

Bitteswell with Bittesby Parish Council

MINUTES OF MEETING

held on Thursday 19th November 2015
at 7.00 pm in the Village Hall

Present:

Mr C Faircliffe	Chairman
Mr R Flint	Vice Chairman
Mrs M Foster	Councillor
Mrs P Booth	Councillor
Mr C Grimwood	Councillor
Mr P Hurst	Councillor
Mrs S Wetton	Clerk to the Parish Council
Ms Laura Bolton	PCSO
Mark Osborne	Resident
Margaret Osborne	Resident

1. Apologies for Absence

Cllr Foster left the meeting at 9:15pm.

2. Disclosure of Personal Interests.

No further disclosures, other than items relating to the Almshouses for Cllr Booth and the School for Cllr Foster.

3. Minutes of the Last meeting, held on 15th October 2015 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Vice Chairman.

4. Matters Arising

Land to the rear of the Alms-houses

A meeting was arranged for the 18th November for the Chairman and Clerk to meet with a representative from LCC onsite, but this was cancelled by LCC. Cllr Grimwood advised the Parish Council should wait until we have received confirmation of the legal position, and have understood and clarified any issues that arise from it before a meeting is held.

Action: Clerk

Road Safety Analysis

A covert survey was carried out between the 7th-14th October along Ashby Lane and Lutterworth Road. The results show that on Ashby Lane (30mph) the speeds were excessive with 29.4% of vehicles exceeding the National Police Chiefs Council (NPCC) enforcement threshold of 10% +2mph. ON Lutterworth Road, the figure was 28.6% which is also excessive.

From this, the Police Traffic Management Department will arrange enforcement from the Police Beat Teams, but are unable to confirm when and how often the visits will be made.

The Clerk will continue to look into registering these roads as a 'Community Concern Site', with the assistance of PCSO Laura Bolton.

Action: Clerk

Tree Preservation Order

Cllr Foster spoke with Lesley Adams, who is an Arboriculturist, she would be happy to assess the trees within the Village to give an impartial view next Spring. The Parish Council could then look at areas within the village where there are older trees and mark those of special interest. Cllr Hurst thought it would be useful to have an up to date map showing the boundaries of the Conservation Area as the current copy has been reviewed and extended over time.

Action: Clerk

Parish Strip

Cllr Booth spoke with Land Registry on 16th November to clarify why our application had been unsuccessful. Land Registry confirmed that they required proof of the land being worked, rather than just the hedges being maintained, also a statement of truth from the contractor may be favourable. The Land Registry suggested that the parish council may want to seek independent legal advice.

Action: To be discussed at the next meeting

Publication of Draft Minutes of Parish Council Meeting

The Government's Transparency Code for Local Authorities includes publishing the draft minutes onto the Parish Council website. The Clerk will circulate the code and also a funding application form sent on behalf of LRALC.

Action: Clerk

Housing Needs Survey

The Clerk had chased Mr Pointer for a response to the results of the survey, as outlined in our letter to him and Midlands Rural Housing. The Clerk is still waiting to hear from Mr Pointer and will follow this up.

Action: Clerk

WI Bench on the Village Green

The WI confirmed that they would be willing to contribute £100 towards a replacement bench, the United Charities have also confirmed they would be willing to contribute, also funding has been suggested in memory of a resident. Cllr Booth attended a Grant Funding panel at HDC to put forward the Parish Council's proposal for street furniture grant of £3,500, the final decision should be reached by 11th January. The Chairman suggested that until that time, the Parish Council wait to see the final outcome of the funding. Mark and Margaret Osborne had met a company that supply benches at trade prices for Parish Councils & Churchyards etc. and informed the Council of the costs, the Clerk will keep on file until the New Year.

Action: Clerk

Refuse Collections

Cllr Foster mentioned that she had been noting down vehicle registration number information of the refuse collectors, as the village has had problems over the past few months with the Lorries causing problems.

