

BETLEY, BALTERLEY & WRINEHILL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on 8th January 2015

PRESENT:

Cllrs Robert Bettley-Smith, Steven Ball, Karen Burton (from min.), Dave Hales, Richard Head and Chris Watkin.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Gwyn Griffiths (Clerk).

1/15 Apologies for absence was received from Cllrs Berrisford (work), Daly (holiday), Kerr (family), Thomas (other village event) and Speed (ill health).

RESOLVED that the apology for absence received from Cllr Speed be accepted as a valid reason for absence under Section 85 of the Local Government Act 1972.

2/15 Members considered the declaration of interests in agenda items. There were no declarations at this point.

3/15 There were no members of the public present to engage in public participation.

4/15 There were no urgent reports to table.

5/15 The Clerk reported on matters dealt with under the provisions for Urgent Business. A planning application had been received under reference 14/00878 for a replacement telecommunications monopole at Bowhill Lane, Betley. Following consultation with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman, and notification to all members, the following resolution was approved:

RESOLVED that the Council has no objection to the proposal, on the basis that the development will improve communications in the village and avoid the need to construct a second mast, which would be more intrusive in the landscape.

[Cllr Burton joined the meeting at this point]

6/15 Members considered the following planning application.

14/00912/FUL Rebuilding of existing lean-to, alterations to facade and other works, Pear Tree Lake Farm, Balterley Green Road, Balterley

RESOLVED that the Council has no objection to the application subject to the Local Planning Authority satisfying itself that:

- a) the footprint of the development is unchanged;**
- b) any increase in the living space of the property is appropriate;**
- c) the aesthetic appearance of the proposed works is appropriate to its Green Belt location.**

7/15 Members considered the following planning application.

14/00915/FUL Alterations to first floor and roof, ridge height and roof space, and driveway, Heatherside, Church Lane, Betley.

RESOLVED that despite a significant increase in the volume of the building the Council has no objection to what is proposed, as it lies within the village envelope. The Council notes that a balcony is proposed to the western elevation which may overlook the neighbouring property and the Local Planning Authority will need to ensure that there is no adverse impact on the residential amenity of the adjacent property.

8/15 There were no other current planning issues to consider.

9/15 Members were invited to formally approve a precept for 2015-16 and a draft budget.

**RESOLVED a) that the precept be set in the sum of £9,735 to allow an unchanged Council Tax payable per household;
b) that the budget for 2015-16 be set with budget lines following those of the current year, with the Clerk to advise the next meeting if he felt any changes were appropriate.**

[Cllr Head left the meeting at this point]

10/15 Area issues raised by members were considered. There was continuing concern regarding flooding on the A531 at Doddlespool. It was noted that the Clerk, the Chairman and other members had continued to press the County Council for action on this hazard.

**RESOLVED a) that the Clerk draw the matter to the attention of the police and safer roads partnership;
b) that the Chairman draw the matter to the attention of the M.P.**

11/15 The Clerk submitted to members a list of invoices to hand and payments due.

12/15 **RESOLVED that the Council authorises payment of the following:**

Betley Village Hall Committee Grant	£ 400.00	1169
DT Askey Memorial Garden	£ 225.00	1170

13/15 Members considered Council communication, and matters to be included in the next issue of the Parish Magazine.