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BICTON PARISH COUNCIL

Chairman Richard Brett

DRAFT MINUTES OF MEETING 2017 Mar Held on 14th March 2017. 8pm in Bicton Village Hall

PRESENT:

Parish Cllrs: Richard Brett, Elliott Blackmore, Roy Bound, Wendy Horan, Sally Maddox, Sue Llewellyn, Deirdre Grennan, Martin Davies, Parish clerk-Peter Anderson, Plus 6 parishioners.

POLICE REPORT

PCSO Tim Griffiths reported that Bicton has had a quiet time crime-wise. The police are running a scheme called “**Stop That Thief**”. They will visit premises and advise on security measures. This usually results in the advice to fit about £500 worth of equipment; lights, cameras, alarms and etc. PCSO Griffiths expects to do speed enforcement on the Holyhead road soon.

OPEN FORUM

Dog fouling continues to be a problem around The Oval and other places in and around the village.

0. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

0.1 Cllr Davies, 4.2, he is the lengthsman. Cllr Blackmore, 5.1, he is a neighbour. Cllr Llewellyn, 5.2, this is to discuss a planning application being made by her son.

1. **APOLOGIES** for ABSENCE were received and accepted, from: Rod Warren. SC Cllr. John Everall. NOTED

2. **MINUTES** 2017-Feb of previous meeting held on 14/2/17 were confirmed and signed.

3. **MATTERS ARISING**

4. **PARISH MATTERS**

Please note that in order to approve new significant expenditure there must be the formality of a proposer, a seconder and a vote by a show of hands; unless a secret ballot is requested by a Councillor.

4.1 Bicton Primary School *Standing Agenda Item* Cllr Horan usually reports on the school. She was asked about pupil numbers, spare places, staff numbers, pressure on the school and if there are any plans for expansion. She promised to bring the information to the next meeting.

4.2 Lengthsman, report and instructions *Standing Agenda Item* The “Woodside” sign is broken. Is the lengthsman able to fix it? Martin will look at it.

4.3 Parish footpaths, *Standing Agenda Item* SC footpaths officer Tom Llewellyn is developing plans to repair the Severn Way past Bicton Pool. SC can supply manpower, expertise and machinery but some match funding will need to be contributed. Will BPC contribute £360 for 40 tons of stone? BPC was unanimous in voting to contribute this money. 1er Cllr Maddox, 2er Cllr Davies.

4.4 The clerk was asked to contact Bomere Heath PC and ask about its parish plan. It is a CLP (Community Led Plan) not an NP (Neighbourhood Plan). The process is not complicated; it is funded with grants, the Rural Community Council is helping, there is a good committee doing the work, there is a previous Parish Plan, it is not onerous for the clerk, and Bomere Heath PC has been told by SC that if it has not consulted its parishioners then its opinion is worthless.

5 PLANNING

Shropshire Council is to start charging £15 for paper plans; previously these have been free to parish councils. The expectation is that parish councils will study the plans online.

5.1 Westside workshops, change of use from office/store to two one bedroom semi detached bungalows.

This is an amended application, changed from three dwellings. 16/04328/FUL, for decision. BPC decided to continue with its strong objection because of the drainage problems, there is not enough parking and vehicles reversing on to the A458.

5.2 Cllr Llewellyn has asked for an agenda item “Settlements-Bicton”. Cllr Llewellyn left the room. Tom Llewellyn and Charlotte Fears are applying for a ‘Single Plot Exemption Site’ adjacent to Rossall Grange Farmhouse in order to build an Affordable House. This application depends on support from BPC and SC planners accepting Rossall as a ‘Settlement’. BPC fully supports this application 1er Cllr Davies, 2er Cllr Maddox and agreed unanimously. Rossall has a long history as a settlement. If Bicton must accept development, as it is told that it must by SAMDev and NPPF, then it seems obvious that it should welcome modestly sized houses for local people to live in. There was some concern that this might set a precedent and open the flood-gates to over-development. As the rules stand this is unlikely to happen.

5.3 East of Bicton Lane, 15 houses, applications 14/02239/OUT and 15/04035/FUL. BPC strongly objected, and SC refused these applications. The applicant appealed and the inspector has dismissed both appeals. The inspector had taken careful note of BPC’s comments and cited them

more than once. Two quotes from the inspector's report are; 1, "Bicton Lane is clearly rural and attractive. It has an intimate and pleasing character. The landscape is intact and unspoilt. Its elements are in good condition." 2, "The appeal site forms an important and pleasant part of the rural landscape and its loss would be harmful to it."