Action: Keep under review

5.Matters Raised by Residents/Attendees

6. Matters Raised by District/County Councillor

7. Finance

Accounts for Payment:

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

Clerk's Salary and Expenses October 2015 - £394.62
Mark Wilkes Grass cutting 12th & 26th October - £200.00

Monthly Budget Report attached.

Total balance in the Current Account after cheques drawn is £5,169.83.

8. Correspondence

The Clerk produced various items of correspondence which were circulated.

The Chairman received a letter from Arriva, concerning the incident by a bus reversing into one of the bollards on the Green outside the Man at Arms Pub. They have identified the driver and he has been spoken with regarding the incident. Mark Osborn volunteered to re-instate the bollard.

An email had been received from a resident concerning the Parish Council's letters regarding the two planning applications for Magna Park, they could not be located on the website. The Clerk has looked into this with the case officer at HDC and will continue to pursue.

An email from a resident had been received asking for an update regarding the Railings on Manor Road. The builders that volunteered to complete the work, are finding the installation problematic due to the services beneath. The suggestion was to move the railings to the other side, Mark Osborn will look into alternative options to situate the railings around the services.

9. Planning

New/Unresolved Applications:

15/01665/OUT – Erection of up to 250 dwellings with associated access, pedestrian links, public open space, car parking, landscaping and drainage (means of access to be considered only). Land at Coventry Road Lutterworth Leicestershire.- The Parish Council has not been consulted on this application as it falls under Lutterworth Town Council. All Councillors other than Cllr Hurst who abstained were in agreement to object to this application on grounds that it is on the separation area, outside limits of development and outside the curtilage of Lutterworth. Cllr Flint discussed the article within the Lutterworth Mail that made reference to this application and stated that the allotments would fall in Bitteswell Parish, the Clerk will ask for further information from HDC.

Action: Clerk

15/01760/TCA - Works to trees (fell). The Hunting Box, The Nook – Circulated.

Ongoing/Other Planning Matters:

Neighbourhood Plan

The Chairman and fellow Councillors are in support of a Neighbourhood Plan, the Parish

Council would want to encourage the community to be involved in the process. The outstanding item is to agree the area of designation, guidance from HDC advises that you cannot include an industrial area such as Magna Park within a Neighbourhood Plan, it would require a separate plan. The Chairman proposed to include Bitteswell and only up to the bunding of Magna Park, Cllr Grimwood was against excluding any area of the existing designation at this time of significant planning applications.

Cllr Flint suggested a 'Primary Area' of designation of Bitteswell and Bittesby to recognise the area of Magna Park. Cllr Foster and Cllr Booth supported the idea to include both Bitteswell and Bittesby, Cllr Hurst could see two plans being viable and this could encourage further facilities to be included with additional development in the village.

Cllr Flint will draw and develop a draft proposal of the primary area to circulate all Councillors and be discussed at the next meeting.

Action: RF

Cllr Foster attended the Ullesthorpe meeting on 16th November, regarding the Magna Park. There was a good attendance, and the organisation has also created template pro-forma letters that can be used to give people guidance and content to send their own objections.

At this point Cllr Foster left the meeting.

Enforcement

It was noted that the outstanding issues with HDC had become protracted over a number of years with little likelihood of satisfactory conclusion and it was agreed to pursue them no further. It was resolved that any matter arising in the future should be progressed rigorously.

Action: Clerk

10. Any Other Business

Cllr Flint asked if there were any regulations to when fireworks can be let off, the Clerk will liaise with Hayley at HDC.

Action: Clerk

Mark Osborne volunteered to move the current bin on Manor Road and re-site beside the bus shelter.

Cllr Grimwood asked for the sweep to be carried out along Lutterworth Road footpath, the Clerk will look into this again as it had already been requested.

Cllr Hurst informed the Clerk that the streetlight that had recently been fixed opposite Yeoman's Keep was now coming on at a different time to the others.

Cllr Hurst and Cllr Booth have decided to stand down as Parish Councillors, the Chairman thanked them for their contribution within the Parish Council.

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

The meeting concluded at 10:05pm.