

2018 Jan.a.

BICTON PARISH COUNCIL

Chairman Richard Brett

MINUTES (Draft until signed) of meeting 2018-Jan, 9th January 2018. 8pm in Bicton Village Hall

PRESENT:

Parish Cllrs: Richard Brett, Elliott Blackmore, Sally Maddox, Wendy Horan, Sue Llewellyn, Deirdre Grennan, Martin Davies, Rod Warren, SC Cllr. Lezley Picton, Parish clerk-Peter Anderson, 3 parishioners.

POLICE Report

Thank you for sending through the minutes, sadly neither of us will be available to attend on Tuesday - Just to confirm the team is still working with reduced staffing numbers and we currently have two members of staff that cover 13 policing areas from Gains Park, through Longden, Hanwood, Pontesbury, Minsterley, Westbury, Alberbury, Ford, Bicton, Montford Bridge, Nesscliffe & Bomere Heath.

To give you a flavour of the incidents that have been dealt with in Bicton Policing Area during the period Nov & Dec 2017;

There were 53 calls for police assistance and these roughly break down to 2 reports of Crime, 3 of Anti Social Behaviour, 8 Traffic Accidents (these figures are high due to the snow and incidents on the A5)

Having said that we had 11 calls to two (of the three) specialist children's care homes that are in your area. I cover 15 of the 72 specialist care homes that are in Shropshire and the 'behind the scenes' work that we do with the staff and children is designed to reduce the amount of calls that the 'front line' response officers from Shrewsbury have to deal with - I'm sure you can imagine what a potential drain it is to have 215 'troubled' young people in care in our county!

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Open Forum.

Report from SC Cllr Lezley Picton. More grit bins are available. Two are requested; one for The Oval, by the Woodside sign, and the other on Isle Lane. The kerbs on Bicton Lane have not yet been installed. Cllr Picton pointed out the important difference of the separate funding streams available to SC and how this explains apparent anomalies in spending in some areas and cutting in others. There are; 1, Revenue; 2, Capital; 3, Project. The planned council tax rise of 3.99% will not cover the rise in care costs for adults and children. SC has capital but is revenue poor.

Cllr Picton was asked to report to SC the state of the verge from The Coppice to the Water Tower. This has been damaged by the building work on The Coppice. It is also strewn with litter. There is room enough on this verge to make a cycle path.

0. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Davies 4.1, he is the lengthsman. Cllr Maddox 5.1, she is a neighbour. Cllr Llewellyn 3.1 and 4.2, Tom Llewellyn is her son.

1. **APOLOGIES** for ABSENCE were received and accepted, from: PC Ross Cookson.
NOTED

2. **MINUTES** 2018-Jan of previous meeting held on 9/1/18 were confirmed and signed.

3. MATTERS ARISING

3.1 The gate by Grove Farm has been fixed by Tom Llewellyn and he will erect the Muriel's Little Wood liability signs this week.

- 3.2 The dead wych elms on Isle Lane are the subject of discussion between the farmer, Mr Barker, and his landlord.
- 3.3 The visit to The Coppice Open Day was very good. The tour was comprehensive and all questions were answered. Already, half of the apartments are let. There are 43 parking places, the original planning application was for 32; but, even so, there were not enough places to cope on this day.

4. **PARISH MATTERS**

- 4.1 Lengthsman, report and instructions *Standing Agenda Item* Martin has the new panel for the bus shelter and will fit it next week.
- 4.2 Parish footpaths, *Standing Agenda Item* They are not too bad, considering the weather. The Severnway, by Bicton Pool, continues to be bad.

5 **PLANNING**

- 5.1 Bicton Barn, conversion to a dwelling, 17/05768/FUL, decision-object. The windows will overlook the existing neighbours, the entertainment terrace will overlook the proposed walled garden houses, this steel barn is unsuitable for conversion, it will alter the character of the walled garden which previous applications have stated that it was important to preserve, the site is small, there is no splay on the entrance and the gate is not set back far enough.
- 5.2 North-west of Wingfield Cottage, Montford Bridge, detached dwelling, 17/05964/FUL, decision-object. This is on the floodplain, the levy to protect it will force the water in to other properties, it will add to the water pressure on the bridge.

6. **OFFICIAL MATTERS**

- 6.1 Monthly Audit of Accounts Bank Statement number 336 £50,389.21 verified by Chairman. The clerk is asked to look into the possibility of getting interest on some of this money.
- 6.2 Muriel's Little Wood, Safety Report, *Standing Agenda Item*. The bird boxes are getting old. Martin will make two new ones.
- 6.3 To set the BPC budget and precept for 2018/19. The budget was carefully scrutinised and the decision is to levy the same precept as last year, £11,950.

7 **PARISH ACCOUNTS for payment**

8. **EXTERNAL ITEMS**

- 8.1 Salc area committee, 18/1/18, 6.30pm, Guildhall, Shrewsbury. Noted.

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

- 9.1 A trench across the road at Montford Bridge has subsided, Cllr Blackmore will take a look to see if it needs reporting to SC.
- 9.2 Isle Lane Business Park looks a mess, Cllr Blackmore will speak to Robin Morris.
- 9.3 There is a dead wych elm opposite 9/10 Isle Lane, its ownership is uncertain, Cllr Llewellyn will ask Glenis.
- 9.4 The school reports are arriving with the editor of the Bicton newsletter.
- 9.5 Bicton newsletter has received some very favourable comments.
- 9.6 The coppice from Isle Court to the pumping station, on Isle Lane has some branches broken by the wind, there has been some chain sawing done here. It is presumed that this coppice belongs to Morris's.

10. **NEXT MEETING** to be held on Tuesday 9th February 2018. at 8.00pm in Bicton Village Hall

MEETING CLOSED 9.33 pm
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