

2022-Jan.a.

BICTON PARISH COUNCIL

Chairman Richard Brett

MINUTES (Draft until signed) of meeting 2022-Jan. 11th January 2022, 8pm in Bicton village hall.

PRESENT:

Parish Cllrs: Elliott Blackmore, Wendy Horan, Deirdre Grennan, Mandie Lee, Rod Warren, Paul Quartermaine, Parish clerk-Peter Anderson and 3 parishioners.

In the absence of Chairman Richard Brett and Vice Chair Sally Maddox councillor Elliott Blackmore was voted in to the chair for the meeting.

POLICE REPORT.

OPEN FORUM

It was reported that the central refuge in the road by The Coppice is so constructed that the kerb protrudes in to the carriageway. There is a real danger that the unwary driver could clip the kerb and cause an accident. The clerk is asked to report this to SC.

SC Cllr Picton report: The flashing speed sign on the Holyhead Road is faulty and the manufactures are being asked to replace it. **The boundary review** is ongoing. **Night time litter picks** are happening on the A5. **The was a fatal accident at the A5/Shrawardine turn;** highways are considering improvements to the junction. **The NWRR planning application** is awaiting replies from consultees. **The SC budget is under stress** because the Government settlement is not enough and costs are rising; 85% of the budget is spent on 3% of the population through adult and child care responsibilities. There will be a £12m hole in the budget: council tax will have to increase. **Climate change mitigation** measures are being implemented by SC.

0. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- 0.1 **APOLOGIES** for ABSENCE were received and accepted, from: Richard Brett, Sue Llewellyn Sally Maddox, SC Cllr. Lezley Picton, NOTED
- 2. **VERIFY DRAFT MINUTES**, 2021-Dec, dated 14/12/21. The minutes were signed as a true and accurate account.

3. MATTERS ARISING

- 3.1 The revised Code Of Conduct for Councillors, as prepared by SC, is now ready. The recommendation is that parish councils should adopt this code. It will be presented to the next BPC meeting for approval.
- 3.2 There is a fear that when the Four Crosses Inn is converted to a nursery it will displace all of the Four Crosses Garage cars, which are at present stored on the Inn car park, and the cars will be parked on the footway and slip road, as has happened in the past. The clerk is asked to contact SC planning enforcement to ask how this might be prevented from happening.
- 3.3 The fallen tree along the Severnway has been cleared away by the landowner.
- 3.4 Chapel Hill footpath has been cleared, by the landowner.
- 3.5 Lloyds Bank are not taking on new accounts at the moment; the clerk is asked to try Barclays.
- 3.6 The Queen's Green Canopy (tree planting). Cllr Warren sent out 30 letters to landowners, the response so far is very encouraging.

4. PARISH MATTERS

- 4.1 Lengthsman, report and instructions *Standing Agenda Item*
- 4.2 Parish footpaths, *Standing Agenda Item* The part of footpath 7, which runs from the Welshpool Road to Shepherd's Lane, will be affected by the SWSUE development. So far, no alternative has been made available by the developers. The clerk is asked to enquire, of an SC officer, as to what is proposed.
- 4.3 The flashing speed sign on the Holyhead road is still activating at low speeds.
- 4.4 Progress towards 'Plant a Tree for the Jubilee'. Cllr Warren sent out 30 letters and several landowners have made offers to plant trees.
- 4.5 Shepherd's Lane will be closed 23-28 Feb. Noted.

5 PLANNING

- 5.1 21/05201/FUL Villa Farm Barn , Erection of one and a half storey side extension
SC Decision: Grant Permission

6. OFFICIAL MATTERS

- 6.1 Monthly Audit of Accounts and financial report. Bank Statement number 384 £44,084.50 verified by Chairman.
- 6.2 Muriel's Little Wood, Safety Report, *Standing Agenda Item*. The hanging branch is still hanging and shows no signs of falling but to be extra safe the area where it could fall will be taped off.

Otherwise the wood is safe. The clerk has arranged for a tree surgeon to inspect, and advise on, the whole wood. Rod has done some more clearing of the holly thickets.

- 6.3 BPC is invited to submit an Expression of Interest for CIL Funding – Future Working. BPC has previously expressed, through The Place Plan, its interests, the main one being safety improvements to the entire length of the B4380/Holyhead Road that lies within Bicton parish.
- 6.4 To decide on a budget and precept for the coming financial year. The 2022/3 budget was thoroughly debated. BPC has a suitable reserve to cover contingencies so it was decided to keep the precept at the same amount as last year. £11,950.

7 **PARISH ACCOUNTS for payment**

- 7.1 To reimburse Cllr Warren for postage costs for the ‘Plant A Tree For The Jubilee’ request to local landowners. £19.80 chq 253
- 7.2 Payment of the above account 1er Cllr Horan 2er Cllr Blackmore and agreed.

8. **EXTERNAL ITEMS**

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

9.1 A white post on Shepherd’s Lane verge at the Four Crosses cross road has fallen over. It will probably re-slot in to its socket; Cllr Blackmore will see to it.

10. **NEXT MEETING** due to be held on Tuesday 8th February 2022. at 8.00pm in Bicton Village Hall.

MEETING CLOSED 9.10 pm.
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