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BICTON PARISH COUNCIL

Chairman Richard Brett

DRAFT MINUTES OF MEETING 2017 Jan Held on 10th January 2017. 8pm in Bicton Village Hall

PRESENT:

Parish Cllrs: Richard Brett, Elliott Blackmore, Roy Bound, Wendy Horan, Sally Maddox, Deirdre Grennan, Martin Davies, Rod Warren, Parish clerk-Peter Anderson, Plus 4 parishioners,

POLICE REPORT. There was one anti social behaviour incident and one parking issue.

OPEN FORUM

No reports

0. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

0.1 4.2, Cllr Davies, he is the lengthsman. 6.2, Cllr Warren, his house overlooks the wood.

1. **APOLOGIES** for ABSENCE were received and accepted, from: Sue Llewellyn **NOTED**

2. **MINUTES** 2016-Dec of previous meeting held on 13/12/16 were confirmed and signed.

3. MATTERS ARISING

3.1 Gordon Wallach reported that a team of the Brethren collected 3 bags of rubbish off Grange Bank. BPC sends its thanks to the team.

4. PARISH MATTERS

4.1 Bicton Primary School *Standing Agenda Item*

4.2 Lengthsman, report and instructions *Standing Agenda Item* Martin will remove the dead wych elm from the hedge on Isle Lane as soon as he can.

4.3 Parish footpaths, *Standing Agenda Item* The Severn Way, by Bicton Pool, is dire.

4.4 Speeding vehicles in Montford Bridge. A speed camera sign may slow down traffic, the clerk will ask Mike Davies of SC for his advice.

4.5 Speeding vehicles on Isle Lane. SC has been reluctant to place a speed limit on this lane because of the problems of enforcement and the need for engineering works to slow the traffic. However, Mike Davies will register it as a site of community concern so that if funds ever become available then something can be done. The Isle Lane residents' opinion is that it is non residents who drive too fast.

5. PLANNING

5.1 2, New Cottages, Shepherd's Lane, one dwelling, outline, 16/05567/OUT, BPC's decision is that it has no objections.

6. OFFICIAL MATTERS

6.1 Monthly Audit of Accounts Bank Statement number 322 £35,727.52 verified by Chairman.

6.2 Muriel's Little Wood, Safety Report, *Standing Agenda Item*. Max Jellicoe, tree surgeon, has inspected the Wood and has some advice to offer. He advises that the wood is basically sound, safe and healthy but there are some small branches which are damaged and need removing immediately. Also the wood needs a long term on-going maintenance plan. BPC's decision is to instruct Max to remove the damaged branches as soon as possible and also to ask him for a quote for the ongoing maintenance. The idea of replacing the whole wood with an orchard is not realistic but it may be possible to introduce a few fruit trees in to a small clearing. The wood was purchased by BPC in 1999 for the express purpose of making it available to the community. Restrictive covenants in the deeds mean that it must remain as a community woodland in perpetuity.

6.3 To decide upon a BPC budget for 2017/18. SC has advised BPC that there are more "band D equivalents" in Bicton this year than there were last year. Last year's BPC precept amounted to

£27.23 per band D. To keep the BPC precept the same per band D this year means that the total precept can rise from £10,181 to £11,950. BPC had calculated that £10,181 would cover expenditure and maintain reserves for 2017/18. The decision is to set a precept of £11,950; this will mean that BPC has a little extra reserve to invest in important Bicton projects such as maintaining the footpath on Grange Bank, maintaining Bicton Pool and improving Muriel's Little Wood.

7 PARISH ACCOUNTS for payment

- 7.1 Highline Electrical, street light repairs, £216.60. chq 1051
- 7.2 Payment of the above account proposed Cllr Horan, seconded by Cllr Bound and agreed.

8. EXTERNAL ITEMS

- 8.1 The SC bus strategy is out for consultation, 13/2/17 is the deadline for replies. Noted.
- 8.2 There are elections for SC Cllrs and for BPC Cllrs on 4/5/17. Noted.
- 8.3 LJC meeting, 23/2/17 7pm, Cross Houses Community Centre. Noted.

9. EXTRA INFORMATION Any *Additional Information* not specified on this agenda.

- 9.1 Bicton Lane is very muddy.
- 9.2 It has been noticed that there is no cycle lane to the new care home at Shelton. This is because SC failed to create a section 106 requirement at the time that permission was granted.
- 9.3 There is still some occasional noise from the dogs at Wags and Whiskers although, at the moment, it is closed for Christmas.

- 10. **NEXT MEETING** to be held on Tuesday 14th February 2017. at 8.00pm in Bicton Village Hall

MEETING CLOSED 9.18 pm
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