

2022-May.a.

**BICTON PARISH COUNCIL**

Chair, Sally Maddox

**MINUTES** (Draft until signed) of meeting 2022-May. 10<sup>th</sup> May 2022, 8pm 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. Lezley Picton, Parish clerk-Peter Anderson and 6 parishioners

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.

**ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**

- 1 **Annual Parish Council report.** Chairman's report. Financial report, see attached in the minute book
  - 2 **Reports from Parish Organisations.**
  - 3 **Reports from external organisations, including; Shropshire Council and Police.** Cllr Lezley Picton gave a full report, see attached in the minute book. The police have been consulting on a 'Charter'. Parish Councils' concerns centre around speeding and anti-social-behaviour.
  - 4 **Bicton Primary School** The headmistress puts a regular report in to the Bicton newsletter.
  - 5 **Representations from Parishioners.** Any comments, views or requests? 1, The Chapel Hill to Grange Bank footpath needs reinstating; Cllr Blackmore will speak to the farmer. 2, Part of the Severnway has been ploughed and planted with potatoes. Cllr Llewellyn knows the farmer and she will speak to him. 3, There are issues with the Lower Calcott Lane footpath; Cllr Picton will investigate this. 4, The 'snicket' by the village hall has a root which may become a trip hazard, this footpath is due to be improved as soon as SC's Paul Butter can find the time. 5, The Severnway, by The Old Vicarage, is heavily rutted, the field is believed to be in new ownership and is undergoing replanting.
  - 6 **Bicton Village Hall,** A bike rack will soon be installed.
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**B ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 2022-May.** To immediately follow the Annual Parish Meeting.

**BICTON PARISH COUNCIL (BPC) APPOINTMENTS**

0. Elect BPC Chair	presently	elected
1. Elect BPC Vice Chairman	Richard Brett	Sally Maddox
2. Appoint BPC Press Officer	Sally Maddox	Elliott Blackmore
3. Confirm BPC representative to Bicton Village Hall	Mandie Lee	Mandie Lee
4. Appoint BPC representative to Bicton Primary School	Richard Brett	Richard Brett
5. BPC Trustee for St Chad's Charity	Wendy Horan	Wendy Horan
6. Elect a representative to the Local Joint Committee	Tina Richards	Tina Richards
7. Elect a deputy rep. to the Local Joint Committee.	Mandie Lee	LJC is defunct
8. Representative to SALC area committee	Elliott Blackmore	LJC ditto
		Mandie Lee

Richard Brett stood down from the chair after 10 years of exemplary service. There were some turbulent issues over that time but Richard's confident leadership led BPC, and the whole community, to more secure times. Sally has served on BPC for 10 years and will make an excellent Chair. Sincere thanks are extended to both.

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** In items on the agenda. Cllr Maddox, 4.3, Carrie Swain is a friend. Cllr Warren, 4.3, land adjacent to his property is also owned by the Swains. Cllr Lee, 6.6, she lives on Shepherd's Lane.

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** were received and accepted from: Wendy Horan
2. **VERIFY DRAFT MINUTES 2022-Ap, dated 12/4/22.** With a slight change to 3.1 the minutes were signed as a true and accurate account.
3. **MATTERS ARISING**
- 3.1 Ed Tate has been asked if he has had any response from land owners about his land management/tree planting/flood mitigation initiative. As yet, he has not replied.
- 3.2 Mathew Egerton has not planted the 12 oaks because they are not available. In other places 12 oaks have been planted. The response, as a whole, to the 'Plant a Tree for the Jubilee' initiative has been less than was hoped for.
- 3.3 The email letter, to Grant Shapps and Baroness Vere, restating BPC's objections to the NWRR has been sent.
- 3.4 No response has been received to BPC's request to SC Planning Enforcement about the Four Crosses Garage parking situation.
- 3.5 The Automatic-Number-Plate-Recognition (ANPR) cameras in Hanwood, Pontesbury and Minsterly cost £40,000 to install. Half was paid by a grant from the Police and Crime Commissioner and half was paid by the parishes. They monitor every vehicle, both ways, 24/7. Speeding offenders just receive a warning letter, not a fine.
- 3.6 The village hall committee said that there is not enough room in its grounds to plant a tree for the Jubilee.
- 3.7 Mathew Egerton will try to clear the brook at Preston Montford.

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#### PLANNING

4.1 22/00686/FUL Rossendale, Shepherds Lane, Erection of balcony to first floor rear elevation, SC Decision: Refuse. Noted. SC's reason for refusal is that it adversely affects the local amenity and it over-looks a neighbour's garden.

4.2 There is a sign advertising a business on the garage of The Firs, Holyhead Road. Is this in line with its planning permission? Which is; Removal of Condition No.s 5 and 6 attached to Planning Permission SA/06/0784/F dated 19.07.2006 to allow garage to be used as an office 14/01232/VAR | SC Permission Granted. Cllr Picton recommends that this should be referred to Planning Enforcement.

4.3 Carrie Swain has received a letter, from a development company, offering to buy the land adjoining Villa Lane. This is a speculative shot from some developers. Carrie Swain no longer owns this land. So far no plans have been submitted for the development of this land although it has been put forward for development. At the moment its planning status is awaiting the outcome of the SC 'Emerging Local Plan'.

#### 5. PARISH MATTERS

5.1 Muriel's Little Wood, safety report. Cllr Warren reported that all is safe. Some small humps and diggings have been made, probably by children, for cycle jumps.

5.2 Lengthsman report and instructions.

5.3 Footpaths report. The Severnway, from the Old Vicarage to Grove Farm, is very muddy. Some agricultural work has taken place on the field.

5.4 Deliveries to the Brethren's shop. A lorry turned up earlier than expected and there was no one to unlock the gates. The running engine disturbed the neighbours. The Brethren are now making alterations to the gate to obviate this problem in the future.

#### 6. OFFICIAL MATTERS

6.1 Monthly Audit of Accounts Bank Statement number 388, £57,295.21 verified by Chair.

6.2 Summary of accounts. See attached in the minute book.

6.3 The 2022/23 precept has been received, £11,950.00. Noted

6.4 CIL of £4,329.25 has been received. Noted

6.5 Ford parish council is considering challenging its 'Community Hub' status in the local plan; a consultant is being hired and BPC is invited to join in. BPC has worked long and hard, in partnership with SC, to achieve its present planning status which is the best outcome for all concerned. Therefore BPC will politely decline the invitation.

6.6 Shepherd's Lane, closed for a street party, 11am to 10pm, 5<sup>th</sup> June. Noted.

#### 7 PARISH ACCOUNTS for payment

7.1 SALC affiliation fee, £487.14 chq259

7.2 Kevin Williams, lengthsman duties, £434.00 chq 260

7.3 Highline Electrical, street light repair, £69.30 chq 261

7.4 Laptop repairs, £42.00 chq 262

7.5 Payment of the above accounts 1er Cllr Blackmore, 2er Cllr Llewellyn and agreed.

#### 8. EXTERNAL ITEMS

8.1 Cllr Picton stated that the ANPR cameras, in Shrewsbury and all of its approach roads, are monitoring traffic movements in and around Shrewsbury. This is part of the 'Big Town Plan' for the town centre and is nothing to do with the NWRR.

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

9.1 The defibrillator has been checked and is in good order.

10. **NEXT MEETING 2022-Jun** to be held on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2022. at 8.00pm in Bicton Village Hall

The meeting closed at 10.16 pm.