

2023-Ap.a.

**BICTON PARISH COUNCIL**

Chair, Sally Maddox

**MINUTES** (Draft until signed) of meeting 2023-Ap. 11<sup>th</sup> April 2023, 8pm in Bicton village hall.

**PRESENT:**

*Parish Cllrs:* Richard Brett, Elliott Blackmore, Sally Maddox, Sue Llewellyn, Rod Warren, Paul Quartermaine, Deirdre Grennan, Wendy Horan, Parish clerk-Peter Anderson and 3 parishioners.

**NEIGHBOURHOOD ALERT, REPORT.** There were the usual neighbourhood alerts; about rogue traders, thefts of wild birds and eggs, a weekly fraud update, security marking property, the Police and Crime Commissioner's newsletter and there was a burglary on Bicton Lane. The back door was kicked in and the house was ransacked.

**OPEN FORUM**

**Edward Swain** reported that there is plenty of dog poo around.

**SC Cllr Picton report:** Lezley is poorly with covid but sent a short report. The Churncote service station planning application will soon return. The proposed footpath from The Coppice to Clayton Way is still undecided. (BPC notes that at the present time this is not a public right of way and it is entirely on private land therefore there is nothing that BPC can do about it.) The Divisional Boundary Review will report soon.

0. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** Cllr Maddox, 4.3, she does part time admin work at The Coppice.

0.1 **APOLOGIES** for ABSENCE were received and accepted, from: SC Cllr. Lezley Picton, Cllr Lee expects to be late. NOTED

2. **VERIFY DRAFT MINUTES**, 2023-Mar, dated 14/3/23. These were signed as a true and accurate account.

3. **MATTERS ARISING**

3.1 The Canopy Nursery fence has been repaired but the weeds have not yet been removed.

3.2 Repairs to street light 5, on Church Lane, are ongoing.

3.3 Parking opposite the school at start time. The Head has sent a letter to parents. Our police constable has visited the site and he is investigating the possibilities of persuading parents not to park there at school time. If funds are needed for signs/etc BPC has CIL available. There is a police initiative of "Plastic Policemen" but this would need someone to put them out and take them in. The clerk will write to the school Head asking if polite notices on the roadside might help. Also a notice on the little gate saying "please close the gate" would enhance safety.

3.4 Mathew Egerton has promised to repair the Severnway within the month.

3.5 The Severnway ditches are blocked.

3.6 Bicton Pool is completely grassed over.

3.7 On 5<sup>th</sup> April 8 visitors, from Bicton, went to the Energy Recovery Plant at Harlescott. It is very impressive and informative to see what happens to our refuse.

4. **PARISH MATTERS**

4.1 Should BPC meetings start at 7.30pm rather than at 8pm? There was a unanimous decision to have a 6 month trial.

4.2 Lengthsman, report and instructions; *Standing Agenda Item* Kevin will be asked to clear the mud off the yellow lines in Isle Lane.

4.3 Parish footpaths, *Standing Agenda Item*; Path from the Coppice to the Uplands; a message from a Coppice resident. BPC has no jurisdiction here because there is no right of way and it is private property. The matter is between Wrekin Housing, Shropshire Council (as the planning authority) and the land owners. It has been suggested that the footpath will cost £125,000 to construct.

4.4 Lorry parking on the road and footway at Dairyscope at school time. This has happened before and Dairyscope has been requested to avoid school times.

4.5 Report on the repair to the surface of the snicket by the village hall. Paul Butter, of SC, has put some stone in the worst place and has promised more stone as it becomes available.

## 5 PLANNING

5.1 Land adjacent to Churncote Island, service station, 22/02464/FUL. A report from the SC planning committee, at which Cllr Maddox spoke. Cllr Maddox has the full report. The committee voted against this proposal by 6 votes to 5. The application is deferred to next month's committee for further reports. The applicants will be making an £80,000 donation to the NWRR. BPC wants a vehicle count to be done at peak times. The clerk will ask for this to be done.

Cllr Lee joined the meeting.

## 6. OFFICIAL MATTERS

- 6.1 Monthly Audit of Accounts and financial report. Bank Statement number 399, £47,213.12 verified by Chairman. BPC is to receive £18,354.91 from the CIL neighbourhood fund. Noted.
- 6.2 Muriel's Little Wood, Safety Report, *Standing Agenda Item*. The fencing has been replaced, by the Ashworths, on the field side of the wood. Cllr Warren reported that all is safe.

## 7 PARISH ACCOUNTS for payment,

- 7.1 £200.00, payable to the Bicton PCC, for the church clock repair fund. Chq288
- 7.2 Kevin Williams, lengthsman duties, £148.00 chq289
- 7.3 Payment of the above accounts 1er Cllr Blackmore, 2er Cllr Llewellyn and agreed.

## 8. EXTERNAL ITEMS

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

- 9.1 The defibrillator has been checked.
- 9.2 There will be a litter-pick soon. Cllr Maddox organises the general pick and The Brethren will do Grange Bank.

10. **NEXT MEETING** due to be held on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2023. at **7.30pm** in Bicton Village Hall.

MEETING CLOSED 9.03 pm.  
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