

2017-May.a.

BICTON PARISH COUNCIL

Chairman Richard Brett

Minutes of meeting 2017-May, held on 9th May 2017. 8pm in Bicton Village Hall.

This begins with the ANNUAL PARISH MEETING, which is a statutory requirement to allow parishioners to raise any subject that they wish. Then follows the ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING. Also, normal parish business is conducted.

Present. Parish Cllrs. Richard Brett, Elliott Blackmore, Sue Llewellyn, Deirdre Grennan, Wendy Horan, Sally Maddox, Rod Warren, Jane Mullineux, Parish clerk-Peter Anderson, plus 5 parishioners, plus PCSO Tim Griffiths.

BPC Cllr Roy Bound has retired from the council after 25 years of service; for this he is thanked and he is sent best wishes for the future. SC Cllr John Everall has retired, he is also sent thanks and best wishes.

BPC has a new Cllr, Jane Mullineux, she is heartily welcomed. Our new SC Cllr is Lezley Picton, she is likewise welcomed.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

1 **Annual Parish Council report.** Chairman's report. Financial report. These are attached to the minute book.

2 **Reports from Parish Organisations.**

3 **Police report.** There is some rural crime; diesel from building sites and from farms; strimmers are also stolen. Shed alarms are a deterrent. Be careful on the internet, look for the security symbol-https-the s indicates a secure site. Our policing team is fully staffed and is not expecting any cuts.

4 **Shropshire Council.** Adult social care costs are increasing by £8m per year. The recent council tax increase will yield £4m per year. There is a grant for radio broadband in areas not accessible to cable. Cllr Picton will ask SC planning policy dept to answer BPC's questions about the policy review.

5 **Bicton Primary School** It has been a good year for the school. The pre-school is very good. There is harmony amongst the staff. Sats are due soon, these are inevitably stressful. Ofstead gave the school a good rating.

6 **Representations from Parishioners.** Any comments, views or requests? **The ongoing problem of barking dogs at Wags and Whiskers.** Neighbours have been keeping a log. For SC to act the noise must reach a certain decibel count. A private prosecution is possible but expensive and not practicable. The site is in breach of the original planning conditions; a leylandii hedge was planted but has been damaged by the dogs, there are no trees at all towards Isle Lane. Some sort of screen might help if the dogs cannot see things to bark at. Some dogs have been rejected for barking too much. The site owners have promised to plant more trees and hedges. Friday is always a bad day. Some dogs have been muzzled. Proper acoustic fencing would be expensive. The maximum number of dogs allowed is 30 and this number is often reached.

Baschurch footpaths are being improved, why cannot Grange Bank be improved? Baschurch improvements are paid for by the housing developers.

Litter on Shepherd's Lane, one day 27 wine bottles were collected! Jan Bevan volunteered to litter pick if she could use BPC's litter pickers.

7 **Bicton Village Hall,** car park improvements, a report. To remove the island, sort the drainage and re-surface, the cost would be in the region of £47,000. Just to re-cover the present area would be approx. £39,000. The village hall committee expects to have more information by the next BPC meeting.

B ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 2017-May. To immediately follow the Annual Parish Meeting.

BICTON PARISH COUNCIL (BPC) APPOINTMENTS

0. Elect BPC Chairman

Richard Brett

1. Elect BPC Vice Chairman

Elliott Blackmore

2. Appoint BPC Press Officer

Sue Llewellyn

3 Confirm BPC representative to Bicton Village Hall

Richard Brett

4 Appoint BPC representative to Bicton Primary School

Wendy Horan

5 BPC Trustee for St Chad's Charity

Tina Richards

6 Elect a representative to the Local Joint Committee

Elliott Blackmore

7 Elect a deputy rep. to the Local Joint Committee.

Sue Llewellyn

Cllr Blackmore proposed and Cllr Brett seconded that everyone should be re-elected, with the exception of Roy Bound, en bloc. This was agreed unanimously.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST In items on the agenda Cllr Blackmore, 4.3, he is a neighbour.

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** were accepted from Martin Davies, Sally Maddox and Deirdre Grennan.

2. **VERIFY DRAFT MINUTES 2017-Ap, dated 11/4/17.** The Chairman signed the verified Minutes.

3. **MATTERS ARISING**

3.1 Grange Bank waste transfer site. BPC has previously reported this to the Environment Agency. The clerk is asked to enquire about progress.

3.2 Milns Bridge, demolition of the house, Cllr Llewellyn will examine the planning portal to see if this was part of the planning permission.

- 3.3 Articulated lorries on Bicton lane. A training video made from the cab of a lorry with an experienced driver would show new drivers how to make the manoeuvre.
- 3.4 Dog waste bin. SC would make a substantial charge for emptying such a bin. There would be no charge for a multi-purpose bin. SC might provide posters. Cllr Picton will enquire on our behalf. Cllr Mullineux said that posters have ended the dog fouling problem at The Crescent.

4 **PLANNING**

- 4.1 Scoping opinion for the Oxon Relief Road (ORR) 17/01998/SCO. This is an opportunity for the developer and SC to communicate over the details of what might be possible in the building of this road. No comments are invited from BPC so it is not clear why BPC has been sent this notice.
- 4.2 Isle Court, 24 rooms, 17/00929/FUL, SC granted. Noted.
- 4.3 Westside, Welshpool Road, 3 dwellings, 17/01858/FUL and 17/01851/FUL. BPC has no objections.

5. **PARISH MATTERS**

- 5.1 Muriel's Little Wood, safety report. Cllr Warren reported that all is safe. Cllrs Warren and Mullineux volunteered to do light maintenance work in the wood.
- 5.2 Lengthsman report and instructions. Kevin is continuing with the grass cutting programme. BPC agrees to him also cutting the grass around Bicton Pool.
- 5.3 Footpaths report. Tom Llewellyn apologises for the delay in starting work on the Severnway. The big digger has been on another job. The Severnway is on the list and will be done soon. The pool will be dredged too. A tree has fallen near to Grove Farm, this has been cleared. The footpath access by Isle Gates has been made safer for the yearling horses in the field.

6. **OFFICIAL MATTERS**

- 6.1 Monthly Audit of Accounts Bank Statement number 327 £56,022.64
- 6.2 Summary of accounts. (Attached to minute book) These were accepted as a true and accurate account. Proposed Cllr Warren, seconded Cllr Llewellyn and agreed. The external audit is to be completed at the BPC 13/6/17 meeting. Ian Hutchinson is to be asked to do the internal audit, again.
- 6.3 The 2017/18 precept has been received, £11,950.00 Noted.
- 6.4 Bicton's share of the Community Infrastructure Levy (Neighbourhood Fund) has been received, £12,891.28 Noted

7 **PARISH ACCOUNTS for payment**

- 7.1 Insurance renewal, £398.84. (Last year £382.29), this requires that BPC remains in the long term agreement which expires on 31/5/19. Chq 1068
- 7.2 Kevin Williams, lengthsman duties. £286.00 Chq1069
- 7.3 Payment of the above accounts proposed Cllr Horan seconded Cllr Llewellyn and agreed.

8. **EXTERNAL ITEMS**

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

10. **NEXT MEETING 2017-Jun** to be held on Tuesday 13th June 2017. at 8.00pm in Bicton Village Hall

The meeting closed at 9.43pm.