

2021-Feb.a.

BICTON PARISH COUNCIL

Chairman Richard Brett

MINUTES (Draft until signed) of meeting 2021-Feb 9th February 2021, 8pm by zoom.

PRESENT:

Parish Cllrs: Richard Brett, Elliott Blackmore, Sally Maddox, Wendy Horan, Sue Llewellyn, , Mandie Lee, Rod Warren, Paul Quartermaine, SC Cllr. Lezley Picton, Parish clerk-Peter Anderson and 5 parishioners

POLICE REPORT. Assault 2, ASB nuisance 1, Concern for safety 2, RTC1.

OPEN FORUM .

There is a rumour that the Four Crosses Inn will be turned in to overspill accommodation for Condover College. No confirmation is available.

The speed sign on the B4380 has a flat battery but Stuart has requested, of SC, a new battery.

SC Cllr Picton report: 20/04541/FUL Land South Of Holyhead Road, two storey block of 28No extra care apartments with a bridge link to the west wing of The Coppice and 26No elderly: This is unlikely to be recommended to go to the SC planning committee. There is no cycle-way on the plan but the B4380 is too narrow and there is no money anyway.

Any speed limit on the B4380 between Shelton and Montford Bridge will be dependent on the NWRR application.

The Churncote 345 (now 340) houses application is ongoing. Some neighbours have not had proper notification and there is not a site notice for the new application.

The Churncote garage application; nothing is happening.

Grange Bank footway clearance should be finished by now.

Oxon Pool; Shrewsbury Town Council (STC) will rationalise the signs.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

0.1 Cllr Blackmore, 5.2 he is a neighbour.

1. **APOLOGIES** for ABSENCE were received and accepted, from: Deirdre Grennan, NOTED

2. **VERIFY DRAFT MINUTES**, 2021 Jan, dated 9/2/21. 4.2 The word 'unofficial' was added before the words 'transfer yard at Grange Bank'. With this the minutes were signed as a true and accurate account.

3. **MATTERS ARISING**

3.1 SC has a backlog of work and it will be some time before the trees on Shepherd's Lane can be inspected. A related issue is that there is an application to fell a tree on Shepherd's Lane. It is thought that Western Power is the applicant and the tree may, or may not, be dead. The tree is in Shrewsbury parish and not in Bicton.

3.2 Flooding on the road at Montford Bridge; again, SC has been very busy. The drains were jetted last autumn.

3.3 Oxon Hollow; the leaves have been removed and all is tidy.

4. **PARISH MATTERS**

4.1 Lengthsman, report and instructions *Standing Agenda Item*

4.2 Parish footpaths, *Standing Agenda Item* Wet is the word! Bickley Coppice footpath; in the 1950s BPC did not ask for this to be put on the definitive map. The Scouts own Bickley Coppice; the legal status of their access is not known. If BPC wants this footpath to be made into a public footpath it could ask the landowners and/or make a formal application.

4.3 Severnway improvements, acquisition of hardcore developments. Builders working on 2 house developments on Bicton Lane may be able to supply rubble which could be used as hardcore. Hardcore is also available from the unofficial Grange Bank transfer site for a peppercorn fee. Mathew Egerton has volunteered to store the hardcore, short-term, at Bicton farm. The drainage, on the Severnway, needs doing before the hardcore goes down. The clerk will tell SC's Shona Butter that the hardcore is available.

At the moment, this stretch of the Severnway is so bad that there is a diversion on to the footpath to the north.

5 **PLANNING**

5.1 20/00410/FUL Land At Bicton Farm , Erection of 1no affordable dwelling; installation of septic tank SC Decision: Grant Permission. Noted.

5.2 Reconsultation due to Amendment on application 20/01957/FUL - Development Land at Churncote Mixed residential development of 345 mixed (including 52 affordable units) with associated garages. BPC objects for the following reasons. The confusion within this application is such that a concern was voiced that it may be deliberate in order to confuse objectors but BPC is certain that this is not the case. The documents have not been updated from the original application, e.g. close scrutiny reveals that there are now 340 houses against the previous of 345. Many of the online documents will not open. Some details are contradictory or just plain incorrect. The old Oxon Link Road application has been used as the base and the new NWRR application will be quite different. The whole of the original application was copied and pasted from an Oxfordshire application. The neighbour consultation is a shambles with no site notices and some neighbour notices missing. There is much more...

Cllr Quartermaine is authorised to write a detailed objection which will be scrutinised by BPC Cllrs and then submitted in BPC's name. The deadline for comments is 16/2/21. The clerk will ask for an extension.

During the meeting SC Cllr Picton sought advice from SC officers by email, she found out the following; on the matter of letters to neighbours, site notices and press reports, the SC officers are aware of errors and documents that need updating. It is noted that if the developer does not provide documents upon request then the application must be refused.

6. **OFFICIAL MATTERS**

6.1 Monthly Audit of Accounts Bank Statement number 373 £38,133.02 and was verified. £730.00 has been received from the clock repair fund held by the PCC as a refund for BPC paying the invoice from Smith of Derby. £14.39 is owed to Cllr Maddox for the zoom fee for this meeting but she had not yet received the invoice.

6.2 Muriel's Little Wood, Safety Report, *Standing Agenda Item*. It is safe but 2 trees look as if they need the attention of the tree surgeon, the clerk will contact him.

6.3 Cllr Maddox requested that BPC should allocate a modest amount of money (less than £100) to purchase some more litter picking equipment; this was approved.

7 **PARISH ACCOUNTS for payment**

8. **EXTERNAL ITEMS**

8.1 The covid-19 emergency legislation ceases at the end of April. The govt. has stated that it will not be renewed. This means that BPC may have to meet in the village hall in May.

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

9.1 Work has started on the house building in the Bicton Hall walled-garden, this is in accordance with the plans.

9.2. The de-fib has been checked and the pads are due for renewal in April.

9.3 There is no progress to report on the planning enforcement at the shop on The Brethren's Meeting room site but it has been noticed that there are never more than 3 or 4 cars parked at the shop. (This is a casual passing observation and is not offered as definitive.)

9.4 It was suggested that a bench in the vicinity of the Four Crosses Inn would encourage people to do a circular walk around Calcott Lane and Shepherd's Lane. This is an idea which needs a little research.

10. **NEXT MEETING** due to be held on Tuesday 9th March 2021. at 8.00pm in Bicton Village Hall? Or zoom?

MEETING CLOSED 9.38pm
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