

2018 Feb.a.

**BICTON PARISH COUNCIL**

Chairman Richard Brett

**MINUTES** (Draft until signed) of meeting 2018-Feb, 13<sup>th</sup> February 2018. 8pm in Bicton Village Hall

**PRESENT:**

*Parish Cllrs:* Richard Brett, Elliott Blackmore, Sally Maddox, Wendy Horan, Sue Llewellyn, Deirdre Grennan, Martin Davies, SC Cllr. Lezley Picton, Parish clerk-Peter Anderson, and 5 parishioners.

**BPC has a casual vacancy and will co-opt as soon as is practicable, for this to happen a candidate is needed. BPC is seeking volunteers.**

**POLICE REPORT** PC Ross Cookson emailed a report. Our area had 22 calls to the police, there was 1 crime, 3 anti social behaviour problems, 4 road traffic incidents and “9 calls to specialist care homes due to missing children or acts of damage”.

**OPEN FORUM**

**Cars still park on the Four Crosses Garage slip road,** Cllr Brett will speak to the owner.

**Some vehicles parked on the road, at The Crescent,** have been found to have no MOT. These have been reported to the police.

**An ‘island’/refuge has been constructed on the B4380** outside The Coppice. This is poorly signed and lit; it is in a 60mph limit, it is considered to be dangerous.

**Claire Rooney is applying to build an affordable house** in Montford Bridge. She needs BPC to agree that she qualifies. BPC agrees that she does.

**There is a proposal to build a petrol station/retail outlet/drive through cafe/offices/pub cum restaurant at Churncote Roundabout.** Will Savage and Emily made a presentation on behalf of the developer, Euro Garages. This will be a hybrid application, i.e. part outline and part full. Delays have been caused by uncertainty over the OLR (Oxon Link Road). Employment will be created; 45 full and part time plus 50 to 100 in the offices, plus temps in the summer. SC wants a high quality ‘Gateway to Shrewsbury’ design. The petrol station will be open 24/7. The final design is flexible. BPC suggested that HGV parking is desirable, but the amount of car parking on the draft plan is minimal. A footpath is needed to make pedestrian access convenient. Section 106 funding is not guaranteed but a contribution to parish projects is possible by negotiation; a wish list will be sent to Euro Garages.

REPORT FROM S.C. Cllr. Lezley Picton. The verge by The Coppice has not yet been repaired. There is also a ‘Sustrans’ sign which has had one post removed. The salt bins that were promised to Bicton have all gone to other places, but we are on the list.

0. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

0.1 Cllr Davies, 4.1, he is the lengthsman.

1. **APOLOGIES** for ABSENCE were received and accepted, from: Rod Warren, PC Ross Cookson  
NOTED

2. **MINUTES** 2018-Jan of previous meeting held on 9/1/18 were confirmed and signed.

3. **MATTERS ARISING**

3.1 The signs for Muriel’s Little Wood, about liability, will be ready this week.

3.2 The gate by Grove Farm, which was repaired by Tom Llewellyn is being fastened tight with string.

3.3 The kerb improvements on Bicton Lane will be done in 5 or 6 weeks time.

- 3.4 Matthew Egerton has cleared some of the mud off the Severnway with a digger. This is something of an improvement. It may be possible to make a path up on the verge. There is a silted up drain by the first field entrance. Some trees have been lopped to improve tractor access to grow maize.
- 3.5 Cllr Blackmore has spoken to Robin Morris about the messy yard at Isle Lane Business Park. It was agreed that screening is needed. Also the white lines at the entrance will be re-done. Also Robin volunteered to have the white lines on the Grove Farm Lane installed at the same time.
- 3.6 The trees that were ordered under the SC scheme have arrived and have been heeled in at Cllr Warren's garden.

#### 4. **PARISH MATTERS**

- 4.1 Lengthsman, report and instructions *Standing Agenda Item* The panel that was obtained for the bus shelter was damaged. Another has been ordered.
- 4.2 Parish footpaths, *Standing Agenda Item* The Severnway is as described above. The other paths are as might be expected at this time of the year.

#### 5. **PLANNING**

- 5.1 9/10 Isle Lane, extensions, 17/05565/FUL, SC granted. Noted.

#### 6. **OFFICIAL MATTERS**

- 6.1 Monthly Audit of Accounts Bank Statement number 337 £50,346.71 verified by Chairman. There are some rules around a parish council making investments. They must be secure and liquid and the yield must make the effort worthwhile. SC is not keen on seeing CIL money invested; the idea is that it should be spent on improving the infrastructure. Given the present rate of interest and the amount that BPC has to invest, it is on the border of being worthwhile.
- 6.2 Muriel's Little Wood, Safety Report, *Standing Agenda Item*. All is safe.
- 6.3 If BPC's 26 street lights are converted to LED and go part night (switched off from midnight to 5am) the annual electricity cost will reduce from £1,144 to £195. At the moment 2 street lights need attention. To fix a single light has been costing £150. To convert a light to LED will cost about £300 (quote still pending) Should these two lights be converted now rather than repaired? BPC agrees, in principle, to convert all of the street lights to LED. A quote is awaited from Highline Electrical. In the meantime, the BPC decision is to instruct Highline to convert the two broken street lights to LED.

#### 7. **PARISH ACCOUNTS for payment**

- 7.1 Street light electricity, Oct/Dec 2017, £342.43 chq 1093
- 7.2 Bicton Village Hall, hire for meetings Ap17/Mar18, £204.00 chq 1094
- 7.3 Payment of the above accounts 1er Cllr Grennan, 2er Cllr Maddox and agreed.

#### 8. **EXTERNAL ITEMS**

- 8.1 Salc AGM is 5.30pm, 23/2/18, Shirehall. Noted.

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

- 9.1 The Coppice is having a Fayre on 21/7/18. Noted.
- 9.2 It was previously agreed to have a 50 inch tv installed in the village hall to display BPC business during meetings, and to be available for other use. Prince's of Wem will supply and fit a suitable tv for £840 inclusive. It is agreed that the clerk should order this and arrange the fitting.
- 9.3 Also it was previously agreed that BPC should purchase a laptop computer to connect to the above tv. World Of Tech in Oswestry can supply a laptop for £300. It was agreed that the clerk should order this.
- 9.4 The defibrillator for the old phone box is turning out to be more expensive than expected. The clerk has been given a name and number of someone at the NHS who may be able to give some advice.

10. **NEXT MEETING** to be held on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2018. at 8.00pm in Bicton Village Hall

MEETING CLOSED 9.55 pm  
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