

2023-Mar.a.

BICTON PARISH COUNCIL

Chair, Sally Maddox

MINUTES (Draft until signed) of meeting 2023-Mar. 14th March 2023, 8pm in Bicton village hall.

PRESENT:

Parish Cllrs: Richard Brett, Elliott Blackmore, Sally Maddox, Sue Llewellyn, Mandie Lee, Rod Warren, Paul Quartermaine, Deirdre Grennan, Wendy Horan, Parish clerk-Peter Anderson and 2 parishioners

NEIGHBOURHOOD ALERT, REPORT. 23 email reports were received, these included neighbourhood watch, drug arrests, fraud, advice to drivers, “mini police officers outside schools”, community charter, and a newsletter from the PCC (Police and Crime Commissioner). None of these things happened in Bicton, as far as we know, but parishioners are advised to be alert, but not frightened to, the possibility of crime.

OPEN FORUM

SC Cllr Picton report: Lezley is poorly and has sent her apologies. She sent a brief report; preparing the SC budget is proving to be a big task. The footpath from the Coppice to the Welshpool road is, according to the developer, going to be very expensive.

0. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

0.1 **APOLOGIES** for ABSENCE were received and accepted, from: SC Cllr. Lezley Picton NOTED

2. **VERIFY DRAFT MINUTES, 2023-Feb, dated 14/2/23.** These were signed as a true and accurate account.

3. MATTERS ARISING

3.1 Tom Llewellyn has installed the new Montford Bridge bus shelter, notice board.

3.2 The school hedge looks rough after its hard trim but it will soon grow out.

3.3 Muriel’s Little Wood road side hedge has been laid by Edward Swain; the holly and brash were taken away by Tom and Sue Llewellyn. Tom and Sue also cleared the mud off the road-side drains.

3.4 Matt and Dee Povey are still awaiting the insurance settlement for the lorry damage to their house. The previous owners have still not settled the mis-selling claim although the deadline has passed.

4. PARISH MATTERS

4.1 Lengthsman, report and instructions *Standing Agenda Item*

4.2 Parish footpaths, *Standing Agenda Item* The footpath past Mathew Egerton’s new house is no longer used by him as tractor access to the fields instead the tractors use the Severnway. This has damaged the recent repairs to the surface. This damage should be rectified by the one who caused it. Councillor Blackmore will talk to Mathew about it.

4.3 It is suggested that BPC meetings should start at 7.30 rather than 8; this will be put on the next agenda for debate.

5. PLANNING

5.1 23/00914/CPL Lawful Development application. Single storey side and two storey rear extensions and solid wall insulation. Old School House, Holyhead Road. This is for information only, no comments are needed. Noted.

6. OFFICIAL MATTERS

6.1 Monthly Audit of Accounts and financial report. Bank Statement number 398 total £51,360.13 and was verified. Move to Lloyds Bank; to sign the application forms. These were duly signed by the registered signatories and Councillor Llewellyn will deliver them to the bank.

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

6.3 The approximate cost of a new street light at the Bicton Lane/Holyhead Road junction is £3,245 but this assumes that there is a convenient electric supply. The consensus of opinion is that a street light at this point is not needed.

6.4 Stone for the ‘snicket’ would cost approx £85 per ton, (one ton may be enough) plus the hire of a ‘wacker’ plate (£30 per day) plus the labour charge. This would be a reasonable cost to improve this footpath but Cllr Blackmore has been assured, by Paul Butter, of SC, that stone will be laid, within the week, at no cost to BPC.

7 **PARISH ACCOUNTS for payment**

- 7.1 JW & PM Edwards & Son; School hedge £84.00 chq 282
- 7.2 Bicton Village Hall, to pay for the basket ball hoops on the MUGA £1,436.40 chq 283
- 7.3 Clerk's expenses Oct 2022 to Mar 2023 £375.00 chq 284
- 7.4 Clerk's salary Jan to Mar 2023 £1,538.00 chq284
- 7.5 Street light electricity 2022/23 second instalment £216.61 chq 285
- 7.6 Richard Brett, website maintenance, £280.00 chq 286
- 7.7 Tom Llewellyn, to affix the notice board and remove the brash £120.00. chq 287
- 7.8 Payment of the above accounts 1er Cllr Grennan and 2er Cllr Llewellyn and agreed.

8. **EXTERNAL ITEMS**

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

9.1 There is sometimes parking opposite the school at school starting time, this creates a danger for children crossing the road. It is not illegal but it should be discouraged. There are no zig-zag lines opposite the school as this could be problematic for residents. The clerk is asked to contact the police and SC highways to ask for advice. Cllr Horan will speak to the Head and ask her to put it in the school newsletter to ask parents not to park there.

9.2 Cllr Llewellyn has met Rachel Moelwyn-Williams of Canopy Nursery at the Four Crosses. Rachel promised to remove the damaged fence panels and tidy up the weeds and mess. This has still not been done; apparently, her gardener cannot work in the cold weather.

9.3 Cllr Llewellyn challenged a cyclist who was cycling on a footpath near her home; cycling can be dangerous for pedestrians. The cyclist dismounted and walked. Also delivery drivers speed down the lane to Rossall, the postman is among the worst. The lane to Rossall is also a footpath. Recently Sue was forced off the road by the postman's bad driving, Sue castigated him and he was contrite but it does not seem to slow him down! also he has hit her gate post several times. Sue will report him to his employers.

9.4 Cllr Lee reminded us that the visits to the recycling centre are the 5th and 19th of April, she will send an email to those who have registered.

9.5 Alan Boyd contacted the clerk because there was tree felling around the swales on Lower Calcott Lane. Cllr Blackmore investigated and it was happening under the close supervision of an ecologist in order to let the light in and enhance the wildlife diversity. Alan was much reassured and sent his thanks to Elliott and the clerk for their prompt action.

9.6 The defibrillator has been checked and is in good order.

9.7 Russ Maxim, of the PBCC (Plymouth Brethren Christian Church), has volunteered to organise a litter-pick on Grange Bank.

9.8 The new street light F is not on yet and the old stump is still there. The clerk will enquire of Highline Electrical.

9.9 A reminder that the next meeting-11th April-will start at 8pm but a decision will then be taken about starting the meetings at 7.30pm

10. **NEXT MEETING** due to be held on Tuesday 11th April 2023. at 8.00pm in Bicton Village Hall.

MEETING CLOSED 8.54 pm.
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