

2021-Jan.a.

BICTON PARISH COUNCIL

Chairman Richard Brett

MINUTES (Draft until signed) of meeting 2021-Jan 12th January 2021, 8pm by zoom.

PRESENT:

Parish Cllrs: Richard Brett, Elliott Blackmore, Sally Maddox, Wendy Horan, Sue Llewellyn, Mandie Lee, Rod Warren, Paul Quartermaine, SC Cllr. Lezley Picton, Parish clerk-Peter Anderson and 4 parishioners.

POLICE REPORT: 12 Incidents in Bicton, ASB nuisance 3, concern for safety 2, domestic incidence 2, suspicious circumstances 3, RTC 2.

OPEN FORUM

The trees by the bungalows on Bicton Lane are the responsibility of the residents, according to Severnside Housing Trust.

David Pannet has available an archive of essays, about Bicton, that he has written. They could be useful for the newsletter. The nature of the documents makes them difficult to digitise. Cllr Warren volunteered to index them.

Cllr Warren cleared the drains on Bicton Lane.

SC Cllr Lezley Picton, report: Lezley had previously emailed her report. We are all advised to be very careful of the covid-19 situation because the number of positive tests is on the increase. No mutant virus has, so far, been reported in Shropshire. Vaccination centres will be opening soon, the local one is the Sundorne Bowling Club. Shropshire is managing a zero waste of vaccines. Shona and Paul Butter met with BPC Cllrs on the Severnway (see report below). The road sweeper has been requested to visit Bicton again. Green waste collection is being given priority. The planning enforcement situation at the Brethren's shop is still unresolved.

0. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

0.1 Cllr Maddox, 7.1, this is a refund to her for the zoom fee. Cllr Brett, 7.2, this is the web site maintenance fee.

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

2. **VERIFY DRAFT MINUTES**, 2020-Dec dated 8/12/2020 were verified and signed by the chairman.

3. **MATTERS ARISING**

3.1 Bickley Coppice/Chapel Hill footpath. This is mentioned in old tithe maps as a footpath but it is not on the modern SC definitive map. The clerk is asked to write to Shona Butter, the SC footpaths officer to ask what exactly is the status of this footpath?

3.2 Oxon Pool, Steve Shields is the SC tree officer and his advice should be sought about trees around the pool. The Shrewsbury Town Clerk asserts that the signage here is the same as at other similar sites in the care of STC and there are no problems. The site is sub contracted to the anglers association and too many walkers can disturb the angling. The kissing-gate, which is the pedestrian access is at the far end and is out of sight. Cllr Picton will liaise with STC clerk Helen Ball to check the arrangements.

3.3 Oak trees on Shepherd's Lane. Steve Shields is the person to ask about these.

3.4 Cllr Blackmore asked Ian Walshaw about the low kerbs at Montford Bridge where the flooding occurs. The low kerbs were installed to aid the drainage.

3.5 Grange Bank footway is still not finished as there is a staff shortage. Although the hedge has been cut back hard, in places, it still impinges on the footway.

3.6 Half of Bicton Lane has been swept by the road sweeper but the other half is too muddy. The drainage team is booked to visit.

3.7 The leaves against the fence and on the footway at Oxon Hollow are still there.

4. **PARISH MATTERS**

4.1 Lengthsman, report and instructions *Standing Agenda Item*

4.2 Parish footpaths, *Standing Agenda Item*. The footpaths are all muddy and are difficult to walk on until it dries out. Severnway; The meeting on 7th Jan. was attended by; Shona and Paul Butter,

Kevin and Sally Maddox, Rod Warren, Elliott Blackmore, Mathew Egerton, Dave and Barry Price. It was decided that SC would supply the labour and machinery and do the drainage. The landowners were expected to supply the hardcore but they have not got anything suitable. BPC is prepared to contribute £2,000 for the top dressing but only if this is necessary. (Depending on the quality of the hardcore a top dressing may not be necessary.) There is hardcore on the unofficial transfer yard at Grange Bank which may be suitable and may be available for free but collection will have to be paid for; Cllr Blackmore and Paul Butter will see if this is feasible.

5 **PLANNING**

- 5.1 **Shrewsbury North West Relief Road and the Severn Valley Water Management Scheme.** SC has decided to make the necessary preparations for submitting a NWRR planning application in February 2021. This application will be for a road scheme only and will include a viaduct across the River Severn and its flood plain at Shelton instead of an extended embankment design that was proposed in the public consultation earlier this year. Noted.
- 5.2 The revised SWSUE housing application has been published and will be with BPC soon. BPC will have the opportunity to comment. The supporting documentation has not yet been published. The Badger/newt-survey/relocation had to be done now or a wait of 12 months would have been necessary.

6. **OFFICIAL MATTERS**

- 6.1 Monthly Audit of Accounts Bank Statement number 372 £37,537.41 and was verified
- 6.2 Muriel's Little Wood, Safety Report, *Standing Agenda Item*. Cllr Warren has done some pruning and the wood is safe. The holly is growing strongly and will soon need a good prune. There is quite a foot-fall through the wood as people use it for their daily exercise.
- 6.3 A budget must be agreed for the Council Tax Precept Requirement 2021/22. After much discussion it was decided that keeping the precept the same at £11,950 would cover expenditure and maintain reserves. There are also enough reserves to cover contingencies such as £2,000 for stone for the Severnway, zoom costs, Muriel's Little Wood maintenance and match funding to the PPE grant from SC should the need arise.

7 **PARISH ACCOUNTS for payment**

- 7.1 Refund to Cllr Maddox for the zoom fee, £14.39 chq 214
- 7.2 Web site maintenance, quarter to November, £120.00 chq 215
- 7.3 Payment of the above accounts was agreed.

8. **EXTERNAL ITEMS**

- 8.1 Shropshire Council has published the Regulation 19: Pre-Submission Draft of the Shropshire Local Plan and its supporting documents to invite representations from all parties on compliance with all legal requirements, including the duty to co-operate, and soundness. Documents are available for inspection via the 'Get Involved' section of the Shropshire Council website at: <https://shropshire.gov.uk/get-involved/Reg-19-Pre-Submission-Draft-Local-Plan> Noted.

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

- 9.1 Four more SmartWater kits have been taken up.
- 9.2 The de-fibrillator has been checked. New pads will be needed in April at a cost of £94.00
- 9.3 Cllr Maddox will organise a litter-pick. The B4380 is particularly bad; Russ Maxim may be able to help again with this patch. Previous helpers have indicated that they are willing to help again.
- 9.4 Sometimes vehicles are parked on the footpath of the B4380 outside 'The Cottage'. This forces pedestrians in to the road. A note in the newsletter may alert drivers to the danger of doing this.
- 9.5 Dog poo! On footways, outside houses! How do we get through to these people? A plea can go in the newsletter...yet again!

10. **NEXT MEETING** due to be held on Tuesday 9th February 2021, 8.00pm in Bicton Village Hall?
Or zoom?

MEETING CLOSED 9.30pm
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