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BICTON PARISH COUNCIL

Chairman Richard Brett

DRAFT MINUTES OF MEETING 2017 Feb Held on 14th February 2017. 8pm in Bicton Village Hall

PRESENT:

Parish Cllrs: Richard Brett, Elliott Blackmore, Roy Bound, Sally Maddox, Sue Llewellyn, Deirdre Grennan, Rod Warren. Parish clerk-Peter Anderson, Plus 4 parishioners,

OPEN FORUM

There are still some problems with dogs barking at Wags and Whiskers. The proprietors are making efforts to control the problem. It is understood that they are allowed a maximum of 30 dogs. Sight screening may help as the dogs will not be able to see things which set them off barking. A thick hedge would help to muffle the noise. A log is being kept for the SC Environmental Health Officer so that he can monitor the situation.

Police report. Bicton had no reported crime this last month.

SC Cllr Claire Wild delivered a report on behalf of SC Cllr John Everall who could not attend for health reasons. 25% of the Shropshire population is over 65. By 2026 this is expected to be 35%. The adult care bill is increasing by £8m per year. A 2.9% council tax increase will yield £5m per year. SC's annual budget was £650m now it is £530m. £200m is ring fenced for schools. Central Govt. is being asked to directly fund services for the aged. No new primary school will be needed before 2026 because of the aging population. The 5 year land supply is good. CIL is good. The SAMDev review will project to 2036. 24,000 homes are needed by 2036, that is 1,275 per year, which is very nearly being achieved. New sites will have to meet a strict sustainability criteria. A Neighbourhood Plan (NP) is a Material Planning Consideration. An NP could cost £20,000 to produce. SC intends most house building to be on brown field sites and in urban areas. It would encourage developers to build where they already have permission if that permission was to be withdrawn after two years if building had not started. Sustainability is a powerful planning concept. Oxon Relief Road is expected to be completed by 2021. More bungalows are needed for old people, this is in the Govt. White Paper.

0. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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1. **APOLOGIES** for ABSENCE were received and accepted, from: Wendy Horan, Martin Davies, SC Cllr. John Everall. NOTED

2. **MINUTES** 2017-Jan of previous meeting held on 10/1/17 were confirmed and signed.

3. MATTERS ARISING

3.1 Traffic monitoring strips have been laid on Isle Lane.

4. PARISH MATTERS

4.1 Bicton Primary School *Standing Agenda Item* The eco-room is completed and is in use.

4.2 Lengthsman, report and instructions *Standing Agenda Item* Martin has removed the dead wych elm, there is some more material to be removed from nearby; he is given permission to continue with this work.

4.3 Parish footpaths, *Standing Agenda Item* They are OK apart from the Severn Way, which is nearly knee deep in mud. Tom Llewellyn is working with his colleagues on a plan to improve the Severn Way past Bicton Pool. BPC might consider using some of its extra precept as match funding.

4.4 Speeding, Montford Bridge, reply from Mike Davies of SC. Camera enforcement signs are only used where there is an active safer roads partnership in operation. The signs quickly lose their effect if there is not ongoing enforcement. The Bicton part of the B4380 in Montford Bridge has been added as a site-of-community-concern for possible consideration in the 2018/19 speed and safety capital programme.

5 **PLANNING**

- 5.1 Rose Villa, Calcott Lane, garage/gym/office, 16/05573/FUL, SC granted. Noted
- 5.2 2 New Cottages, Shepherd's Lane, Outline for one dwelling, 16/05567/OUT. BPC had no objections but **SC has refused permission** because, 1, It is cramped and out of character. 2, The was no arboriculture assessment. 3, No safe highways access had been demonstrated.

6 **OFFICIAL MATTERS**

- 6.1 Monthly Audit of Accounts Bank Statement number 323 £35,342.92 verified by Chairman.
- 6.2 Muriel's Little Wood, Safety Report, *Standing Agenda Item*. Quotations have been received from tree surgeon Max Jellicoe. He quoted £460 to clear all the underbrush; BPC's decision is to accept this quote and to ask for the work to be done asap. He also quoted £460 per year to do all the work necessary to keep the wood safe and in good order. More quotes are to be sought for this work after the underbrush has been cleared and it is plain to see what the ongoing maintenance will entail.
- 6.3 SAMDev review, relevant documents and e-survey available on the SC website at <http://new.shropshire.gov.uk/get-involved/local-plan-partial-review-issues-and-strategicoptions-consultation/>
BPC is strongly advised, by NALC, SC, and other sources to have an up to date, robust, house building policy that has been arrived at by a thoroughgoing public consultation. To this end it is decided to have a public meeting before the next BPC meeting. Dates of village hall availability will be checked by Cllr Brett then he and the clerk will set a date. The rush is caused by SC's deadline of 20/3/17 for its consultation.

7 **PARISH ACCOUNTS for payment *Plus any additional late accounts***

- 7.1 Highline Electrical, street light repair, £224.55 chq 1052
- 7.2 Bicton Village Hall, hire for BPC meetings, Ap 2016/Mar2017. £204.00 chq 1053
- 7.3 Max Jellicoe, tree work, Muriel's Little Wood, £285.00 chq1054
- 7.4 Payment of the above accounts, proposed Cllr Llewellyn, seconded Cllr Maddox and agreed.

8. **EXTERNAL ITEMS**

- 8.1 Town and Parish Council Forum Meeting, 27/2/17, Shirehall. Noted.

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

- 9.1 There is dog mess on the footpaths around the church. An appeal to the dog owners to be more responsible will be made through the news letter.

- 10. **NEXT MEETING** to be held on Tuesday 14th March 2017. at 8.00pm in Bicton Village Hall

MEETING CLOSED 9.34 pm
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