year accounts, a separate sheet also registered the level of investment. John Booth will send a copy of the accounts to the Clerk for circulation.

Mark & Margaret Osborn were asked whether they would be willing to assist an arborist from LCC to advise what trees could have TPO's placed onto them. They suggested that LCC should impartially inspect the trees and they will assist if required.

A suggestion for a replacement tree at the School was discussed, Mark advised that a Hornbeam would be ideal. It gives a similar shape to a Fir tree, keeps its width, is deciduous, requires no trimming and gets to a maximum height of 10-15 meters. Cllr Grimwood felt this was a positive suggestion and advised the Clerk to notify Cllr Foster and write to the Headteacher of the School.

6.Matters Raised by District/County Councillor

7.Finance

Accounts for Payment:

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

Clerks Salary and Expenses July 2015 - £379.84

Mark Wilkes Grasscutting 6th & 20th July - £200.00

Harborough Stone Painting the lettering on the War Memorial - £264.00

P Blackshaw - £50.00

Rosita Page (Leaflet Printing) - £10.00

Monthly Budget Report attached.

Total balance in the Current Account after cheques drawn is £2,988.73

8.Correspondence

The Clerk produced various items of correspondence which were circulated.

9.Planning

New/Unresolved Applications:

15/00981/FUL - Erection of a memorial made of Indian granite, Roundabout At The Junction Of Hunter Boulevard And Coventry Road, Lutterworth, Leicestershire. Airfields Of Britain Conservation Trust. **Support application comment submitted to HDC 12/08/2015.**

The Chairman discussed the proposed applications 15/00865/OUT & 15/00919/FUL and felt that we have a positive stance so far:-

- Our MP is openly against both applications.
- Lutterworth Town Council has objected, mainly on traffic grounds.
- The archaeology on both sites is proving a lengthy process, not just medieval, subject to

excavation may be bronze or Iron Age to be investigated.

- Both applications have been called in, we do not know whether this will be accepted.
- HDC will be running the applications to determination until the end of inspection.
- The number of objections has been higher than any at HDC over the last twenty years, 550 objections to the Gazeley application and 350 to Barwood so far.
- Gazeley have not applied for Phase 3.
- Consultation from logistics, DIRFT Phase 3 had their agents object, and it contained a very powerful argument on both applications.
- The liaison between the villages is working well, Cllr Grimwood is also a liaison for a Steering Group.

What can we do?

- More objections are required, Cllr Foster has been speaking with many residents who have very differing views.
- Objections don't just need to be from each household, they can come from each individual.
- Knowledge of the severity of the applications, the scale and size of each application and the effect of commuter traffic.
- Suggestion of another public meeting to be held in the Village Hall.
- Cllr Grimwood and Sheila Carlton will draft further information to go into the Newsletter.
- The Chairman is coordinating the Parish Councils objections to both the Magna Park and the DB Symmetry applications.

15/00865/OUT - Outline application for the erection of up to 278,709sqm of Storage, Distribution buildings (B8) with ancillary B1(a) offices, creation of access onto A4303 and emergency services only access onto A5, formation of a Lorry Park, creation of SuDS facilities and other associated infrastructure and the demolition of Glebe Farmhouse (Means of access only to be considered). | Land Adj Glebe Farm Coventry Road Lutterworth Leicestershire.

15/00919/FUL - Erection of 100,844sqm Storage and Distribution centre (B8) with ancillary B1(a) offices on land adjoining and linked to Magna 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. | Land At Mere Lane Bittesby Leicestershire.

Ongoing/Other Planning Matters:

Neighbourhood Plan

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

Enforcement

The offer of a review of our four chosen cases has now been acknowledged. Mr Proudfoot confirmed that he will share the findings over the next month and arrange a meeting to discuss the outcome.

Progression of the offer of an independent review has been made, and Mr Proudfoot also confirmed a barrister on the case is still completing the work and we can discuss the results within the next month.

5 Year Housing Supply

Cllr Flint will draft a letter to Cllr King outlining the shortcomings of the document.

10. Any Other Business

11. Date of Next Meeting – 17th September 2015 – 7:00pm start

The meeting concluded at 10:05pm.