

2020-Jan.a.

BICTON PARISH COUNCIL

Chairman Richard Brett

MINUTES of meeting 2020-Jan, 14th January 2020, 8pm in Bicton Village Hall

PRESENT:

Parish Cllrs: Richard Brett, Elliott Blackmore, Sally Maddox, Wendy Horan, Sue Llewellyn, Deirdre Grennan, Mandie Lee, Rod Warren, Paul Quartermaine, SC Cllr. Lezley Picton, Parish clerk-Peter Anderson, and 7 parishioners.

POLICE REPORT This showed the usual very low incidence of crime in Bicton but it is difficult to pick out the actual Bicton parish incidents and what might be happening in Bicton Heath and on the A5. Cllr Picton commented that she has heard that these reports will soon cease and all reporting will be done through a web site.

OPEN FORUM Stuart Leighton reported that he had been on the Bicton Walk and he had noted that there was much rubbish on Calcott Lane (this was reported to SC by Cllr Maddox) and also 12 tyres dumped on Clayton Way. The clerk will report these.

SC Cllr Picton report; Recycling, SC is in 38th place nationwide with a 55.4% recycling rate, this is not bad but it should be better. **SC is now consulting on its 2020 budget**, everyone is encouraged to respond. Already there is a £10m overspend on adult care alone!

0. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

0.1 Cllr Brett, 5.3, a director is a friend.

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

2. **MINUTES** 2020-Jan of previous meeting held on 14/1/20 were confirmed and signed.

3. MATTERS ARISING

3.1 Cllr Maddox has met some more people who have had a frightening experience with the horses by Lion Gate. The clerk will contact the owners, to explain the ongoing problem.

4. PARISH MATTERS

4.1 Lengthsman, report and instructions *Standing Agenda Item*

4.2 Parish footpaths, *Standing Agenda Item* Most footpaths are squelchy and flooded.

5 PLANNING

5.1 19/05257/FUL Plum Cottage, Bicton Lane, Erection of single and two-storey extensions; erection of single storey study/store; alterations to vehicular access. BPC notes that the neighbours have no objections and therefore BPC is minded to have no objections but it wishes to send some comments to the planning officer and to the applicant. This application comes close to doubling the size of the property. There are fears that this would set a precedent. The access is off a small lane and the entrance and parking space is inadequate. Although the house has been altered over the years it is an old property and it may still have some heritage value. There are some trees that border a neighbour but it is understood that these will be removed.

5.2 Report from Cllr Warren. He consulted Eddie West, SC planning policy officer, about Montford Bridge becoming a cluster and about other development boundaries in Bicton. There was much discussion about several possibilities; there could be multiple development boundaries, although, Eddie West is of the opinion that Montford Bridge is really too small to have a development boundary, Montford Bridge could be a cluster, but this is somewhat complicated by the fact that Montford Bridge is shared between two parishes and, uniquely within Shropshire, split by the River Severn. The Bicton village boundary will be extended towards Four Crosses to accommodate the agreed 15 houses, this is already agreed with SC. After much discussion it was decided that the Four Crosses boundary should be retained as it is now. This was agreed by a vote; 5 in favour, 3 against, 1 abstention. This minute will be forwarded to Eddie West.

5.3 19/05426/OUT Marches Care Limited, The Uplands, Outline application (all matters reserved) for the erection of two 2-storey buildings to create 28 extra care units. BPC supports this application because it is appropriate development within the 'care village'.

5.4 19/05486/FUL, 6 Church Close, Bicton, Erection of a two storey front extension. BPC has no objections.

6. OFFICIAL MATTERS

- 6.1 Monthly Audit of Accounts Bank Statement number 360 £36,452.59 verified by Chairman.
- 6.2 Muriel's Little Wood, Safety Report, *Standing Agenda Item*. Cllr Maddox reported that all is safe. Tom Llewellyn will start repairs to the fence soon.
- 6.3 To set the precept (budget) for 2020/21. BPC finances are on a sound footing with the recommended reserve in place so it is agreed to keep the precept the same for the third consecutive year at £11,950.
- 6.4 Bicton survey, response update. The closing date for returns has now passed. Cllrs Warren and Quartermaine have volunteered to begin the collation.
- 6.5 SmartWater (Security Forensic Fluid) progress. The uptake continues but it needs to be more yet. A property register is needed to show where to focus efforts to persuade the occupants of the merits of this free initiative; not just for them but for the whole parish..
- 6.6 Bicton is eligible for a Community Speed Watch (CSW) scheme. Noted, the clerk will start the process.

7 PARISH ACCOUNTS for payment

- 7.1 Bicton Village Hall, rent for BPC meetings April 2019/March2020, £204.00 chq 177.
- 7.2 Payment of the above account 1er Cllr Llewellyn, 2er Cllr Blackmore and agreed.

8. EXTERNAL ITEMS

- 8.1 Please be advised that the next meeting of the SALC Shrewsbury Area Committee shall take place on **Thursday 16th January 2020 at 6.30pm at the Guildhall**. As per the last meeting I have sent invitations out to Mark Barrow, Eddie West and Mathew Mead and will update the agenda once I've had a reply. If there is anything further for the agenda let me know. Helen Ball. Cllrs Warren and Lee volunteered to attend.

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

- 9.1 It is with sadness that BPC has learnt that former BPC Cllr Charles Owen has died. Charles was with BPC from 2000 to 2014. He always brought cheerful common sense to BPC and shared it with everyone. He had the local knowledge of Montford Bridge to also bring to BPC and, being a retired Regimental Sergeant-Major, he was very active in the Royal British Legion. He was invaluable, and organised a special parade, when BPC installed a plaque on the side of the church to re-affirm the dedication of the church clock as the Bicton War Memorial. BPC has always taken pride in doing its duty by contributing funds towards the upkeep of the clock; now it will also remind us of Charles.
- 9.2 Cllrs Grennan and Maddox have completed another litter-pick.
- 9.3 Harry Fox, who volunteered to pick litter in Bicton as part of his Duke of Edinburgh Award, (he picked 20 sacks), has received his award. Well done Harry!
- 9.4 A puddle has formed on the village hall car park, it was hoped that the re-vamped surface would have solved this problem, but it may just be a blocked drain.
- 9.5 Some trees have been felled on the Brethren's meeting room site where there is permission for the new building. The clerk will ask about their plans for replanting.
- 9.6 The old phone box has gathered some litter. How to deal with ongoing maintenance is a problem.
- 9.7 Bicton Lane was swept by the SC sweeper on new year's eve. It was not well done some very muddy parts were left untouched.
- 9.8 The Knit and Natter group is now free for attendees.
- 9.9 The clerk has received the latest version of the Place Plan from SC. It is a document of many pages and the arrangement of the information is very technical and not easy to grasp at a glance. Cllrs Llewellyn, Quartermaine and Warren have volunteered to peruse it on behalf of BPC.

10. **NEXT MEETING** to be held on Tuesday 11th February 2020. at 8.00pm in Bicton Village Hall

MEETING CLOSED 10.12 pm
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