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BICTON PARISH COUNCIL

Chairman Richard Brett

MINUTES (Draft until signed) of meeting 2018-Mar, 13th March 2018. 8pm in Bicton Village Hall

PRESENT:

Parish Cllrs: Richard Brett, Elliott Blackmore, , Rod Warren, Sue Llewellyn, Deirdre Grennan, , SC Cllr. Lezley Picton, parish clerk-Peter Anderson, 8 parishioners, Peter Nutting leader of Shropshire Council and Stuart Thomas of Berrys.

Peter Nutting, leader of Shropshire Council (SC), reported that at the last elections the Conservatives gained 48 of the 70 seats. For there to be continued economic development in Shropshire the culture of SC has to change. For the coming year SC expects expenditure to be £600m and income to be £580m. Commercial enterprises are being undertaken to bridge the shortfall. SC has bought the shopping centres with the intention of making a profit. Possibilities for the Riverside are being explored; the shopping centre/multi-storey car park and bus station could all be redeveloped together. Another hotel might be appropriate because the Premier Inn is so busy. SC owns land all over Shropshire and is considering how best to use it. CIL (Community Infrastructure Levy) is generating an income and decisions need to be made on a policy for using it; should it be spent where it is generated? Or spent in the wider area? How will Place Plans feed in to this decision? There may be local resistance to new housing but government pressure is such that new houses must be built. If BPC wants to claim a fair share of the CIL it must be forthright with SC in stating a claim.

POLICE REPORT

There have been 3 anti social behaviour incidents and 17 missing person episodes.

OPEN FORUM

The OLR (Oxon Link Road) pre planning application exhibition, at Oxon community hall left a lot to be desired. Access to the hall is not good and there was no opportunity to make comments. Cllr Picton will ask for the exhibition to be mounted again but in Bicton village hall this time.

The bus shelter is still not repaired. The panel that Martin purchased was damaged and another is on the way.

The big cypresses hedge at Mayfield, on Grange Bank has been cut down, this helps to emphasise the 'waste transfer station', adjacent to it. Cllr Blackmore will contact Karen at the Environment Agency, again, to see if she has yet formed an opinion on the legality of this site.

Stuart Thomas, of Berrys estate agents, explained the modified plans for Bicton Barn. The entertainment platform has been removed and the windows have been altered so that they will not overlook the neighbours.

SC Cllr Picton reported that fly-tipping is on the increase, if any is seen it should be reported to SC. The verge damage adjacent to The Coppice has still not been repaired.

0. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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1. **APOLOGIES** for **ABSENCE** were received and accepted, from: Sally Maddox, Martin Davies Wendy Horan, PC Ross Cookson. **NOTED**

2. **MINUTES** 2018-Feb of previous meeting held on 13/2/18 were confirmed and signed.

3. **MATTERS ARISING**

3.1 The disclaimer signs have been erected at Muriel's Little Wood.

3.2 The new traffic island outside The Coppice is considered to be dangerous. It needs improved signage and lighting.

3.3 Cllr Blackmore has been looking into defibrillator supplies, he has some figures but they need confirming.

3.4 Cllr Brett will speak to Lawrence about cars parking on the Four Crosses Garage slip road.

4. **PARISH MATTERS**

- 4.1 Lengthsman, report and instructions *Standing Agenda Item* There is an accumulation of mud on the drains along Bicton Lane. Cllr Warren is clearing this.
- 4.2 Parish footpaths, *Standing Agenda Item* The Severnway, by Bicton Pool, is under deep water. The best solution may be to make a raised footway along the verge. To do this would involve the hire of a mini digger, BPC approves, in principle, of hiring a digger. The hedge trimming that was done along the Severnway has left some hanging branches which could be dangerous.

5 **PLANNING**

- 5.1 Crofton, 16 Church Close, extension, 18/00968/FUL, for decision. BPC has no objections.
- 5.2 Holy Trinity Church, oak tree crown reduction, 17/05107/TPO, SC granted. Noted.
- 5.3 Claire Rooney has sent some pre-application plans for the intended affordable house at Montford Bridge. BPC is concerned that the site has been moved towards the river which may exacerbate the flooding that does occur in the area and also it may affect the setting of the bridge, which is a listed structure.

6. **OFFICIAL MATTERS**

- 6.1 Monthly Audit of Accounts Bank Statement number 338 £50,004.28 verified by Chairman.
- 6.2 Muriel's Little Wood, Safety Report, *Standing Agenda Item*. Cllr Warren has effected some repairs to the fence and reports that all is safe.
- 6.3 A quote for replacement of street lights with LEDs has been received and needs a formal decision. Cllr Blackmore has contacted Andy Vaughn of Highline Electrical and confirmed that all 26 lights can be converted to a modern LED system (including the one that is already LED) with over-night dimming. This will make all the lights the same. The work can be completed within 10 weeks and the total cost will be £6,700. This money can be found from the CIL neighbourhood fund because upgrading the street lights is in the Bicton Place Plan. The unanimous decision is to place a formal order for this work with Highline Electrical.

7 **PARISH ACCOUNTS for payment**

- 7.1 Bus shelter cleaner Jan to Mar 2018 £42.50 chq. 1095
- 7.2 Clerk's expenses Oct 2017 to Mar 2018 £350.00 chq1096
- 7.3 Clerk's salary Jan to Mar 2018 £1378.00 chq 1097
- 7.4 Refund to the clerk for the laptop purchase, £359.99 chq 1098
- 7.5 Web site hosting and maintenance, £165.00 chq1099
- 7.6 Making and erecting the Muriel's Little Wood disclaimer signs. £54.92 chq 1100
- 7.7 SALC annual subscription, £390.86 chq 1101
- 7.8 Payment of the above accounts 1er Cllr Blackmore 2er Cllr Grennan and agreed.

8. **EXTERNAL ITEMS**

- 8.1 Cllr Warren attended the Town and Parish Council Forum on 7/3/18. BPC was promised that a planning officer will visit each proposed hub. There is likely to be a reduced Environmental Maintenance Grant next year. A Kinnerly Cllr expressed the opinion that the Neighbourhood Plan Lite was not all that was hoped for but it did have some weight as an ordinary Community Led Plan (CLP).

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

- 9.1 Planning policy officer Adrian Cooper has confirmed that BPC will be consulted about making Bicton village a hub.
- 9.2 BPC was asked for financial assistance to start a knit and natter group in Bicton. BPC's reply is that The Coppice has offered free facilities to the community for such things and an application there could be fruitful.

- 10. **NEXT MEETING** to be held on Tuesday 10th April 2018. at 8.00pm in Bicton Village Hall

MEETING CLOSED 10.18 pm
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