

2024-Feb.a.

**BICTON PARISH COUNCIL**

Chair, Sally Maddox

**MINUTES** (Draft until signed) of meeting 2024-Feb. 13<sup>th</sup> February 2024, 7.30pm in Bicton village hall.

**PRESENT:**

*Parish Cllrs:* Elliott Blackmore, Sally Maddox, Sue Llewellyn, Mandie Lee, Rod Warren, Paul Quartermaine, Deirdre Grennan, Wendy Horan,  
SC Cllr Ed Potter, Parish clerk-Peter Anderson and 4 parishioners

**NEIGHBOURHOOD ALERT, REPORT.** Report on the Police and Crime Commissioner's meeting at Ford on 14/2/24 attended by the clerk.

**OPEN FORUM**

**Grange Bank storm drain cover is sticking up.** Stuart Leighton will report it on 'Fix My Street'.

**Litter is accumulating on Grange Bank.** The Brethren usually clear this, Cllr Maddox will ask them.

**Shepherd's Lane has been closed,** the signs on the Holyhead Road are insufficient and have fallen over. Cllr Blackmore will take a look.

**Tree planting;** Ed Tate has done some on The Isle otherwise none.

**SC Cllr Picton report: In her absence she sent a note;** The damaged bollard on Bicton Lane will be replaced. A meeting with John Bellis, the SC drainage officer, is being arranged.

0. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** The clerk, 7.1, the payment is to him. Cllr Llewellyn, 3.1, Tom is her son.

0.1 **APOLOGIES** for ABSENCE were received and accepted, from: Richard Brett, SC Cllr. Lezley Picton, PC Rich Walters.

2. **VERIFY DRAFT MINUTES**, 2024-Jan, dated 9/1/24. 3.4 said Salop Leisure when it should be Morris Leisure, this was changed. The minutes were then signed.

3. **MATTERS ARISING**

3.1 Montford Bridge bus shelter. Tom Llewellyn can do a deep clean and hedge cutting for £280.00. Agreed.

3.2 It is recommended to replace the defibrillator after 10 years. The model on the village hall has been discontinued. It was installed in 2018. It will need new batteries again in 2026. It is possible to have a defib on a rental agreement. The defib has been checked and is in good working order.

3.3 Cllr Maddox reminded the council that meetings should not last too long. Cllrs are respectfully reminded that they should come to a meeting prepared and briefed on the matters in hand. Debates should be to the topic and time limited. The clerk is instructed to send relevant papers with the agenda and to keep all Cllrs in the loop.

4. **PARISH MATTERS**

4.1 Lengthsman, report and instructions Standing Agenda Item There are gullies and drains around The Four Crosses with mud on them. Cllr Blackmore will ask the lengthsman to shovel it off.

4.2 Parish footpaths, Standing Agenda Item. The motocross race track has churned up the Severnway at the field end, it is impassable. Cllr Maddox will speak to Matt Egerton. The Severnway brook crossing at The Crescent Montford Bridge is awash.

4.3 Bicton Place Plan, Standing Agenda Item A brief/5 minute max update on each of the following -  
1, Holyhead Road Safety. The Coppice, work may have started on the crossing, the speed limit is in SC's hands, the bus stop/shelter is for Shrewsbury Town Council to do. The drop kerbs by Oxon Lodge have not been done. 2, School Safety. The school has no money to spare for this. PC Rich Walters is being consulted about parking opposite the school. Congestion, not speed, is the problem. 3, Lane speed limits. CPRE still have a 'Quiet Lanes' policy. The Green Party is promoting a '20 is Plenty' initiative. SC is reviewing its 20mph policy. Street Lights and housing as a requirement for a speed limit is an arguable policy. Rural roads deaths are significant numbers. 'Village Gates' are non-statutory but can be effective if well maintained. 4, Water Courses and Drainage. Cllr Blackmore removed the tyres from the culvert under Preston Montford Lane and there is now a good flow. The brook on Matt Egerton's land from Holyhead Road towards the river needs clearing, and also where it flows on to Steve Jones's land. Where Bicton Brook flows through the field that is for sale at the bottom of Grange Bank it needs clearing also the culvert under the Holyhead Road.

4.4 **Road Closures:** Calcott Lane, **Start Date:** 4th March 2024 **End Date:** 15th March 2024. Sewer works. Shepherds Lane , Phase 1 is to carry out trial holes planned for 12<sup>th</sup> Feb for 1 week, Phase 2 is to install the permanent works planned for the Easter holidays 25<sup>th</sup> March for 2 weeks. Calcott Lane and Shepherd's Lane have been closed, the signage from the Holyhead Road has been such that cars turn into the lanes before they know the road is closed, then they have to reverse out. The clerk is asked to request better signage for next time.

## 5 PLANNING

5.1 Lawful development certificate, care home for children, Oak Farm, Bicton Heath. Noted.

5.2 23/05533/FUL Horton Lodge Barns, Cruckton, Internal rearrangement to The Hayloft and The Granary to include minor external alterations (to the existing external joinery only) and revising of site layout to define parking area. For decision. This is not in Bicton parish.

5.3 24/00313/CPE Oxon Hall Lodge, Application for a Lawful Development Certificate for an existing use of garden land. Noted.

5.4 24/00447/HHE The Bungalow , Calcott Lane. Erection of a rear single storey extension to detached dwelling, dimensions 8.0 metres beyond rear wall, 4.0 metres maximum height, 2.25 metres high to eaves. This application is under 'Permitted Development'. It is very large. BPC's decision is 'Neutral'.

## 6. OFFICIAL MATTERS

6.1 Monthly Audit of Accounts and financial report. Lloyds Bank Statement £69,816.51 . CIL income £17,225.30. To consider a deposit account. It is agreed to transfer £60,000 to a 95 day notice account at 4.08% (variable). A grant application for Vas is pending. If the grant is awarded it will require match funding to the likely amount of £5,000. If the grant is not awarded the proposal is that BPC should fund the whole amount from CIL monies. This proposal was carried with 5 votes in favour and no votes against.

6.2 Muriel's Little Wood, Safety Report, *Standing Agenda Item*. Cllr Warren reported that all is safe.

6.3 Email from the County Solicitor about proposed parish boundary changes. Ed Potter will ask for a definitive map. On the present maps it looks as if The Coppice will be in Bicton Heath ward and Oxon Hall and the Hospice will be in Bicton. By a vote of 6 in favour to 1 against BPC resolved that Bowbrook should go to Shrewsbury Town and The Coppice should remain in Bicton Also the NWRR should be the boundary between Shrewsbury Town and Bicton. Any other arrangement will amount to Shrewsbury Town 'creeping' ever closer to Bicton village.

## 7 PARISH ACCOUNTS for payment

7.1 **Physio Control LIFEPAK CR PLUS - CHARGE-PAK battery charger stick and 2 sets of electrode pads × 1** for the defibrillator. The need for this was urgent because the battery was past its sell by date. To expedite the purchase the clerk put it on his personal credit card. Refund to him of £238.80 is due. Agreed, Cllrs Maddox and Llewellyn will do a bank transfer tomorrow.

## 8. EXTERNAL ITEMS

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

9.1 Wingfield Arms pub is under new ownership; there is an opening event on 24 Feb.

10. **NEXT MEETING** due to be held on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2024. at 7.30pm in Bicton Village Hall.

MEETING CLOSED 9.27 pm.  
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