

2020-Jun.a.

BICTON PARISH COUNCIL

Chairman Richard Brett

Because of the covid-19 emergency BPC did not have its usual April and May meetings. Agendas were issued in the normal way at the normal time. Essential business and raising cheques was completed by email and phone. So that there should be a record of decisions and actions the agendas are included here.

14th April 2020 agenda.

4. PARISH MATTERS

- 4.1 Lengthsman, report and instructions *Standing Agenda Item*
- 4.2 Parish footpaths. *Standing Agenda Item*
- 4.3 Unfortunately at the moment, there is no funding allocation for bus shelter grants. In the past Shropshire Council allocated a small amount of integrated transport funding to contribute to the installation costs for bus shelters. This grant funding was available to town and parish councils on application, on a first come first served basis. This grant is currently unavailable due to budget reductions across Shropshire Council's entire Highways and Transport service.

5 PLANNING

- 5.1 NWRR. Now the consultation – which can be found online on the [Shropshire Council website](#) – has been extended by an additional two weeks, which means that people now have until Thursday 30 April 2020 to review and comment on the consultation materials. Martin Withington, of consultants wsp, promised to bring the exhibition to BPC one evening; this cannot happen at the moment.
- 5.2 20/00701/FUL Land South Of Westside, Welshpool Road, Bicton Heath, Erection of 1No dwelling with detached double garage, formation of vehicular access and installation of package treatment plant SC Decision: Grant Permission
- 5.3 20/00676/FUL Sunnyfields, Church Lane, Erection of single storey front extension SC Decision: Grant Permission
- 5.4 17/05964/FUL Land West Of Wingfield Cottage, Montford Bridge, Erection of an affordable dwelling including formation of driveway using existing vehicular access (amended description and site location) SC Decision: Grant Permission
- 5.5 19/05257/FUL Plum Cottage , Bicton Lane, Erection of single and two-storey extensions; erection of single storey study/store; alterations to vehicular access SC Grant Permission
- 5.7 **Any LATE Planning Applications** received *after* the distribution of the agenda ?

6. OFFICIAL MATTERS

- 6.1 Monthly Audit of Accounts Bank Statement number 363 £32,306.82 To be verified by Chairman.
- 6.2 Muriel's Little Wood, Safety Report, *Standing Agenda Item.*
- 6.3 Housing survey, action points
- 6.4 SmartWater progress

7 PARISH ACCOUNTS for payment *Plus any additional late accounts*

- 7.1 Rural Community Council (RCC) housing survey work, £857.22
- 7.2 Bicton newsletter, £4.00 for the clerk's electronic copy.
- 7.3 Clock repair fund £200.00

8. EXTERNAL ITEMS

8.1 Shropshire Council Covid-19 Small Grants Programme

Shropshire Council has now launched a small grants programme aimed at helping local communities respond to or cope with the current Covid-19 crisis. In total £75,000 is available to be distributed. Grants of up to £500 are being made available and may be used for either: supporting a local community response to Covid-19, OR sustaining a local asset, e.g. village hall, which has been adversely affected by loss of income as a result of the coronavirus crisis

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

10. NEXT MEETING to be held on Tuesday 12th May 2020. at 8.00pm in Bicton Village Hall

AGENDA 2020-May

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.

The covid-19 emergency legislation means that this meeting cannot take place and all of the parish council officers are to remain in office until the May 2021 meeting.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

- 1 **Annual Parish Council report.** Chairman's report. Financial report
 - 2 **Reports from Parish Organisations.**
 - 3 **Reports from external organisations, including; Shropshire Council and Police.**
 - 4 **Bicton Primary School**
 - 5 **Representations from Parishioners.** Any comments, views or requests?
 - 6 **Bicton Village Hall,**
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B ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 2020-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 Officers | 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 | Elliot Blackmore |
| 7 Elect a deputy rep. to the Local Joint Committee. | Sue Llewellyn |

