

MINUTES (Draft until signed) of meeting 2021-Apr 13th April 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 6 parishioners

POLICE REPORT. Not arrived.

OPEN FORUM **The footpath at the rear of The Crescent** Montford Bridge is very wet and boggy because the stream is blocked. Shona Butter, of SC, knows about this.

Kathy Fitchew reported that the surfaces of the Welshpool road and the B4380 are in a bad condition. SC is aware of this and has resurfacing for the B4380 scheduled.

The footpath which connects Villa Lane to the village hall is very muddy. Could it be paved? This land belongs to the village hall; the VH committee will be told about this.

There is a large plant overhanging the wall near to Drury Lane which makes it impossible to use the footpath. Stuart Leighton knows the owner and he will speak to them.

SC Cllr Picton report: Lezley submitted a full report by email; these are some of the highlights.

The libraries and leisure centres are now open. **SC did a litter-pick on the A49** and within 2 weeks it was as bad. **There will be free parking** in Shrewsbury, for a while.

Rapid covid-testing sites are being established. **The speed sign** on the Holyhead Road is broken, a new one has been ordered. **A request has been made for a paved footpath** between The Coppice and The Uplands. **Some trees on the NWRR route** have been marked as if for felling; this has not been done by SC. **The on-street parking tariff, in Shrewsbury, is now on a 'linear system'**. The first 15 minutes are free; thereafter all day parking is permitted if payment is made.

It is not known when the pot-holes, on the Welshpool Road will be repaired.

0. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** Cllr Lee, 5.3, she is the applicant. Cllr Blackmore, 5.1, 5.5 and 5.6, he is a neighbour. Cllr Maddox, 7.1 and 7.4, it is a refund for the zoom fee and the defibrillator pads. Cllr Llewellyn, 5.2, she is a friend of the applicant.

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

2. **VERIFY DRAFT MINUTES,** 2021-Mar, dated 9/4/21, these were signed as a true and accurate account. .

3. **MATTERS ARISING**

3.1 Ros Tate has reported that her horses have been attacked by dogs.

3.2 There has been no reply from Shona Butter, of SC, about the Lion Gates footpath situation (horses scaring walkers.)

3.3 The enforcement issue at the Brethren's shop site. No enforcement notice was issued it was only an SC enquiry. The Brethren have voluntarily complied as far as they can. The lighting is gone and the planting has been done; for the remaining issues SC is suggesting that a retrospective planning application should be made. The clerk is asked to get an update from the planning officer.

4. **PARISH MATTERS**

4.1 Lengthsman, report and instructions *Standing Agenda Item*

4.2 Parish footpaths, *Standing Agenda Item* Footpath 15 diversion. At present this cuts across a field; the land owners want it diverted around the field perimeter. BPC supports this change. At present there are no horses in the field by Lion Lodge. The footpaths are generally dry except at the rear of The Crescent, Montford Bridge. .

4.3 Severnway improvements, a progress report. Improvements are expected to start in May

4.4 Proposed bench on the Holyhead Road. Proposed site, on the verge close to Calcott Lane. The Brethren have volunteered some funds to help to pay for this. Some quotes will be sought.

4.5 White posts for the verges on Shepherd's Lane. At the moment some residents are placing wooden posts to protect the verge outside their properties. It has been pointed out to them that these rigid posts may cause damage or injury and are illegal. The correct thing to do is to ask SC for some white posts which are designed to be safe. Graham Downes of SC is aware of the problem and he is coming to look. Bicton Lane also needs some white posts. The owner of Bicton Hall has agreed to remove the obstacles at the property entrance.

4.6 The Great British Spring Clean 2021 Has Now Launched. Cllr Maddox is organising the Bicton volunteers. Thank you Sally.

5 **PLANNING**

5.1 21/01240/FUL land at Westside Drive, Welshpool Road. Application to reopen an existing side access to Westside House. Cllr Blackmore answered questions and then withdrew from the meeting. The main drive to Westside, which gives access to this land, is only 20 feet away. This area of the Welshpool road already has several property access points and the SWSUE will add more so increasing the danger of traffic collisions. The proposed drive is very narrow and not

wide enough for modern vehicles. The plans are misleading because they contain a photograph of the property before 2 of the present houses were built. For these reasons BPC voted to object to this application; 4 in favour of objecting and 3 abstentions.

5.2 21/01346/LBC Proposed Residential Barn Conversions At Bicton House, Holyhead Road, Conversion of outbuildings to 3No. dwellings to include hardstanding, curtilage, access, connection to septic tank and oil tank affecting a Grade II Listed Building. Cllr Llewellyn abstained from voting. It is understood that there are safeguards to protect the bats; otherwise this is a suitable development for these derelict barns so BPC has no objections.

5.3 21/01283/FUL Erriff, Shepherds Lane, Erection of single storey rear extension to create garden room, terrace and access to garden. This is an appropriate development for this property and it will not affect any neighbours, therefore, BPC supports this application.

5.4 20/04544/OUT Proposed Commercial Development Land South Of, Holyhead Road, Outline application for the erection of health/medical office accommodation (to include access)
SC Decision: Grant Permission. Noted.

5.5 21/00924/EIA NWRR. Cllr Quartemaine has written up BPC's comments from the 6/4/21 extraordinary meeting. Everyone has read them and they are accurate. Therefore BPC will submit them as its objection to this application, agreed. Thank you Paul.

5.6 20/01957/FUL SWSUE. This is an amendment to the application. It has the same problems to which BPC has already objected. This also has implications with the NWRR, which is not certain to be built as planning approval has not yet been given. The ecological survey is questionable. The car parking is worse than other similar developments. BPC continues to object.

6. OFFICIAL MATTERS

6.1 Monthly Audit of Accounts Bank Statement number 375 £35,650.22 and verified.

6.2 Muriel's Little Wood, Safety Report, *Standing Agenda Item*. The brush has been burnt and all is safe.

7 PARISH ACCOUNTS for payment

7.1 Battery and pads for the defibrillator £122.76

7.2 Clock repair fund £200.00

7.3 Clerk's copy of the Bicton newsletter £4.00

7.4 zoom fee, £14.39

7.5 Payment agreed.

8. EXTERNAL ITEMS

8.1 SALC meeting 10 March 2021, a report from Cllr Lee is attached. Thank you Mandie.

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

9.1 The new defib battery and pads will expire on 23/11/24.

9.2 Some councils use stencils and yellow spray to deal with dog poo but these in themselves can cause complaints.

9.3 Flashing speed signs. These are becoming more common and may be appropriate for the B4380 in Bicton. It may be possible to apply for CIL 'local' money to help pay for them. Cllr Picton will arrange for an SC traffic engineer to come to a BPC meeting to give advice.

9.4 The clerk is asked to write to Daniel Kawczynski MP to ask him to lobby for PC zoom meetings to continue to be allowed. The clerk will do so but points out that as per the present situation BPC must meet in the village hall in May.

9.5 There has been no response, from potential allotment holders, to the suggestion that allotments should be established in Bicton.

9.6 BPC has 9 candidates for its 9 seats so there will be no poll at the 6/5/21 elections. There will be a poll for the SC Councillor and for the Police and Crime commissioner (PCC).

10. **NEXT MEETING** due to be held on Tuesday 11th May 2021. at 8.00pm in Bicton Village Hall. This is an election year and the law states that a parish council must meet between the 10th and the 24th of May and the law no longer allows zoom meetings after the 7th May!.

NEXT MEETING due to be held on Tuesday 8th June at 8.00pm in Bicton Village Hall

MEETING CLOSED 10.15 pm.
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