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BICTON PARISH COUNCIL

Chairman Richard Brett

DRAFT MINUTES OF MEETING 2015-Ap Held on 14th April 2015. 8pm in Bicton Village Hall

PRESENT:

Parish Cllrs: Richard Brett, Elliott Blackmore, Roy Bound, Wendy Horan, Sally Maddox, Sue Llewellyn, Deirdre Grennan, Martin Davies, SC Cllr. John Everall, Parish clerk-Peter Anderson, Plus 50 parishioners,

Les Stephan and Martin Parrish of Hollyhead Estates explained their proposal to build 360 houses on the field between Calcott Lane and the Brethren's meeting room. This has now been revised down to 300 houses, 20% of which will be affordable. The application, when it goes in, will be outline. Then the site will be sold to a developer who will put in the detailed application. Hollyhead Estates promise that the site will have a medical centre, bungalows, affordable houses, outdoor space, sports fields, and cycle-ways; but it would be for the developer to deliver on this promise. On top of the CIL payment of £80 per square metre on the open market housing a contribution will be made towards education and another to the Oxon Relief Road.

The mood, of the public present, was against this proposal. It was proposed that an action group should be formed. Many of those present put themselves forward for this group. Date of first meeting to be arranged. This action group is not a BPC initiative it is a spontaneous response from Bicton parishioners.

OPEN FORUM

Nick Paterson reported that the Bicton bus shelter is being used as a smoking den. The clerk is asked to write to the alleged perpetrators.

Bicton Lane has had the pot holes filled. This has been done roughly and a lot of loose stones have been left. The clerk is asked to complain to SC about this.

There was a general discussion about planning matters and how they are dealt with. It was pointed out that Bicton needs a "Way Forward" to ensure that it has a meaningful plan, of whatever hue.

Lorries have been going to the Bicton Lane poultry farm at night. There is an informal agreement with the farmer that this should not happen because of the disturbance to residents. Cllr Blackmore will speak to the farmer.

Police report. There has been one ASB incident in Bicton in the last month.

0. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

0.1 Cllr Llewellyn, 6.3, her son is the SC parish paths officer.

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

2. **MINUTES** 2015-Mar of previous meeting held on 10/3/15 were confirmed and signed.

3. MATTERS ARISING

3.1 Cllr Blackmore has asked Bill Morris to have the footpath from the Four Crosses to Shelton cleared, but Mr Morris feels that he is unable to do this.

3.2 The 40mph signs on the B4380, Cllr Maddox is of the opinion that they are unstable. Cllr Blackmore has inspected them and he demurs. Although he admits that one of the signs on Grange Bank needs attention but he has reported this to SC.

3.3 Dairyscope on Bicton Lane, Cllr Blackmore has spoken to the owners about the use of the site and parking on the road. There was no immediate resolution to these problems.

3.4 Defibrillator for the village. Cllr Horan reported that cheques for contributions to this fund should be made out to Bicton Primary School.

4. PARISH MATTERS

4.1 Bicton Primary School *Standing Agenda Item* The school only started back yesterday.

- 4.2 Lengthsman, report and instructions *Standing Agenda Item* Martin's health is much improved and he will install the bench soon and he will fill in the hole in Muriel's Little Wood tomorrow. Cllr Blackmore has instructed Kevin to mow the grass alongside the B4380 from the Four Crosses towards Shelton, on the opposite side to the footpath.
- 4.3 Parish footpaths, *Standing Agenda Item* Tom Llewellyn of SC Outdoor Partnerships reported that; 1, Two routes re-marked with new way-markers (Oxon Hall and Severn Way). 2, One route has new gates and sleeper bridges installed (Grove Farm). 3, One tree removed which was blocking bridleway (past village pool). 4, One stile (dangerous) removed due to use of field gate (opposite Woodlands Farm). Old timber stiles are being replaced with metal kissing gates.

5 PLANNING

- 5.1 Report from the SC planning committee on Land to the East of Bicton Lane, 14/02239/OUT. Cllr Brett reasoned with the committee, on the 9th April, 2015 that this application should be rejected, it would not listen and voted 7 to 3 to grant approval. The committee did comment that 15 houses on this site would be sustainable but more than that would definitely not be so.
- 5.2 To discuss the Les Stephan Planning (Hollyhead Estates) proposal for 360 houses on the field between Calcott Lane and the Brethren's meeting room. BPC is of the opinion that such applications as this are speculative, driven purely by the profit motive and are trying to exploit the situation created by the NPPF and are unsustainable by any definition of the word sustainable.
- 5.3 Preston Montford Field Studies Centre, two storey side extension for office use, 15/01419/FUL. BPC has no objections.

6. OFFICIAL MATTERS

- 6.1 Monthly Audit of Accounts Bank Statement number 300 £15,058.19. Verified by Chairman.
- 6.2 Muriel's Little Wood, Safety Report, *Standing Agenda Item*. Cllr Maddox reported that all is safe.
- 6.3 Parish Paths Partnership Agreement, between SC and BPC. BPC is invited to sign up to this. BPC agrees to participate in this partnership.
- 6.4 Bicton Pickers; risk assessment for litter picking. Cllr Maddox has done a thorough job in preparing this assessment; for which she is thanked. BPC has read and understands this risk assessment which it now adopts.

7 PARISH ACCOUNTS for payment

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| 7.1 Grant towards a village defibrillator, | £200.00 |
| 7.2 Church clock repair fund, | £200.00 |
| 7.3 Bicton newsletter, clerk's electronic copy, 2014/15, | £3.00 |
| 7.4 Street light electricity, | £292.63 |
| 7.5 SALC subscription, | £378.28 |
| 7.6 Payment of the above accounts, proposed Cllr Bound, seconded Cllr Blackmore and agreed. | |

8. EXTERNAL ITEMS

- 8.1 LJC meeting 21/4/15. Noted.

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

10. **NEXT MEETING** to be held on Tuesday 12th May 2015. at 8.00pm in Bicton Village Hall

MEETING CLOSED 9.51 pm

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These minutes are draft until they are signed.