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST In items on the agenda

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**
2. **VERIFY DRAFT MINUTES 2020-Ap, dated 14/4/20. Because of the covid-19 emergency this meeting did not take place.** Then Chairman to Sign Verified Minutes
3. **MATTERS ARISING**
4. **PLANNING**
 - 4.1 20/01709/FUL Myrtle Cottage , Bicton Lane, Erection of a two storey side and rear extension; for decision
 - 4.2 20/01592/FUL The Haven , Shepherds Lane, Erection of single storey rear extension and associated alterations following demolition of existing conservatory; for decision.
 - 4.3 **Any LATE Planning Applications** received *after* the distribution of this Agenda ?
5. **PARISH MATTERS**
 - 5.1 Muriel's Little Wood, safety report.
 - 5.2 Lengthsman report and instructions.
 - 5.3 Footpaths report.
6. **OFFICIAL MATTERS**
 - 6.1 Monthly Audit of Accounts Bank Statement number 364, £? Not arrived at agenda setting. To be verified by Chairman.
 - 6.2 Summary of accounts.
 - 6.3 The 2020/21 precept has been received, £11,950.00
 - 6.4 CIL of £1,503.19 has been received.
 - 6.5 Shropshire Council is awarding grants for voluntary groups to buy Personal Protective Equipment. BPC has been awarded £265.00 to pass on.
7. **PARISH ACCOUNTS for payment**
 - 7.1 Insurance renewal, £476.20. This involves entering a 3 year agreement.
 - 7.2 Kevin Williams, lengthsman duties. £208.00
 - 7.3 Rural Community Council, Bicton housing survey, £857.22
 - 7.4 Training course for 2 cllrs. £54.00
8. **EXTERNAL ITEMS**
 - 8.1 [This note is to inform you that given the current circumstances surrounding Covid 19, Shropshire Council has decided to pause decision making on the Local Plan Review process for two months.](#)
9. **EXTRA INFORMATION** Any *Additional Information* not specified on this agenda.
10. **NEXT MEETING 2020-Jun** to be held on Tuesday 9th June 2020. at 8.00pm in Bicton Village Hall

MINUTES (Draft until signed) of meeting 2020-Jun, 9th June 2020, 8pm by zoom.

PRESENT:

Parish Cllrs: Richard Brett, Elliott Blackmore, Sally Maddox, Wendy Horan, Sue Llewellyn, Deirdre Grennan, Mandie Lee, Rod Warren, Paul Quartermaine, SC Cllr. Lezley Picton, Parish clerk-Peter Anderson.

POLICE REPORT. OPEN FORUM

SC Cllr Lezley Picton report; Shropshire has had fewer covid-19 cases than some other places although the impact here has been as severe as anywhere. SC is broke! This emergency has cost an extra £25m with only £17m promised from central govt. Lezley is on the recovery committee and SC remains fully functioning.

0. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

0.1 Cllr Blackmore 5.1 some of his land is involved in this application.

1. **APOLOGIES** for ABSENCE were received and accepted, from: NOTED

2. **MINUTES** 2020-Mar of previous meeting held on 10/3/20 were confirmed for signature.

3. MATTERS ARISING

4. PARISH MATTERS

4.1 Lengthsman, report and instructions *Standing Agenda Item* The hedges have been cut; along Grange Bank, at the Four Crosses, from the pumping station to the cross roads, the 40mph signs cleared and the Bicton section of the Welshpool Road. Cllr Maddox has reported to SC that Grange Bank footpath needs clearing of weed growth, although it is just about walkable.

4.2 Parish footpaths, *Standing Agenda Item* All of the footpaths are being used more. There have been some incidents of users not obeying the countryside code and being disrespectful to land owners. Fires have been lit and land owners abused. One owner was driven to locking a gate; this has now been unlocked. Another owner found cyclists on a footpath and people in a barley crop where there is no path.

5 PLANNING

5.1 20/01957/FUL Development Land At Churncote Off, Welshpool Road, Bicton Heath, Mixed residential development of 345 mixed (including 52 affordable units) with associated garages; creation of vehicular access(es); installation of infrastructure, footpath links, public open space and play areas

BPC strongly objects.

This is supposed to be a sustainable urban extension yet not only is it obviously not sustainable within the planning meaning of the word, but it also seriously compromises the existing sustainability of the surrounding area by overloading roads, doctors surgeries, schools, access to the town centre and all other local facilities.

