

2021-Mar.a.

**BICTON PARISH COUNCIL**

Chairman Richard Brett

**MINUTES** (Draft until signed) of meeting 2021-Mar 9<sup>th</sup> March 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 4 parishioners

**POLICE REPORT.** Bicton Rural had 7 reported incidents.

**OPEN FORUM**

**Stuart reported that the speed indicator on the Holyhead road** has still not had its battery replaced and **Grange Bank footway** has a lot of debris left on it and the tarmac surface is quite degraded. Stuart also **picked litter under the A5 at Preston Montford. There is also lots of litter on the A5** but SC has a rolling program of litter clearance.

**SC Cllr Picton report: There is a lot of litter and it is expensive to pick.** Highways England has delegated, with a fee, the A5 litter picking to SC. **With the developments around The Coppice** will come ‘improvements’ to the B4380, some of this will come from developer contributions and some as part of the SC roads programme. **SC has an extra £10m per year, for 4 years, specifically for pot hole repairs!** The B4380 from Shelton to Bicton has a rough surface, this is on the books for resurfacing.

0. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

0.1 Cllr Maddox, 7.1, 7.8 refunds for zoom fees, and 7.6 refund for litter picking equipment. Cllr Blackmore 5.1, the NWRR is close to his house. Cllr Brett 7.7 he manages the web site.

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

2. **VERIFY DRAFT MINUTES**, 2021 Mar, dated 9/3/21. The revised draft minutes were duly signed by the chairman as a true and accurate account.

3. **MATTERS ARISING**

3.1 The tree was not for felling but for crown reduction. The SC tree officer, Siobhan Reedy, has inspected the said trees on Shepherd’s Lane and has found that no work is necessary.

3.2 The decision about the road flooding in Montford Bridge is in abeyance because of a change of personnel at SC.

3.3 Paul Butter, of SC, has said that work can start on the Severnway when the weather improves and that hardcore is available from the unofficial transfer site on Grange Bank.

3.4 Proposed bench on the B4380 in the vicinity of Four Crosses. Cllr Lee volunteered to take some photos of likely sites for the next meeting.

3.5 For the Churncote garage planning application SC is awaiting information from the developers. Unofficially, it is supposed that the present owners have other interests and may want to sell the garages business.

3.6 The Brethren’s shop. There is no access, through the site, to the shop from the meeting room. There is no footway between the gates around the road. Will this mean that many cars will transfer around the road? It is reported that the shop will open 9am to 4pm week days, for 2 hours on a Saturday and be closed on a Sunday.

4. **PARISH MATTERS**

4.1 Lengthsman, report and instructions *Standing Agenda Item* A question was asked about the lengthsman’s remit. His proper title is Highways Environmental Maintenance worker and the EMG (Environmental Maintenance Grant) from SC is for small maintenance jobs on the highways and byways. BPC can employ the lengthsman to do other things and pay for it from the precept. The present BPC lengthsman, Kevin Williams, does have public liability insurance. It is expected to be another month before the grass needs cutting.

4.2 Parish footpaths, *Standing Agenda Item* The Severnway is impassable. It is also boggy towards Grove Farm. The footpaths are wet generally. The issue of horses on footpath 0408/11/1, Lion Lodge to Grove Farm, is still unresolved and horses are in that field again. BPC has been awaiting a reply from SC for some time, the clerk will write again. BPC is advised that if the feared serious incident does occur then SC has the liability. The clerk received a report from a parishioner that the gates on the Severnway near the Old Rectory and towards Grove Farm are very difficult to get through; this will be reported to SC.

4.3 Severnway improvements, a progress report. The supply of hardcore is organised and Paul Butter has promised to give it his attention as soon as the weather permits.

