

2018 May.a.

BICTON PARISH COUNCIL

Chairman Richard Brett

MINUTES (Draft until signed) of meeting 2018-May, 8th May 2018. 8pm in Bicton Village Hall

PRESENT:

Parish Cllrs: Richard Brett, Sue Llewellyn, Elliott Blackmore, Sally Maddox, Wendy Horan, Rod Warren, Martin Davies, SC Cllr. Lezley Picton, Parish clerk-Peter Anderson, 11 parishioners,

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

1 **Annual Parish Council report.** Chairman's report. Financial report. Attached to minute book.

2 **Reports from Parish Organisations.**

3 **Reports from external organisations, including; Shropshire Council and Police.** SC Cllr Lezley Picton report is attached.

4 **Bicton Primary School.** The school continues to prosper. There is now a regular report in the Bicton Newsletter. Cllr Picton said that the SC 'number crunchers' are of the opinion that there is no need for another school.

5 **Representations from Parishioners.** Any comments, views or requests?

Surveyors have been seen on Shepherd's Lane and surrounding land. When approached they said that they were working for SC and this kind of surveying is usually for development. Cllr Picton said that SC is surveying all of its land and it is very unlikely that this particular area will be considered for development for quite some years to come.

All the people who use the Bicton bus shelter send their thanks for the recent repairs which have reduced the draftiness to a tolerable level.

Littering continues to be a problem. Recently it was observed that litter was being thrown from a car window. The number was taken and it will be reported to the police.

A question was asked about parish plans. The clerk did his best to explain the difference between; SC Local development Plan, SAMDev Plan, Place Plan, Community Led Plan and Neighbourhood Plan; (the two latter both also being called Parish Plan). All planning for the future is good but it is debatable whether a Neighbourhood Plan (NP) is cost effective. It would take a long time, (2 years or more) take a lot of effort and cost a lot of money (£20,000, or thereabouts). It would lead to a very modest amount of extra CIL income. There are two things to beware of with an NP; 1, the concept of an NP was designed by central govt. to facilitate development, not to prevent it. 2, The NPPF (National Planning Policy Framework) can over-ride an NP, and central govt. changes the NPPF occasionally in ways that a parish might not consider desirable.

The VAS sign on the B4380 does not light up soon enough. Speeding generally continues to be an issue. The 30mph sign on Bicton Lane is over-grown. Martin will see to this.

Nigel Braley volunteered to help with keeping footpaths clear.

Cllr Maddox is checking out the possibility of getting mains gas laid on to the village.

6 **Bicton Village Hall,** car park improvements, a report. Refurbishments have taken place to the hall over the last year. Improvements to the car park are being planned. Quotes will be sought, when these arrive BPC will consider if CIL money can be allocated. The island looks nice but it does take up a lot of space.

B ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 2018-May. To immediately follow the Annual Parish Meeting.

BICTON PARISH COUNCIL (BPC) APPOINTMENTS

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| 0. Elect BPC Chairman | presently
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 the above named be elected en-bloc. This was agreed unanimously.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST In items on the agenda Cllr Davies, 5.2, he is the lengthsman.

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** Deirdre Grennan.

2. **VERIFY DRAFT MINUTES 2018-App, dated 10/4/18.** The Chairman signed the verified minutes.

3. **MATTERS ARISING**

3.1 The verges opposite Isle Court are very damaged; it is assumed that they will be made good when the building work has finished.