1, The present proposal will create a dense, crowded-inner-city type environment which is wrong for the countryside border of a market town. 2, The children's playground is on the edge of the site and out of sight of most houses and away from the affordable houses which are most likely to need it; the dangers to children of being out of sight makes every parent shudder. 3, The open space allowance is less than that of Shropshire Council's own rules and the open space that will be on the other side of the Oxon Link Road cannot be counted because until the planning application for the OLR/NWRR is submitted it is not know how, or if, this will be accessed. 4, The parking provision is inadequate for the residents alone and to only allow 17 spaces for visitors is a situation that will cause conflict between neighbours. BPC has just conducted a detailed housing survey which shows that at least 2.5 parking places per house are needed and on street parking is a huge source of neighbour dissatisfaction. 5, To access so many houses from the Welshpool road via T junctions is unsatisfactory and dangerous and will cause more congestion on an already busy road and Churncote island. 6, Some of the houses have their bin 7 houses away and they are outside other houses; the inevitability of mess and dispute is beyond question. 7, There is no provision for on-site amenity infrastructure; no shops, no leisure facilities, no surgery, no school and nothing else. This will lead to a dependence on the car which is certainly not sustainable within the meaning of Shrewsbury West Sustainable Urban Extension. 8, The present rights of way are to be re-routed along the footpaths which will, inevitably, be blocked by parked cars. This is known to be so because it happens on present developments that are much less dense than this one. 9, There is no drainage assessment in this application but local knowledge knows where the drains are and they are ancient and inadequate for present needs, when the present, naturally formed, buffer pools are filled in the water must-needs run off quickly in to these old drains. The inadequacy of these drains has been the cause of SC refusing other applications of less size than this; see applications 14/03319/OUT-East of The Cottage Calcott Lane, 15/04035/FUL-East of Bicton Lane, and 15/02269/FUL-Land adjacent to Holyhead Road. 10, This application is for 345 houses, the previous application was for

296 houses; this is a 17% increase on a number that was already far too over crowded. 11, The 138 documents are designed to overwhelm and to cause obfuscation. 12, Since this site was designated as an extension to Shrewsbury, more than a decade and a half ago, it has been called the Shrewsbury West Sustainable Urban Extension with the emphasis on the word sustainable, which has been taken to mean that all local services and amenities must be able to support the development. This proposal will so overwhelm all of the services and developments, as proved by the arguments herein presented, that it is the opposite of sustainable. BPC requests that, if the officer does not refuse permission, this application should go to the planning committee.

The 6,000 characters allowed here are inadequate for a detailed analysis of this application so, with the agreement of the planning officer, Philip Mullineux, a more detailed objection is to be submitted by email.

This application is complex with over 130 documents. Cllrs Quartermaine and Lee volunteered to peruse all of these and make further comments which will attach to the above.

5.2 NWRR consultation, Martin Withington has replied to BPC and he implies that he never agreed to bring the presentation to Bicton village hall. BPC deserves more respect than this. The licensed premises and church hall at Oxon deter some parishioners from attending; Bicton village hall is the natural and proper place for matters affecting Bicton to be discussed.

5.3 20/02068/FUL Rose Cottage , Bicton Lane, Erection of two storey extension to side elevation. BPC decision is no objections.

5.4 The clerk has had a phone call from an architect, Jackie Bleach, she wanted to know what is Bicton's development plan. It emerged that her interest is in developing a pub site into housing. She did not specify which pub. She said that she would be in touch again.

6. OFFICIAL MATTERS

6.1 Monthly Audit of Accounts Bank Statement number 365 £47,130.57 verified by holding the statement to the camera.

6.2 Muriel's Little Wood, Safety Report, *Standing Agenda Item*. It is safe and walkable but there are a lot of flies.

7 PARISH ACCOUNTS for payment *Plus any additional late accounts*

7.1 Data protection fee to the Information Commissioner, £40.00 chq188

7.2 SALC subscription, £459.63 chq 189

7.3 Clerk's salary, Ap-Jun £1493.00 chq190

7.4 Website maintenance £230.00 chq 191

7.5 Kevin Williams, lengthsman duties £208.00 chq 192

7.6 Payment of the above accounts 1er Cllr Quartermaine, 2er Cllr Maddox and agreed.

8. EXTERNAL ITEMS

8.1 Cllr Picton mentioned that there is a movement to have the statue of Clive of India removed from the square in Shrewsbury. BPC's initial reaction is that we should not let strong emotions make such decisions but that we should all know our history and then act; perhaps moving the statue to a museum...

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

10. **NEXT MEETING** due to be held on Tuesday 14th July 2020. at 8.00pm. By Zoom.

MEETING CLOSED 8.50 pm
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