

2015-Feb.a.

**BICTON PARISH COUNCIL**

Chairman Richard Brett

**MINUTES OF MEETING 2015-Feb** Held on 10<sup>th</sup> February 2015. 8pm in Bicton Village Hall

**PRESENT:**

*Parish Cllrs:* Richard Brett, Elliott Blackmore, Roy Bound, Wendy Horan, Sally Maddox, Sue Llewellyn, Deirdre Grennan. SC Cllr. John Everall., Parish clerk-Peter Anderson, Plus 2 parishioners,

**OPEN FORUM**

**Police report.** Crime remains low in the area as does anti social behaviour (ASB). PCSO Keith Hadfield is retiring and will not be replaced. This policing area has changed; Frankwell, Copthorne, Porthill and The Mount have been reallocated.

BPC Cllr Roy Bound has had no response, from the police, to the report of damage to his garage.

0. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

0.1 Cllr Llewellyn, non pecuniary, in 4.3. Tom is her son.

1. **APOLOGIES** for ABSENCE were received and accepted, from: Martin Davies. Noted.

2. **MINUTES** 2014-Jan of previous meeting held on 13/1/15 were confirmed and signed.

3. **MATTERS ARISING**

3.1 The street light opposite Ellmar, on the Welshpool, road has been repaired.

3.2 The intention to install a defibrillator by Bicton primary school is not a grant application but will be financed by fund raising. BPC may be able to contribute £200. This will be put on the next BPC agenda.

3.3 Smoke from a rubbish fire, at Mayfield, blowing across the B4380. The environmental health officer would need to catch the offence in flagrante. His phone number is 0345 678 9000. The clerk is asked to remind the planning enforcement officer that this site is being used as an illegal waste transfer station.

4. **PARISH MATTERS**

4.1 Bicton Primary School *Standing Agenda Item* Cllr Horan reported that all is well.

4.2 Lengthsman, report and instructions *Standing Agenda Item* Martin is poorly and has not been able to install the second bench.

4.3 Parish footpaths, *Standing Agenda Item* Tom Llewellyn is now the SC outdoor partnerships coordinator and is setting up a Bicton Parish Paths Partnership (BP3) BPC welcomes this. The path opposite Grove Bungalow has been cleared; the stile the other side is next for repair. The Severnway by Bicton Pool is a swamp. The clerk is asked to find out who owns this stretch of bridleway and what is the law governing tractors on bridleways. Kissing gates are more robust and will replace stiles. Does Bicton want a walking for health scheme? Helen Beresford of the Parish Paths Partnership (PPP) will come to BPC if she is asked.

4.4 Isle Lane, speeding, parking and condition of the road surface. The pressure of traffic is degrading the surface and breaking down the verges. Vehicles continue to speed. The amount of litter is shocking; Cllr Llewellyn did a litter-pick and collected 20kg including beer and wine bottles and a needle. Parking associated with the Four Crosses Inn continues to be a problem. SC Cllr Everall is asked to use his influence to get the yellow lines extended further down the lane.

4.5 Clearing Grange Bank footway, a request from Montford Parish Council (MPC). Because of soil encroachment from the base of the hedge the footpath has become, in places, too narrow for a pushchair. The clerk is instructed to employ someone to shovel the soil off the path and to get this done before the next BPC meeting; proposed Cllr Horan, seconded Cllr Llewellyn and agreed.

4.6 Dog waste bins, an email from Derek Furlong of SC. SC has a limited number of multi-purpose bins. BPC requests bins, 1, at the entrance to Muriel's Little Wood, 2, in the Bicton Lane passing places, 3, on the B4380 at the entrance to the caravan site. BPC requests signs; 1, by the church, 2, on Bicton Lane, 3, on The Oval.

## 5 **PLANNING**

- 5.1 85 care apartments, Holyhead Rd, 14/05707/FUL, for decision. BPC strongly objects for the following reasons. 1, BPC was promised, by SC planning policy dept, that there would be no ribbon development along the B4380. 2, This is outside SAMDev. 3, The height makes it imposing and therefore not in keeping. 4, Access is on to a fast stretch of the B4380. 5, this is urban development in a rural area. 6, There is insufficient parking provision. 7, The B4380 footpath is on the opposite side of the road, pedestrians would have to cross and the speed limit is 60mph.
- 5.2 Dairyscope, demolition, 14/04715/FUL, SC granted. Noted.
- 5.3 Horton Lane Farm, Cruckton, extension, 14/05674/FUL, for decision. BPC has no objections.
- 5.4 Land adj. Brockway, Shepherd's Lane, formation of vehicular access. 14/04566/FUL. SC granted. Noted.
- 5.5 Land east of Bicton Lane. 15 houses. 14/02239/OUT. This is an amendment to the previous application for 27 houses. BPC strongly objects to this for all the previous reasons; plus...BPC notes that SC is refusing some applications on the grounds that they are outside SAMDev and this application is outside.

## 6. **OFFICIAL MATTERS**

- 6.1 Monthly Audit of Accounts Bank Statement number 298 £17,641.22, verified by Chairman.
- 6.2 Muriel's Little Wood, Safety Report, *Standing Agenda Item*. Cllr Maddox reported that all is safe.
- 6.3 Local Joint Committee (LJC) the changes have now been approved by SC. BPC has complained, to SC, before about being grouped with Tern and Severn Valley when the natural geographical affinities are with Longden, Ford, Rea Valley and Loton. These complaints were ignored but BPC instructs the clerk to complain again.

## 7 **PARISH ACCOUNTS for payment**

- 7.1 Litter picking equipment, £47.95. Chq 981.
- 7.2 North West Fuels (NWF) paid everything for the replacement of street light E, except the VAT of £126.20. BPC will now pay this and then reclaim it with the annual claim. Chq 982.
- 7.3 Payment of the above accounts, proposed Cllr Llewellyn, seconded Cllr Horan and agreed.

## 8. **EXTERNAL ITEMS**

- 8.1 NHS Future Fit. Does BPC wish to have a presentation made to it on this subject? BPC feels that this is not necessary.

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

- 9.1 Natalie Hughes is thanked for her offer to be a 'Bicton Picker'. Cllr Maddox is organising the Bicton Pickers.
- 9.2 Litter was picked, by SC, along the A5 from the Montgomery turn to Churncote and in no time it was as bad as ever.
- 9.3 The section of the churchyard wall that was not re-pointed is becoming unstable.
- 9.4 The Calcott Lane 'kill your speed' sign, which was damaged and taken away for repair by SC, has still not been returned. The clerk will enquire about it.
- 9.5 The clerk has not received any response to the request for volunteers for the Community Speed Watch.

10. **NEXT MEETING** to be held on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2015. at 8.00pm in Bicton Village Hall

MEETING CLOSED 10 pm  
2014-Feb.b.