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BICTON PARISH COUNCIL
Chairman Richard Brett

MINUTES (Draft until signed) of meeting 2019-Ap, 9th April 2019, 8pm in Bicton Village Hall

PRESENT:

Parish Cllrs: Richard Brett, Sue Llewellyn, Elliott Blackmore, Sally Maddox, Deirdre Grennan, Mandie Lee, SC Cllr. Lezley Picton, Parish clerk-Peter Anderson, 14 parishioners.

POLICE REPORT CSO Joe Bradley sent a report. The incidents in Bicton, as usual, are very few; although, there were 2 burglaries in Montford. There is an initiative to make the roads outside schools safer, these are metre high carton police officers who stand outside schools warning passing drivers to slow down and not park on the zig-zag markings. The clerk will ask if it is possible for these to be deployed in Bicton.

OPEN FORUM

The hedge at the Welshpool Road end of Shepherd's Lane needs cutting. Kevin will be asked to do it.

SC is proposing reducing the subsidy to bus services. The charges for the park and ride will increase. BPC is opposed to these changes. The clerk will reply to the consultation.

Traffic flow on Bicton Lane, church to Holyhead Road. Lorries unloading at Dairyscope can sometimes cause a blockage. Cllr Blackmore will investigate.

Jan Bevan has researched the benefits of a Neighbourhood Plan (NP) and she is of the opinion that one would be suitable for Bicton. An NP can cost anything from £4,000 to £40,000. Grants are available to cover part of the cost. Bicton would probably come in at about the middle of the cost range. The CIL paid to a parish with an NP increases from 15% to 25%. An NP does not reduce the amount of building but it offers the parish some control over the inevitable development.

Pig Lane verges are collapsing into the ditch.

Report from SC Cllr Lezley Picton. SC is running a consultation about cuts to bus services, BPC is encouraged to respond. The lorry parking outside Dairyscope raises issues of access for emergency vehicles. The upcoming Place Plan meetings are important and BPC should make the effort to attend. Shrewsbury Rural North Place Plan Meeting is on 15/5/19. There has been no planning application for the safety improvements to the bad bend on Bicton Lane. The messy verge at Shelton; SC is considering legal moves to resolve this situation. Grants have been made available for 'High Street Clean-ups'. Cllr Maddox is aware of this and has made an application on behalf of Bicton.

0. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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1. **APOLOGIES** for ABSENCE were received and accepted, from: Rod Warren and Wendy Horan NOTED. Martin Davies has indicated his intention to resign from BPC. BPC is sad to hear this but accepts that Martin has many other commitments. His resignation is therefore accepted. The clerk will send BPC's thanks to Martin. The clerk will start the process of finding a new councillor.

2. **MINUTES** 2019-Mar of previous meeting held on 12/3/19 were confirmed and signed.

3. MATTERS ARISING

3.1 11 people attended the defibrillator training. The next training session is on 23/4/19.

3.2 The defibrillator is mounted low on the wall. This makes it inconvenient to read the instructions. It is going to be raised.

3.3 The trees by the drive to Bicton Hall are still hanging on the wires.

4. PARISH MATTERS

4.1 Lengthsman, report and instructions *Standing Agenda Item*

- 4.2 Parish footpaths, *Standing Agenda Item* The Severnway is mucky, a digger has flattened it but this has made it worse. The footpath behind Grove Farm has some horses in the field which are frightening to walkers. These horses may belong to Ros Tate. Cllr Llewellyn will have a word.
- 4.3 Russ Maxim has cleaned the bus shelters and sent some photos. Noted, thanks will be sent to Russ.
- 4.4 BPC Cllrs are invited to afternoon tea at The Coppice. Several Cllrs expressed an interest; they will make their own arrangements.
- 4.5 Reports of speeding on the Holyhead Road are still being received by BPC. These problems are in Bicton and Montford Bridge. The West Mercia Police initiative Community Speed Watch (CSW) has been successful in other areas and could work here. To begin the process BPC must have at least 6 committed volunteers prepared to undergo the training. Montford Parish Council is looking in to speed reduction measures that could apply to both side of the river in Montford Bridge.

5 PLANNING

- 5.1 Westwynd, Montford Bridge, agricultural building conversion to 2 bed dwelling. 19/00165/FUL SC granted. Noted.
- 5.2 Seedfield, Shepherd's Lane, erection of double garage, proposed new dormer roof, alterations to front gable, and formation of vehicular access. 19/01538/FUL. BPC objects to this application. The new garage is in front of the building line and is hard against the road. It will block the sight line of cars exiting the neighbour's drive. It will block the light to the neighbour's house. It is out of keeping and is too large. The new windows will overlook the neighbour's property. The new vehicle access could cause rain to run off more quickly and contribute to flooding.

6 OFFICIAL MATTERS

- 6.1 Monthly Audit of Accounts Bank Statement number 351 £40,334.07 verified by Chairman.
- 6.2 Muriel's Little Wood, Safety Report, *Standing Agenda Item*. Cllr Maddox reported that it is safe, clean and tidy.
- 6.3 SC has sent an 'Affordable housing newsletter which introduces the new Place Plan Officers. Mathew Mead has volunteered to attend a BPC meeting when we are ready for his advice about 'Right Home Right Place'. Also to consider the draft BPC housing questionnaire. In the absence of Cllr Warren this is postponed to the next agenda.
- 6.4 Smart Water, to start the application process. The chairman signed the application form and the clerk will forward it. The total cost is £2,398.00, of which the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) will contribute 25%.
- 6.5 Montford Bridge Traffic Management Plan. Montford Parish Council is looking in to this and is asking BPC to share in making it a plan for the whole of Montford Bridge. If MPC can obtain the funding there will be no cost to BPC.
- 6.6 CPRE has sent a membership welcome pack. Noted.

7 PARISH ACCOUNTS for payment

- 7.1 Clock repair fund, £200.00 chq 145
- 7.2 Street light electricity Jan-Mar 2019, £32.94. chq 146 (The quarterly charge is £137.89 but SC had sent a credit note for £104.95 that was due from the change-over to LED.)
- 7.3 SALC annual subscription, £419.51. chq 147
- 7.4 Payment of the above 1er Cllr Grennan, 2er Cllr Llewellyn and agreed.

8 EXTERNAL ITEMS

- 8.1 SC is running a local bus service consultation, details from, <https://Shropshire.gov.uk/get-involved/> Noted, BPC will reply to this.
- 8.2 SALC area committee, next meeting, 11/4/19. 6.30pm, Guildhall. Noted.

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

- 9.1 Deirdre and Sally did a litter-pick on the Holyhead Road and collected 6 sacks of litter. There is still more litter in the parish to pick.
- 9.2 Leaf litter is accumulating against the fence at Udlington. Elliott will speak to Bill Morris about it.

10 NEXT MEETING to be held on Tuesday 14th May 2019. at 8.00pm in Bicton Village Hall

MEETING CLOSED 9.58 pm
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