

BICTON PARISH COUNCIL

Chairman Richard Brett

MINUTES (Draft until signed) of meeting 2022-Feb. 8th February 2022, 8pm in Bicton village hall.

PRESENT:

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

POLICE REPORT.

OPEN FORUM

A land rover was taken without consent but was found in Roden.

A presentation was made by the RRT (Rapid Relief Team). This is a charity run by The Brethren. It is funded by donations and it is independent. It is intended to be active in any community where there is a need especially where the need is urgent after an emergency but it is now expanding in to; baby care kits, nutritious bars for school kids, food boxes, equipment to support the emergency services at times of crisis, school breakfast club supplies, and etc. It is worldwide and it is also active in Bicton, offering assistance at the school and volunteering to do litter-picks. It sprang out of a desire by The Brethren to be community minded. BPC sent its thanks and appreciation to The Brethren.

SC Cllr Picton report: The SC budget is under great pressure, especially for social care. **The government's levelling-up agenda** may well lead to a merger with another authority under an elected mayor; this would have no obvious benefits for Shropshire. **Pot-hole repairs go on apace.** **The comprehensive report also included;** Highways, assets and built housing, resources, HR, staffing, the Local Plan, climate change and travel, culture leisure and tourism. The full report is available upon request.

0. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** Cllr Llewellyn, 4.2, she lives at Rossall.

0.1 **APOLOGIES** for ABSENCE were received and accepted, from: Paul Quartermaine, NOTED

2. **VERIFY DRAFT MINUTES, 2022-Jan, dated 11/1/22** . These were approved as a true and accurate account.

3. **MATTERS ARISING**

3.1 The damaged white post at the Four Crosses junction was repaired by Cllr Blackmore.

4. **PARISH MATTERS**

4.1 Lengthsman, report and instructions *Standing Agenda Item*

4.2 Parish footpaths, *Standing Agenda Item* 1, accessibility of Chapel Hill, this has been marked with tractor wheels and is considered to be adequate. 2, footpath 7- Welshpool Road to Shepherd's Lane, this will be affected by the housing development but will eventually be re-instated. 3, the diversion of footpath 15 at Rossall. This is re-routing the path around the edge of the field. The footbridge over the stream, on the Severnway, at Montford Bridge is still flooded. A car is regularly being taken along the Severnway by a dog walker. Mathew Egerton has given permission for this to happen but even so a bridleway is not suppose to be used by motorised traffic except for access by landowners. This dog walker also has 7 dogs which are allowed to run off the lead; this breaches the Countryside Code. The bridleway, at Montford Bridge, towards Preston Montford, is over-grown, Cllr Maddox has reported this to SC. Opposite The Crescent, in Montford Bridge, there is plant growth hanging over the path, from a garden. It is believed to belong to Mr Barrett; the clerk will write to him.

4.3 Bicton Lane, email from a resident about lorries causing problems. Over a 3 day period there were 16 lorry movements each way and 12 hit the kerb. Some of these movements were in the middle of the night. Some drivers find it necessary to take the Moffett (truck mounted forklift) off the rear of the lorry, which involves even more noise. If a lorry reverses the automatic warning beeper further adds to the disruption. SC has been requested to impose a TRO (Traffic Regulation Order) banning lorry movements between 11pm and 7am, and also to make Bicton Lane a 30mph along its entire length. BPC supports this move. Cllr Blackmore will speak to the chicken farm operator, Mark Gethin and to his transport manager, Roger Bevan; to try to resolve the matter.

4.4 The flashing speed sign on the Holyhead Road has been replaced and is now working correctly. Noted.

5 **PLANNING**

5.1 Potential problems with car parking at the Four Crosses Garage. There have been issues for years with cars being parked on the fore-court and along the slip road and verge. The garage owner has been approached but nothing is done. The planning permission is for 10 cars behind and 5 in front. This permission is being breached at the moment and the fear is that it will be breached even more so when the Four Crosses Inn car park is no longer available. The clerk is asked to report this to planning enforcement.

6. **OFFICIAL MATTERS**

- 6.1 Monthly Audit of Accounts and financial report. Bank Statement number 385 £43,843.50 verified by Chairman.
- 6.2 Muriel's Little Wood, Safety Report, *Standing Agenda Item*. Cllr Warren sorted out the heap of brash and taped off the area underneath the hanging branch. The clerk met tree surgeon Joe Jamie at the wood. He will deal with the hanging branch soon. He found the wood to be in good order and to be safe. There is a hornbeam which will need monitoring through the growing season. He recommends cutting the ivy on the tall trees to prevent a 'sail' effect in high winds. The ivy should be left on shorter trees because it is good for wildlife. There is one tree on the church field side which has some spectacular ivy growth with the thickest ivy trunk that he has ever seen, Joe recommended leaving this alone.
- 6.3 Tree planting for The Queen's Green Canopy, a progress report. Several land owners have indicated that they will plant trees. Plus there is the offer from some garden owners to plant trees.
- 6.4 Code of Conduct, BPC is recommended to adopt the revised SC Code. All BPC councillors have had a chance to read this revised code. It is substantially the same as the existing code and BPC voted unanimously to adopt it.
- 6.5 Barclays Bank is not opening new accounts at the moment. Noted.

7 **PARISH ACCOUNTS for payment**

- 7.1 Transfer of the £265.00 PPE grant monies (originally from SC) to Bicton Village Hall.
- 7.2 Hire of Bicton Village Hall for BPC meetings to March 2022. £204.00
- 7.3 Payment of the above accounts 1er Cllr Horan, 2er Cllr Grennan and agreed. Both amounts were included in one cheque of £469.00 chq number 254.

8. **EXTERNAL ITEMS**

- 8.1 SC has announced new wheelie bins for recycling cans, glass and plastic. They should be applied for on the SC website. Noted
- 8.2 The Great British Spring Clean will be on 12th March. Cllr Maddox will organise a litter-pick.
- 8.3 The Bicton bell ringers will be ringing a peal for the Queen's 70th anniversary celebrations.

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

- 10. **NEXT MEETING** due to be held on Tuesday 8th March 2022. at 8.00pm in Bicton Village Hall.

MEETING CLOSED 9.49pm.
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