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**BICTON PARISH COUNCIL**  
Chairman Richard Brett

**DRAFT MINUTES OF MEETING 2016 Feb Held on 9<sup>th</sup> February 2016. 8pm in Bicton Village Hall**

**PRESENT:**

*Parish Cllrs:* Richard Brett, Elliott Blackmore, Wendy Horan, Sally Maddox, Sue Llewellyn, Deirdre Grennan, Martin Davies. Parish clerk-Peter Anderson, Plus 7 parishioners,

**OPEN FORUM**

**The give way sign on Isle lane is partially obscured by twigs.** Martin will see to this.

**Stuart Leighton reported that he had met Nigel Clarke of Galliers Homes.** Mr Clarke offered to come to a BPC meeting to explain Galliers house building intentions for Bicton Lane. For the moment this offer is politely declined by BPC.

**Police report.** Some saddle stones have been stolen from the Montford side of Montford Bridge. No crimes were reported in Bicton. (Bicton Heath had 13 reported incidents). **The police have reiterated the position on Speed Watch;** the police will not enforce the 30 limit in Bicton until engineering works have been carried out to slow traffic. Ian Connolly, Traffic management advisor to West Mercia Police states that the speeds on the B4380 are too fast for a Community Speed Watch Scheme to safely operate. For BPC to even try to initiate the Community Speed Watch it must have at least 6 volunteers. The clerk has asked for names, which he must have in writing. One volunteer has verbally named himself, no volunteers have written in. **A Smartwater Village** initiative is being put forward. This scheme may be suitable for Bicton in the future.

**To Co-opt a new councillor onto BPC. Rod Warren has volunteered for this post.**

Rod Warren was co-opted by a unanimous vote, he signed the Declaration Of Acceptance Of Office, and joined BPC.

**0. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

0.1 Cllr Davies, 4.2, he is the lengthsman. Cllr Warren 5.1 and 5.2, he is a near neighbour.

1. **APOLOGIES** for ABSENCE were received and accepted, from: Roy Bound, NOTED. SC Cllr. John Everall was also absent.

2. **MINUTES** 2016-Jan of previous meeting held on 12/1/16 were confirmed and signed.

**3. MATTERS ARISING**

3.1 Some volunteers have come forward to train to use the de-fibrillator but some more are needed.

3.2 Car parking on the road outside Isle Court. Cllr Blackmore has spoken to Tim Morris but the car still parks there. If Cllr Blackmore is given the car number he will phone Tim Morris again.

**4. PARISH MATTERS**

4.1 Bicton Primary School *Standing Agenda Item* The pre-school is to move to the primary school. This is considered, by all concerned, to be a good move.

4.2 Lengthsman, report and instructions *Standing Agenda Item* Martin has removed the moss from the Bicton bus shelter but now it needs a good spring clean. Cllr Blackmore will contact the shelter cleaner-Jim Griffiths. **Environmental Grant from SC; does BPC wish to participate again?** Yes is the unanimous answer; the clerk will return the application form.

4.3 Parish footpaths, *Standing Agenda Item* Soggy is the word. SC has sent "Public Rights of Way, a Guide" to the clerk, he is requested to forward it to BPC Cllrs.

**5. PLANNING**

5.1 An appeal has been made against the Shropshire Council decision to refuse permission for Land East of Bicton Lane, residential development (15 houses), 14/02239/OUT. This appeal will be determined at a hearing, probably in April. BPC wishes to point out to the inspector that, in

addition to all the previous objections (which will automatically go forward) 1, This is overdevelopment on its own but when all the other developments are added up, it is gross overdevelopment. 2, The site and the access (Bicton Lane) is in open countryside. 3, SC, through its planning policy officer, Dave Wallace, want no development at all north of the church. 4, This site is outside the now approved SAMDev area.

- 5.2 Land East Of Bicton Lane, 15 houses, 15/04035/FUL, SC refused. Noted.  
*Please note that 14/02239/OUT and 15/04035/FUL are separate applications. They are both for the same houses on the same land but legally they are different applications.*
- 5.3 47 The Oval, conservatory, 15/04697/FUL, SC granted. Noted.
- 5.4 East Grove, 4 stables, 16/00233/FUL, the email only arrived this morning, the clerk will ask the planning officer for an extension until after the next BPC meeting.

## 6. OFFICIAL MATTERS

- 6.1 Monthly Audit of Accounts Bank Statement number 311 £26,548.75 verified by Chairman.
- 6.2 Muriel's Little Wood, Safety Report, *Standing Agenda Item*. Cllr Grennan picked up all the litter that she could reach. There is an inaccessible holly thicket with litter in it. Tom Llewellyn will be asked to thin the thicket. Otherwise all is safe.
- 6.3 Notification of the 2016 CIL Neighbourhood Fund to be paid to BPC, £6,412.48. Noted.
- 6.4 Price list from Highline Electrical Ltd for fixing street lights. Noted.

## 7. PARISH ACCOUNTS for payment

- 7.1 Repair of street light F on Church Close. Highline Electrical Ltd. £78.16 chq 1017.
- 7.2 Payment of the above account proposed Cllr Grennan, seconded Cllr Blackmore and agreed.

## 8. EXTERNAL ITEMS

- 8.1 Road safety, "**What can help reduce speeds, improve safety and enhance village life**", presented by Ben Hamilton-Baillie, at the Shirehall Thurs 3/3/16. 5.30pm-7.30pm. £20 per delegate. Noted.
- 8.2 Invitation from Shropshire Council to discuss how we can work together through financial difficulties. 10/2/16, 9am-11am Shirehall. Noted.
- 8.3 There is a Neighbourhood Watch 'Rural Day of Action' at Condover on 17/2/16. All PCs are invited. Noted.

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

- 9.1 Litter has blown off the building site at Uddington and is caught up in the hedge. The clerk will report this to SC.
- 9.2 There is a pothole on Isle Lane 50 yards from the cross roads. The clerk will report this.
- 9.3 There is a drainage problem at the end of Isle Lane. Martin will have a look.
- 9.4 Cllrs Grennan and Maddox did a litter pick on Bicton lane and Calcott Lane. They collected 5 sacks plus there was sundry other rubbish including bricks and a mirror.
- 9.5 Litter is blowing off the illegal skip transfer station on to Grange Bank. Cllr Maddox will report this to SC.

## 10. NEXT MEETING to be held on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2016. at 8.00pm in Bicton Village Hall

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