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**BICTON PARISH COUNCIL**

Chairman Richard Brett

**MINUTES** (Draft until signed) of meeting 2020-Feb, 11<sup>th</sup> February 2020, 8pm in Bicton Village Hall

**PRESENT:**

*Parish Cllrs:* Richard Brett, Elliott Blackmore, Sally Maddox, Sue Llewellyn, Deirdre Grennan, Mandie Lee, Rod Warren, Paul Quartermaine, SC Cllr. Lezley Picton, Parish clerk-Peter Anderson, and 9 parishioners.

**POLICE REPORT** This is now on the police website.

**OPEN FORUM**

**Some of the material put out for recycling** was caught in the recent gale and blew around The Oval.

Lezley will enquire about the possibility of lids or nets for the boxes.

**The tyres that were dumped** on Clayton Way have been removed.

**SC Cllr Picton report; Tours can be arranged of the recycling and energy recovery site at Bolingbroke House.** Places will be limited and should be booked with Lezley asap.

**Lezley has the SC portfolio for Culture and Leisure** and she is confident that a swimming pool will remain in the Quarry and possibly also one at Sundorne. There will not be an hotel in the Quarry.

**The highways dept at SC is experiencing challenging times.** Kier is struggling to satisfy its contracted duties. A consultant is being hired to sort it out and although he is expensive he expected to deliver good value.

**0. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

0.1 Cllr Blackmore, 5.1, this application involves, in part, his land. Cllr Maddox, 4.4, she is a neighbour. Cllr Llewellyn, 7.1, the contractor is her son. Cllr Brett, 5.4, he is a neighbour.

1. **APOLOGIES** for ABSENCE were received and accepted, from: Wendy Horan, NOTED

2. **MINUTES** 2020-Jan of previous meeting held on 14/1/20. There were some alterations to the draft minutes under 5.2, which the chairman initialled, and then the minutes were confirmed and signed.

**3. MATTERS ARISING**

3.1 Trees will be replanted, to replace those removed, on the Brethren's land which is being developed. It is requested that the trees should be native and preferably oaks.

3.2 Cllr Blackmore had a contractor to trim some hedges at Muriel's Little Wood and Isle Lane; for this he has made no charge.

3.3 The SmartWater target has been reached and the signage is ordered. Considering that it is free at the point of delivery and is of such proven value, it has been surprisingly hard to persuade householders to join the scheme. There are more kits available and attempts will continue to sign up more properties.

3.4 The Place Plan was sent to BPC by SC, it was over 100 pages long and not easy to comprehend; Cllr Quartermaine has summarised it and will forward the summary to all Cllrs.

3.5 Tom Llewellyn has done an excellent job in replacing the fence along the rear of the wood; BPC is well pleased and sends its thanks.

**4. PARISH MATTERS**

4.1 Lengthsman, report and instructions *Standing Agenda Item*

4.2 Parish footpaths, *Standing Agenda Item* The continuing wet weather is keeping all of the paths sodden.

4.3 Does BPC wish to join "The Great British Spring Clean"? 20<sup>th</sup> March to 13 April. Yes, BPC does. Cllr Maddox will organise this.

4.4 There is a tree in Bicton Lane on the left between the Church and Woodland Cottages that is in danger of falling across the lane. The owner instructed the tree surgeon but the wrong tree was done. BPC is assured that the leaning tree will be seen to soon.

4.5 Oxon Pool is now administered by 'Shrewsbury Town Fisheries'. It is being improved and public access will be allowed. There is a web site; [shrewsburytownfisheries.co.uk](http://shrewsburytownfisheries.co.uk) noted.

4.6 Report on the 'Bicton Walk' of 11/1/2020; Cllr Lee walked this circular route, with 50 others, and forwarded a comprehensive report to all Cllrs. The walk took in the route of the NWRR, the 3 semi permanent pools which will be drained, Clayton Way and the 12 (possibly 18) significant trees which are to be felled. There is some question as to whether the park and ride will remain.

- 4.7 SC tells us that Clayton Way is privately owned and any fly tipping on it is for the owner to deal with. The fly tipped tyres have been removed.