3.2 The dead wych elms along Isle Lane have still not been removed.

4 **PLANNING**

4.1 Crofton, 16 Church Close, extension, 18/00968/FUL, SC granted. Noted.

5. PARISH MATTERS

- 5.1 Muriel's Little Wood, safety report. Cllrs Warren and Maddox reported that all is safe.
- 5.2 Lengthsman report and instructions. The 30mph sign on Bicton Lane is overgrown. Martin is asked to see to this.
- 5.3 Footpaths report. They have mainly dried out. Cllrs Maddox and Blackmore and Kevin Williams met on site, by the pool on the Severnway, to examine the situation. Swain's corner is bad. The excavations carried out by Matthew Egerton are bad. The stream to the pool is silted up, this needs digging out. There is a drain which would benefit from roding, if it is not collapsed, that is. Earth could be banked to make a raised footway. Kevin will cut some grips. Big tractors are the main culprits in causing damage. If sufficiently strong pipes could be put under the gateways it would help. Cllr Blackmore will speak to Pat Price about possible solutions. It is proposed to spend some lengthsman money on hiring a mini digger to do some work. The hire is £60 per day and Kevin Williams will drive it. The total cost for this phase is not expected to exceed £500. Proposed Cllr Blackmore, seconded Cllr Maddox and agreed.

6. OFFICIAL MATTERS

- 6.0 To complete the external audit; a, to approve the internal auditor's report; b, to complete the Annual Governance Statement; c, to approve the accounting statements. BPC completed the audit as per the instructions of PKF Littlejohn LLP and the chairman and clerk signed in all the required places.
- 6.1 Monthly Audit of Accounts Bank Statement number 340, £57,360.09 _verified by Chairman.
- 6.2 Summary of accounts. Attached to minute book.
- 6.3 The 2018/19 precept has been received, £11,950.00 Noted.
- 6.4 GDPR (General Data Protection Regulations) To adopt a policy to make BPC compliant. BPC Cllrs and Clerk have been at some pains to understand the requirements. BPC is now confident that it has a competent grasp of what is needed. *1, BPC has studied closely the new regulations. 2, BPC is compliant and will work hard to remain so. 3, BPC has appointed an expert DPO, Ian Hutchinson. 4, The clerk is the DCO. 5, BPC notes the ICO's comments and is reassured by them and will follow her advice. The ICO's comments are; "The commissioner has said previously that the GDPR is a journey rather than a destination. She will be looking to councils to demonstrate that they are committed to making progress towards embedding the right processes and procedures. She wants to reassure councils that if they have a positive attitude to finding practical solutions to some of the challenges of implementation, they will find a pragmatic, fair and proportionate regulator."*
- 6.5 Defibrillator for the phone box, a progress report. Cllr Blackmore is studying the details of all the different offers and trying to make sense of it all. It was decided that it would be preferable to have the defibrillator in the village hall porch rather than in the old telephone box.

7 PARISH ACCOUNTS for payment

- 7.1 Insurance renewal, £414.79 . (Last year £398.84), this requires that BPC remains in the long term agreement which expires on 31/5/19. Chq. 109
- 7.2 Payment of the above account 1er Cllr Warren, 2er Cllr Horan and agreed.

8. EXTERNAL ITEMS

- 8.1 The Town and Parish Councils Forum meeting is 21st May; Cllr Warren will attend.

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

- 9.1 A tractor pulled a lot of mud on to Isle Lane, it was the next morning before the sweeper arrived. The sweeper tractor driver was mistaken, by a local resident, for the one who had caused the mess, he was upset to be so unfairly accused; and by the manner in which the accusation was made. BPC urges all parishioners who find themselves in such a situation to remain polite.
- 9.2 Speeding on Isle Lane continues to be a problem; the traffic to the business park and to Wags and Whiskers particularly so.
- 9.3 Cllrs Maddox and Grennan have done another litter pick. Over the year they have collected 47 sacks full of rubbish. Thank goodness that we have them to counter the irresponsible, anti social people who scatter the litter; and also, of course, many thanks to them both for undertaking this task.
- 9.4 Grange bank would benefit from having the road sweeper along it.
- 9.5 Cllr Blackmore is still trying to engage with The Environment Agency over the issue of the waste transfer station/dump on Grange Bank.

- 10. **NEXT MEETING 2018-Jun** to be held on Tuesday 12th June 2018. at 8.00pm in Bicton Village Hall

MEETING CLOSED 9.55 pm
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