- 5.4 Isle Court Nursing Home, Two storey extension to provide 24 bedrooms, alterations to the access and additional parking. 17/00929/FUL. BPC objects to this application because 1, at present cars are parked on the lane when there is an over-lap of staff shifts, and more accommodation will mean more staff and more parking on the lane. 2, This application, if granted, will create extra traffic on Isle Lane and the Four Crosses cross roads which already have a lot of traffic, much of it driven without due consideration for other road users and for residents.

6. OFFICIAL MATTERS

- 6.1 Monthly Audit of Accounts Bank Statement number 324 £34,833.37 verified by Chairman. SC has notified BPC that £12,891 CIL money will be due to it in April. This will bring the total CIL money that BPC is holding to £27,570
- 6.2 Muriel's Little Wood, Safety Report, *Standing Agenda Item*. The scrub holly is sagging on to the paths. The clerk will remind tree surgeon Max Jellicoe to remove all the underbrush asap.
- 6.3 In light of the dog mess on pavements situation does BPC want to start a 'campaign' to prevent this happening and allocate a modest amount of money (less than £100 initially) to pay for 'No Dog Fouling' signs? **Proposal:** to place a dog poop bag dispenser near to the church; 1er Cllr Grennan, 2er Cllr Llewellyn, and agreed unanimously. Also to put up posters saying 'No Dog Fouling', or something similar; preferably with eyes that follow the viewer. The clerk will research prices. Cllrs Grennan and Maddox volunteered to become 'dog pop monitors'.
- 6.4 Shropshire Council Highway and Environmental Grant Programme 2017/18. (Lengthsman Grant) does BPC wish to apply? Yes, BPC does. This grant has been essential for many jobs around the parish and ultimately it has saved SC more than the grant because a parish council can do these small maintenance jobs so much more efficiently by using its local knowledge.
- 6.5 Bicton village hall committee is developing its plans to improve the car park. An estimate of the cost is £46,000. BPC holds some CIL money that could be a contribution to this project. How much should it allocate? In principle BPC agrees to support this project. 1er Cllr Davies, 2er Cllr Blackmore and agreed unanimously. Before an amount of money can be decided upon BPC needs to know more details and to see some quotes for 1, a simple 2, a medium and 3, a complete Job. Cllr Brett will ask the Village Hall Committee if it can get these quotes.
- 6.6 Bicton Holy Trinity Church-annual clock service plan offer from Smith of Derby. The offer is a 10% discount for paying in advance. It was decided to accept the 7 year term; this will be £1,292. 1er Cllr Maddox, 2er Cllr Horan and agreed unanimously.
- 6.7 Parish council elections 4/5/17. Nomination papers have been received. Noted.
- 6.8 To consider the results of the 10/3/17 public meeting on the Bicton House Building Policy and to decide upon a future policy for Bicton. This decision will inform the reply to SC's SAMDev partial review. See the attached notes.

7. PARISH ACCOUNTS for payment

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| 7.1 Jim Griffiths, Bus shelter cleaner, Jan-Mar 2017, £42.50 | chq1055 |
| 7.2 Peter Anderson, clerk's expenses Oct 2016-Mar 2017, £350.00 | chq 1056 |
| 7.3 Peter Anderson, clerk's salary Jan-Mar 2017, £1351.00 | chq 1057 |
| 7.4 Hosting and maintenance of the BPC website, £215.00 | chq 1058 |
| 7.5 To refund Cllr Grennan for the dog mess clearing up equipment that she bought. £3.78 | chq 1059 |
| 7.6 Smith of Derby, annual church clock maintenance, £246.00 | chq 1060 |
| 7.7 Payment of the above accounts 1er Cllr Llewellyn, 2er Cllr Horan and agreed. | |

8. EXTERNAL ITEMS

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

- 9.1 The phone kiosk, which has had the phone removed, is filthy and should be removed. The clerk will ask BT.
- 9.2 Church Lane sign needs repainting. The clerk will ask Gordon Wallach if the Brethren can do it.
- 9.3 The soak-away at the Calcott Lane/B4380 junction is broken because BT dug through it. The clerk will ask SC to fix it.
- 9.4 Cllrs Grennan and Horan did a litter pick and collected 8 sacks of rubbish, plus a child's car seat and some carpet. Gordon has also picked some litter. The most litter is always on Calcott Lane between the Welshpool Road and the haulage yard.

10. **NEXT MEETING** to be held on Tuesday 11th April 2017, at 8.00pm in Bicton Village Hall

MEETING CLOSED 10.17 pm