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BICTON PARISH COUNCIL

Chairman Richard Brett

MINUTES (Draft until signed) of meeting 2019 -Feb, 12th February 2019. 8pm in Bicton Village Hall

PRESENT:

Parish Cllrs: Richard Brett, Sue Llewellyn, Elliott Blackmore, Sally Maddox, Wendy Horan, Deirdre Grennan, Mandie Lee, Rod Warren, SC Cllr. Lezley Picton, Parish clerk-Peter Anderson, 40 parishioners, and Justin Howell, Joe Turner and Martin Johnson of Countryside Properties.

Justin Howell, Joe turner and Martin Johnson, explained the proposal to build 300 houses in the field east of Calcott Lane. They insisted that they are not typical developers, they are into partnerships. They do not yet own the site. They have been talking to SC's, Eddie West and Ian Kilby, also to MP Daniel Kawczynski, STC (Shrewsbury Town Council) and SC Cllr Lezley Picton, about this project. The 300 houses would include some (perhaps 50%) that are 'affordable' and 10 bungalows. The houses would be freehold. The present cattle shed could become commercial units. There would be safety engineering on the B4380 with a cycle route. There would be provision for a surgery, and other services, on site. A management company would be created to run the site, in perpetuity. Countryside Properties has no legal connections to Holyhead Estates.

The mood of this meeting is very much against this proposal because it is urban sprawl which would benefit Shrewsbury's need but is totally incompatible with the needs of the parish of Bicton. It is believed that Shropshire Council holds a restrictive covenant on this land which prevents building; however, this could be rescinded for cash; which could amount to £millions being paid to SC.

OPEN FORUM

The Heart Beat Trust has still not replied to Stuart about removing the old phone kiosk. The Trust is keen to convert kiosks to defibrillator places. The Trust has no interest in the kiosk otherwise. It would be ideal if another use could be found for this kiosk that would justify keeping it in good order.

SC Cllr Lezley Picton reported; SC has no litter picking equipment to give to parishes. Place Plan Officers have now been appointed. The officer for Shrewsbury Rural, which covers Bicton, is Mathew Mead.

0. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

0.1 Cllr Blackmore, 7.1, he has paid for the signs and the £54 is a refund to him. Cllr Llewellyn, 5.2, she is friendly with the applicant.

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

2. **MINUTES** 2019-Jan of previous meeting held on 8/1/19 were confirmed and signed.

3. **MATTERS ARISING**

3.1 At the last meeting there was this planning application. Tall Trees, Calcott Lane, porch and extensions, 18/05725/FUL, BPC was informed that the south elevation has upstairs windows that would overlook the neighbours; therefore BPC objected. The site has now been inspected and the information now is that these windows will not overlook the neighbours.

4. **PARISH MATTERS**

4.1 Lengthsman, report and instructions *Standing Agenda Item* It is proposed that Kevin Williams should continue to cut the grass, for this season, as per previous years; this is unanimously agreed.

- 4.2 Parish footpaths, *Standing Agenda Item* The Severnway is worse than ever. The steps up to the bypass walkway have been washed away. It was suggested that this section should be closed as a way of persuading SC to improve it. Cllr Llewellyn will ask Tom for his advice.

5 PLANNING

- 5.1 New Cottages, Shepherd's Lane, 1 new dwelling, 18/05189/FUL, which BPC objected to on the grounds that it is outside the cluster is actually within the development boundary. There being no other material objections SC has approved the application. Noted.
- 5.2 Conversion of agricultural building into a two bedroom dwelling. Westwynd, Montford Bridge, 19/00165/FUL, decision; no objections.

6. OFFICIAL MATTERS

- 6.1 Monthly Audit of Accounts Bank Statement number 348 £40,553.26 verified by Chairman.
- 6.2 Muriel's Little Wood, Safety Report, *Standing Agenda Item*. Cllr Warren has trimmed back some of the holly; he and Cllr Maddox report that all is safe.
- 6.3 CPRE is inviting BPC to become a member. £36.00 per year. This could help in dealing with planning applications. It is agreed that membership could have some benefits and is worth trying for a year.
- 6.4 BPC has been granted £1,317.00 EMG, (Environmental Maintenance Grant (Lengthsman)). SC intends to audit this money quite strictly and any not spent in accordance with the agreement is to be returned to SC. Noted.

7 PARISH ACCOUNTS for payment

- 7.1 'No Littering' signs, £54.00 chq 138
- 7.2 Street light electricity for 3 months, £137.89 chq 139
- 7.3 Bicton village hall for BPC meetings, one year, £204.00 chq 140
- 7.4 Payment of the above accounts, 1er Cllr Grennan, 2er Cllr Lee and agreed.

8. EXTERNAL ITEMS

- 8.1 SALC training course for councillors. 'Year End Auditing' 19/2/19 2pm, Shirehall. Noted.

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

- 9.1 Cllr Llewellyn did a litter pick on Isle Lane; there was a lot of it.
- 9.2 There is a lot of litter from Oxon Hall to Shelton lights that needs picking.
- 9.3 The young volunteer, Harry Fox, has picked 3 sacks of litter in 2 weeks and is raring to do more.
- 9.4 Cllr Maddox has picked 11 sacks of litter in this last month; that makes a total of 60 sacks in 4 years.
- 9.5 More litter grabbers are needed at a cost of £25 each. The clerk purchased a very similar item at the RJ & AH hospital shop for about £7. He is confident that they would make good litter grabbers.
- 9.6 It would keep the place tidier if the grass was cut on the stretch, from Oxon Hall to Shelton lights.
- 9.7 Buses stopping by the central refuge at The Coppice; the clerk contacted SC about this and was passed around like a parcel with no one ultimately owning the responsibility to do anything. The clerk also contacted Arriva and got the duty manager at Oswestry, he was all ears and concern and would speak to his supervisor and get back to me; he has not.
- 9.8 The damaged fence panel at Mayfield has been secured.
- 9.9 The bad bend on Bicton Lane; the kerbs have not been done yet, despite all promises. Apparently, permission, from SC, has not yet even been sought.

10. **NEXT MEETING** to be held on Tuesday 12th March 2019. at 8.00pm in Bicton Village Hall