

2023-May.a.

BICTON PARISH COUNCIL

Chair Sally Maddox

Minutes (Draft until signed) of meeting 2023-May. 9th May 2023, 7.30pm 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; Sally Maddox, Deirdre Grennan, Rod Warren, Elliott Blackmore, Mandie Lee, SC Cllr. Lezley Picton, clerk Peter Anderson, and 3 parishioners.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

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

2 **Reports from Parish Organisations.** Scouts/Guides; Adam 'Dexter' Williams, Chair of Bickley Coppice Campsite has contacted BPC to offer to come to a BPC meeting and explain the use of the coppice.

3 **Reports Shropshire Council** Attached.

4 **Police Report.** Email from PC Richard Walters about school parking. The SNT team is applying itself to this intractable problem and is exploring the possibilities for polite and/or enforceable notices.

5 **Bicton Primary School**

6 **Bicton Village Hall,**

7 **Representations from Parishioners.** (Open Forum). Any comments, views or requests?

Stuart Leighton thanked Cllr Lee for organising the visit to the heat recovery centre. Also the litter remains on Preston Montford Lane; to do a litter-pick needs a sign to slow traffic down. Lezley has access to such a sign.

Edward Swain suggested that ways should be explored for investing the CIL monies in the parish. Lezley said that it may become possible for the SC share to be devolved to PCs. Also he said that there is light pollution from the Isle Lane Storage site. Cllr Blackmore will speak to the owners.

B ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 2023-May. To immediately follow the Annual Parish Meeting.

BICTON PARISH COUNCIL (BPC) APPOINTMENTS

0. Elect BPC Chairman

1. Elect BPC Vice Chairman

2. Appoint BPC Press Officers

3 Confirm BPC representative to Bicton Village Hall

4 Appoint BPC representative to Bicton Primary School

5 BPC Trustee for St Chad's Charity

6 All of the above were re-elected en-bloc by unanimous vote.

presently
Sally Maddox
Elliott Blackmore
Mandie Lee
Richard Brett
Wendy Horan
Tina Richards

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST In items on the agenda Cllr Maddox, 5.4, she has part time employment at The Coppice.

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** Paul Quartermaine, Richard Brett. Wendy Horan, Sue Llewellyn,

2. **VERIFY DRAFT MINUTES 2023-Ap, dated 11/4/23.** These were signed as a true and accurate account.

3. **MATTERS ARISING**

3.1 Parking opposite the school. In order for SC to impose restrictions a consultation would be needed; the process is tortuous. Such was the blockage the other day that an emergency vehicle would not have been able to get through, if the eventuality had arisen.

3.2 Mathew Egerton has still not made good to the Severnway. It was suggested that 1, BPC should get a contractor and then bill Mat; 2, write to Mat. But option 3 was chosen which is that Cllr Blackmore should have a word with him.

3.3 Bicton Pool, SC's Paul Butter is getting a quote to clear it out. It may be possible to work with Mathew Egerton whereby the spoil can go on to his land.

3.4 Snicket; Paul Butter has promised more stone on the 12th June.

PLANNING

- 4.1 23/01758/FUL 3 Lewis Way, Side annex to existing house, with service off the existing house. There is not enough information on the plans so 'no comment'.
- 4.2 22/03860/LBC, Hortonlane Farm, Cruckton, Installation of replacement windows to front and side elevation affecting a Grade II Listed Building: SC decision, Grant Permission. Noted.
- 4.3 22/02464/FUL Churncote Service Station. Email from Mike Davies, SC planning officer replying to BPC's request for a traffic survey; "*The site is an allocated employment site, there are no objections from either National Highways or the Highway Authority, there is therefore no justification for the LPA to request this work.*" This is expected to go to the SC planning committee at the end of May. BPC will send a speaker to object.

5. PARISH MATTERS

- 5.1 Muriel's Little Wood, safety report. Cllr Warren reported that all is safe. There may be a non-dangerous dead branch by the top gate; Rod will have a look.
- 5.2 Lengthsman report and instructions. Kevin has been busy cutting verges.
- 5.3 Footpaths report. The "Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan". This proposes that the B4380 should have a shared cycle/footpath but it gives no indication as to the practicalities of achieving this. Some of the other paths are 'boggy'. The Severnway past Bicton Pool, is somewhat of a mess but it is better past Grange Farm.
- 5.4 There has been a request for drop kerbs to allow mobility scooters to get from The Coppice to the Four Crosses shop. The only place that this is necessary is the entrance to Uddlington Farm. Work will be carried out by Wrekin Contractors and SC. 'Graham' at SC, is in charge.

6. OFFICIAL MATTERS

- 6.1 Monthly Audit of Accounts Bank Statement number 399, £? Not arrived at meeting, possibly due to postal strikes. The Lloyds account is open but the money has not been transferred. Lloyds is offering interest on a deposit account but it is difficult to set this up until there is some money to set it up with.
- 6.2 Summary of accounts. Attached in minutes book.
- 6.3 The 2023/24 precept has been received, £14,746.00 Noted.
- 6.4 CIL of £18,354.91 has been received. Noted.
- 6.5 Insurance renewal £300.00. The policy has been scrutinised and it represents secure, good value.
- 6.6 SC is reviewing the Place Plans, The 'Neighbourhood Fund' (which is the CIL money that a PC actually has possession of) is to be used at the PC's absolute discretion but if a PC wants access to the share that SC holds then a detailed business case is necessary specifying how this will aid further development. Noted.
- 6.7 Street light F, an offer from the van driver's insurance. Of £2,500.00 The repair invoice is £3,331.75. If the offer is upped to £2,776.46 the clerk is empowered to accept because the Vat of £555.29 is recoverable by BPC.
- 6.8 Shepherd's Lane, closed for a coronation street party 7th May. Noted.

7 PARISH ACCOUNTS for payment

- 7.1 SALC affiliation fee, £550.05 chq. 291
- 7.2 Insurance £300.00 chq. 290
- 7.3 Kevin Williams, lengthsman duties, £296.00 chq.292
- 7.4 Payment of the above accounts 1er Cllr Blackmore, 2er Cllr Grennan, and agreed.

8. EXTERNAL ITEMS

9. **EXTRA INFORMATION** Any *Additional Information* not specified on this agenda.
- 9.1 Cllr Warren has noticed excessively speeding traffic on the A5 and, just recently, a car was clocked at 160mph near to Queens Head. Police enforcement is needed. Lezley is meeting with the PCC (Police and Crime Commissioner), she will raise the subject with him.
- 9.2 The de-fibrillator has been checked.

10. **NEXT MEETING 2023-Jun** to be held on Tuesday 13th June 2023. at 7.30pm in Bicton Village Hall

Bicton Parish Clerk

Meeting closed 9.09pm