

2024-Mar.a.

BICTON PARISH COUNCIL

Chair, Sally Maddox

MINUTES (Draft until signed) of meeting 2024-Mar. 12th March 2024, 7.30pm 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, SC Cllr. Lezley Picton, SC Cllr Ed Potter, Parish clerk-Peter Anderson and 3 parishioners.

NEIGHBOURHOOD ALERT, REPORT. BPC's three priorities for policing are 1, speeding traffic, 2, burglary prevention and 3, road safety outside the school. The 'meet the PCC (Police and Crime Commissioner)' meeting at Ford on 14/2/24 was very useful because the clerk was able to impress upon the PCC's staff the importance of BPC receiving the grant for the Vas.

OPEN FORUM

Edward Swain commented that the NWRR will put more traffic on the Holyhead Road and a 40mph limit along its length will be desirable and it may be possible to pay for this from the CIL.

Paul Roberts noted that there are two milestones and he will volunteer to clean them.

SC Cllr Ed Potter said that the police will have data on road safety and accidents.

SC Cllr Picton report:

The A458 will be resurfaced but the Anwyl development will need to be finished first. **Poles will be erected** in various places as part of the fibre-broadband developments. **The copper to fibre broadband connections are due soon. It may be necessary, for economic reasons, to charge for green bin collections.** The suggested amount is £1 per week. **The waste transfer stations will remain open. Two out of the five household waste centres might close. Government is proposing a weekly food waste collection. The pyrolysis project is still on. A deposit for glass and plastic bottles would reduce the recycling. Place Plans** are largely 'aspirational'.

0. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** Cllr Brett, 7.1, he is the web manager.

0.1 **APOLOGIES** for ABSENCE were received and accepted, from: NOTED

2. **VERIFY DRAFT MINUTES**, 2024-Feb, dated 13/2/24. These were accepted and signed.

3. MATTERS ARISING

3.1 Cllr Blackmore removed the mud off the drains around the Four Crosses.

3.2 Tom Llewellyn will do the work on the bus shelters in April.

4. PARISH MATTERS

4.1 Lengthsman, report and instructions Standing Agenda Item

4.2 Parish footpaths, Standing Agenda Item. The motocross events are crossing the Severnway and leaving a muddy impassable mess. Cllr Maddox has been trying to speak to the landowner, Mat Egerton, but so far no contact. Cllr Maddox will take some advice from Shona Butter to see if anything can be done. All footpaths are 'soggy'. There is a broken hinge that Cllr Maddox will report.

4.3 Bicton Place Plan, Standing Agenda Item. NWRR effects on B4380: Montford Parish Council does not agree with Bicton's suggestions for the A5 Montford Bridge junction. In the long term the only solution is dualling. In the short term better road markings and possibly lighted bollards would make it safer.

4.4 CGR (Community Governance Review-parish boundary changes) There is some new information about SC's proposals. The Shrewsbury/ Bicton boundary will be moved to the existing hedge line this side of the proposed NWRR and The Coppice will also be in Shrewsbury. BPC voted, with only one dissention to accept this because it is either this or an awkward warding of Bicton parish.

4.5 The new gates have been fitted at Shrewsbury Storage, on Isle Lane and give a 30 foot 'pull-in'. The clerk will send BPC's thanks to Chris Davies.

4.6 From National Highways, re: blocked culverts. *Our safety inspectors checked the area yesterday and our drainage team are trying to establish who is responsible for the maintenance of these culverts as we're not completely sure it's us. I'll update you as soon as I receive more information.* Noted.

5. PLANNING

5.1 24/00652/FUL Old School House, Holyhead Road, single storey side extension, a two storey rear extension and the installation of solid wall insulation. BPC's response is 'neutral'.

5.2 24/00609/ADV Residential Development Land To The South Of, Welshpool Road, Bicton Heath, Erect and display housing development sales signage and flags. BPC's response is 'support'.

6. OFFICIAL MATTERS

- 6.1 Monthly Audit of Accounts and financial report. Lloyds Bank Statement £9,751.21 A deposit account has been opened. £60,000 was deposited at 4%, the interest so far is £92.11 Vat refund for 2023/24, £173.50 has been received.
- 6.2 Muriel's Little Wood, Safety Report, *Standing Agenda Item*. Cllr Lee reported that all is safe. Tom Llewellyn is due to start work next week. He will chip as much wood as possible.
- 6.3 The Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) has approved BPC's application for a grant to buy some Vas (Vehicle activated signs) in the amount of £6,139 subject to conditions. Which are 1, SC must provide a letter of approval and 2, Three quotes must be obtained. BPC will need to match fund.

7 PARISH ACCOUNTS for payment

- 7.1 Web site maintenance, quarter to Feb 2024. £120.00
- 7.2 Highline Electrical inspected a street lamp which was reported as "sparking". £47.70
- 7.3 Street light electricity, 4th quarter Jan-Mar 2024 £209.15
- 7.4 Clerk's salary Jan-Mar £1,691.00 and expenses Oct 2023-Mar 2024 £375.00, total £2066.00
- 7.5 Payment of the above agreed. Cllrs Maddox and Llewellyn will do the bank transfers tomorrow.
- 7.6 Please note: Highline Electrical found nothing wrong with the street lamp (7.2 above). In future a BPC Cllr is to be asked to look at reported street lamp defects before the contractor is called out.

8. EXTERNAL ITEMS

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

- 9.1 There were traffic lights on the Welshpool Road for several days when no work was being done. This caused considerable congestion including severely delaying emergency vehicles. Cllr Blackmore found out that the lights were put up and then the workers were called away to another job. The clerk will ask Mark Wootton, of SC, to strive to prevent this misuse of temporary traffic lights in the future.
- 9.2 The defibrillator has been checked.
- 9.3 Clothing was left in the phone box library. Cllr Grennan disposed of this. A request will be put in the newsletter not to do this but to recycle clothing in the appropriate manner.
- 9.4 There was a funeral service in the church, an estimated 400 people attended. This occasioned some parking issues.
- 9.5 The land belonging to Mr. Franks, on Grange Bank is for sale. It is under offer for a large sum of money.

10. NEXT MEETING due to be held on Tuesday 9th April 2024. at 8.00pm in Bicton Village Hall.

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MEETING CLOSED 9.26pm.
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