

2024-Ap.a.

**BICTON PARISH COUNCIL**

Chair, Sally Maddox

**MINUTES** (Draft until signed) of meeting 2024-Ap. 9<sup>th</sup> April 2024, 8.00pm in Bicton village hall.

**PRESENT:**

*Parish Cllrs:* Richard Brett, Elliott Blackmore, Sally Maddox, Sue Llewellyn, Mandie Lee, Rod Warren, Paul Quartermaine, Deirdre Grennan, SC Cllr Ed Potter, Parish clerk-Peter Anderson and 4 parishioners

**NEIGHBOURHOOD ALERT, REPORT.** PC Rich Walters and PCSO Jaqui Baldwin were in attendance. They reported that; there has been a big police operation with 7 arrests for conspiracy to commit burglary, knives were also recovered. Thieves are using drones to spy out potential opportunities. ‘Operation Easter’ is about wildlife crime and preventing the theft of birds and eggs. A bid has been put in for the motorbike mounted speed camera to visit Bicton. There have been 22 incidents in, or close to, Bicton; most of these were RTCs (Road Traffic Collisions). Vas (Vehicle activated signs) do have a positive effect in slowing traffic.

**OPEN FORUM** **Stuart Leighton** congratulated Tom Llewellyn on the good work he had done in smartening up the bus shelters. The clerk will send an email to Tom thanking him.

**SC Cllr Picton report: In the absence of Lezley SC Cllr ED Potter was asked to report.** There is a consultation on whether to charge £52 per year for green waste collection. Also a consultation about keeping some or all of the waste recycling sites open. The household waste recycling centres are all likely to remain open. A food waste collection, as a national regulation, will start in 2 years time at no charge. Any highways issues should be reported to SC. The Welshpool Road repairs will be done after the Anwyl houses are finished, which is likely to be 2 years. 40mph, on the Holyhead Road, from Shelton to Montford Bridge should be all one scheme and possibly best implemented before the NWRR is built.

0. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** Cllr Llewellyn, 7.3, Tom is her son.

0.1 **APOLOGIES** for ABSENCE were received and accepted, from: SC Cllr. Lezley Picton, Wendy Horan, NOTED

2. **VERIFY DRAFT MINUTES**, 2024-Mar, dated 12/3/24. Agreed and signed.

3. **MATTERS ARISING**

3.1 National Highways have not got back about the culverts on the Holyhead Road and Lower Calcott Lane. The clerk is asked to prompt it.

4. **PARISH MATTERS**

4.1 Lengthsman, report and instructions Standing Agenda Item Kevin has started cutting the grass.

4.2 Parish footpaths, Standing Agenda Item Shona Butter has promised to look at the Severnway. where it crosses the boggy piece at The Crescent, Montford Bridge. The weather has been very wet, the footpaths are “terrible slimy mud”. The gates have been repaired by the Old Vicarage and Grove Farm.

4.3 Bicton Place Plan, Standing Agenda Item. The SC Place Plan Officer, Mathew Mead will be invites to the next meeting. Verge Maintenance; the flora update by Rod is delayed by the wet weather. Where possible, conducive to road safety, verges should be left to grow, this will benefit wild flowers, insects and butterflies. Junctions need 10-15m splays and straight sections 1.5m width. BPC is in favour of this option on a vote of 6 to 1. Elliott will tell lengthsman Kevin of this decision.

4.4 **Road Closure:** Preston Montford Lane, **Start Date:** 15th May 2024 **End Date:** 17th May 2024 **Purpose:** Multevo carriageway repairs to include kerbing, sign posts and iron works. Completion of 500m<sup>2</sup> required. Noted.

5 **PLANNING**

5.1 23/04025/FUL The Wingfield Caravan Park, Extend existing caravan park to provide a total of 37 static and 30 touring caravan pitches (turn existing touring part of site to static) SC Decision: Grant Permission. Noted.

5.2 24/00217/CPE The Oak Farmhouse, Oak Farm, Gains Park Way, Bicton Heath, Lawful Development Certificate to establish the continued use of the property as a residential care home for children SC Decision: Certificate is Lawful. Noted.

5.3 24/00313/CPE Oxon Hall Lodge, Holyhead Road, Application for a Lawful Development Certificate for an existing use of garden land SC Decision: Certificate – Lawful. Noted.

## 6. OFFICIAL MATTERS

- 6.1 Monthly Audit of Accounts and financial report. Lloyds Bank current account £7,308.36 Deposit account £60,276.75 Noted.
- 6.2 Muriel's Little Wood, Safety Report, *Standing Agenda Item*. Tom Llewellyn, and team, have done much thinning out, this has let the light in; also the ditch was cleared out. Tom will do an inspection next year for free. It is likely that a bit more work will need doing in 2 years time. A bench would enhance the wood, Sue will look into the costs. Youngsters cycle around the wood and build ramps; the damage is not great and is soon remedied.
- 6.3 Vas, speed Indicator devices, a progress report. David Gradwell, of SC Highways, agrees that this project is acceptable for the purposes of the PCC grant. SC only offer an "end-to-end" service. SC needs for a Vas project to be within the road regulations and to be sustainable. SC will not be able to progress the Bicton project for "a few months". Ed Potter advised that this would be best implemented as part of the Shelton to Montford Bridge 40mph scheme. He and Lezley will encourage this as best they may.
- 6.4 CGR (Community Governance Review) *Following detailed consideration of the responses to the original consultation, Shropshire Council is now consulting on its draft proposals for each area. These explain that the consultation concludes on the 10 May 2024 and [can be viewed on the Councils Website](#). Comments and proposals are very much welcomed.* BPC supports the proposals as put forward by SC. The new boundary will follow present field boundaries, not the NWRR, The Coppice will be in Shrewsbury, BPC will remain as a 9 seat council with no wards.
- 6.5 BPC precept this year was the same as last year, £14,746 but on the council tax demand from SC it shows it as a 17% increase. This is caused by the SC accounting system. Last year it estimated more new houses than were actually built, this year it revised the numbers downward. The actual charge to a band D property was £26 last year £31 this year.

## 7 PARISH ACCOUNTS for payment

- 7.1 Clock repair fund £200.00
- 7.2 Kevin Williams, lengthsman duties, £148.00
- 7.3 TRJL Contracts bus shelters maintenance, £455.00
- 7.4 TRJL Contracts Muriel's Little Wood, £1,140.00
- 7.5 Payment of the above accounts, agreed, payment will be made by bank transfer.

## 8. EXTERNAL ITEMS

- 8.1 Salc Area Committee Meeting, 10<sup>th</sup> April 6.30pm at Livesy House 7 St John's Hill. Mandie will attend.

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

- 9.1 A petanque area is to be installed at the village hall.
- 9.2 Paul Roberts has cleaned the Four Crosses Milestone. Traffic on the Grange Bank makes that one too dangerous to do.
- 9.3 The phone box library got somewhat wet but Deirdre has sorted it and it is now in good order.

10. **NEXT MEETING** due to be held on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2024. at 8pm in Bicton Village Hall.

MEETING CLOSED 9.33pm.  
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