## 5 PLANNING

- 5.1 20/00307/REM Development Land At Churncote Off, Welshpool Road, Bicton Heath, Reserved matters pursuant to outline permission reference 14/00246/OUT for 296 mixed residential dwellings (landscaping reserved) and employment/commercial use (all matters reserved) to include; offices; showroom; A3/A4 (restaurant/pub); C1 (hotel); public open space, structural landscaping, associated infrastructure; vehicular accesses and all associated infrastructure to include landscaping. Applicant: Mr Dean Leadon (The Colmore Building, 20 Colmore Circus, Birmingham, B4 6AT) BPC strongly objects to this proposal. There are 14 material considerations meriting this objection. The complete text of this objection is available on the SC website.
- 5.2 19/05486/FUL, 6 Church Close, Bicton, erection of a two storey front extension, SC granted.
- 5.3 20/00450/FUL, Roselea, Church Lane, Bicton; erection of side and rear extension and replacement porch. BPC objects, but only to the porch. The design is strikingly out of place in this prominent part of the village and looks to be impracticable in performing the weather protection duty expected of a porch.
- 5.4 20/00410/FUL, Land At Bicton Farm, erection of 1 no affordable dwelling; installation of septic tank Applicant: Mr Matthew Egerton (Bicton Farm). BPC has no objections.

## 6. OFFICIAL MATTERS

- 6.1 Monthly Audit of Accounts Bank Statement number 361 £35,452.59 verified by Chairman.
- 6.2 Muriel's Little Wood, Safety Report, *Standing Agenda Item*. The fence along the rear of the wood has been replaced. The gales have brought down some dead wood. A bit of a trim is needed and the holly needs attention. Cllr Warren will see to this. An inspection by a tree surgeon is due. The clerk will contact Max Jellicoe who gave good service and good advice last time. In the mean time all is safe.
- 6.3 Progress report on the Bicton Survey. Cllrs Warren and Quartermaine have made a very detailed analysis of the returns and they are nearly ready to present the results. Before the results are made public Cllrs Warren and Quartermaine have requested that BPC forms a scrutiny panel to double check details and offer further thoughts on presentation.
- 6.4 Community Speed Watch (CSW) The CSW coordinator has confused the Holyhead Road (B4380) and the Welshpool Road (A458). This may cause some delay in implementing the CSW. It is worse than delay; the coordinator has stated that vehicle speeds on the Holyhead Road are so high that the danger to volunteers is too great to allow them to monitor traffic. Engineering work must be undertaken to reduce speeds before it will be considered safe enough.

## 7 PARISH ACCOUNTS for payment

- 7.1 TRJL Contracts, Muriel's Little Wood fence, £870.00, chq 178
- 7.2 Street light electricity, Jan-Mar 2020, 152.77, chq 179
- 7.3 Payment of the above accounts, 1er Cllr Grennan, 2er Cllr Blackmore and agreed.

## 8. EXTERNAL ITEMS

- 8.1 Shropshire Rural Communities Charity is hosting a volunteers' recruitment event in Palmers Café, Shrewsbury on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February. Several charities will be there, with a wide range of volunteer opportunities on offer. They are inviting people to drop in for a coffee and a chat, to see if any of the opportunities appeal to them. Noted.
- 8.2 12<sup>th</sup> March – 5pm – 7.30pm **Fundamentals for Councillors**, SALC training course. Cllrs Quartermaine and Lee will attend, the clerk will book them in.
- 8.3 Report from the SALC area committee held on 16/1/2020. Cllr Lee attended this and circulated a report to BPC Cllrs..

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

- 9.1 It may be that The Brethren could help to provide a bus shelter opposite The Coppice. Gordon will ask Richard Blackledge.
- 9.2 It is recommended that a defibrillator should have Paediatric Pads, these cost £123.00. It is agreed that this is a good idea. Also note that the adult pads will need replacing next year at a cost of £79.00.
- 9.3 There is a 'Friends of The Preston Montford Field Centre' group. BPC supports the principle of this but needs to know more about it.
- 9.4 The puddle which formed in the village hall car park is the result of a blocked drain and it is being sorted out.

## 10. NEXT MEETING to be held on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2020. at 8.00pm in Bicton Village Hall

MEETING CLOSED 10.22 pm  
2020 Feb.b.