5 **PLANNING**

5.1 21/00924/EIA Address: Street Record, Welshpool Road, Bicton Heath, Shrewsbury, Shropshire Proposal: North West Relief Road scheme. comprising - construction of 6.9km single carriageway (7.3m wide) road; severance of local roads and footpaths; provision of combined footway/cycleway; erection of three bridged structures over carriageway; diversion of existing bridleway/footpath via an underpass; climbing lane on westbound approach; 670m long viaduct; bridge over railway; two flood storage areas; provision of two new roundabout junctions and improvements to two existing roundabouts; associated traffic calming measures, landscaping and drainage schemes

Applicant: Shropshire Council (Highways And Transportation) (Fao: Mr M Johnson - Strategic Projects, The Shirehall, Abbey Foregate , Shrewsbury, SY2 6ND)

The deadline for comments is 27 April. There are 607 documents. Cllrs Warren, Quartermaine Llewellyn and Lee have volunteered to scrutinise the documents and report back to BPC. Proper consideration by BPC is likely to take some time so an extraordinary meeting will be called on 6/4/21 8pm, by zoom.

5.2 20/04541/FUL Land South Of Holyhead Road, Bicton, Erection of a two storey block of 28No extra care apartments with a bridge link to the west wing of The Coppice and 26No elderly persons and supported living bungalows for affordable rent (amended description) SC Decision: Grant Permission. Noted.

5.3 21/00551/VAR The Coppice, Variation of condition Nos. 16, 17 and 18 (use class and restricted occupancy) pursuant to 14/05707/FUL (previously varied by 20/02969/VAR) to include the addition of a mortgage exemption clause to these conditions. This is the same application that was entered a while back and was dealt with. However it then transpired that there were errors in the wording provided by the applicant which meant that the legal position of the mortgage clauses was as before. There is no mechanism to go back and put the wording right so they have had to lodge a new application. Noted

## 6. OFFICIAL MATTERS

6.1 Monthly Audit of Accounts Bank Statement number 374 £38,133.02 and verified.

6.2 Muriel's Little Wood, Safety Report, *Standing Agenda Item*. Cllr Maddox reported that all is safe. Cllr Warren will contact the tree surgeon, Max Jellicoe, to find out when he is coming.

6.3 All BPC seats will be up for election on May the 6<sup>th</sup> 2021. Noted.

## 7 PARISH ACCOUNTS for payment

7.1 Cllr Maddox refund of zoom fee for BPC meeting 2021-Feb. £14.39 chq 220

7.2 Street light electricity £147.46 chq 216

7.3 Clerk's salary Jan-Mar 2021, £1493.00 chq 218

7.4 Clerk's expenses Oct 20-Mar 21, £350.00 chq 218

7.5 For Grange Bank hedge cutting £134.40 chq 221

7.6 Extra long litter pickers, £49.16 chq 220

7.7 Web site maintenance £280.00 chq 219

7.8 Zoom fee for 2021-Mar £14.39 chq 220

7.9 Payment of the above accounts was agreed.

## 8. EXTERNAL ITEMS

8.1 SALC area committee, 10/3/21, 6pm, by zoom. Cllr Lee will attend for BPC.

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

9.1 The defibrillator has been checked and new pads are needed. Cllrs Maddox and Blackmore will arrange this.

9.2 The old phone box has books and etc in it and is working very well.

9.3 Cllrs Lee, Grennan and Maddox have litter-picked Clayton way and Gains Park.

9.4 The Churncote Lay-by is very bad for litter. Cllr Picton will arrange for it to be collected.

9.5 There is an enquiry about allotments; the clerk will send information to Cllr Lee.

9.6 Wooden bollards on the grass verge at the entrance to Lewis Way. Bollards should be 1m off the carriageway and be snap-able. Cllr Blackmore will speak to the owners.

9.7 Boulder on the verge by Rossall Lodge, ditto above, Cllr Blackmore ditto.

9.8 Bicton Hall, wooden bollards, ditto the above.

10. Next meeting, extraordinary, for the sole purpose of dealing with the NWRR planning application, 8pm 6/4/21, by zoom.

**NEXT scheduled MEETING** due to be held on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2021. at 8.00pm in Bicton Village Hall? Or zoom?

MEETING CLOSED 9.52pm.  
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