

**2015-Jun.a.**  
**BICTON PARISH COUNCIL**  
Chairman Richard Brett

**DRAFT MINUTES OF MEETING 2015-Jun Held on 9<sup>th</sup> June 2015. 8pm in Bicton Village Hall**

**PRESENT:**

*Parish Cllrs:* Richard Brett, Elliott Blackmore, Roy Bound, Wendy Horan, Sally Maddox, Sue Llewellyn, Deirdre Grennan. Parish clerk-Peter Anderson, Plus 4 parishioners,

**OPEN FORUM**

**Stuart Leighton** reported that there is a large hedge in a garden on The Oval which partially obscures the view of drivers. He asked if there were any powers to deal with such a hedge. He was advised that it is best to try to deal with this by having a polite conversation with the hedge owner.

**Rod Warren** asked if there has been any response from SC to BPC's request for a safety review on **Bicton Lane**. Mike Davies, of SC, has promised to look in to this and also the priority change at the Bicton Lane/Church Lane junction. The clerk will ask him if he has been able to do this.

**Cllr Blackmore** reported that **Bicton Lane is due to be tar sprayed.**

**Cllr Brett** reported on the **Save The Village** campaign. He stressed that this campaign is intended to be applicable to any parish. He has contacted all the local parish councils explaining the concept. Many have replied with expressions of support. This campaign is supported by BPC but it is a spontaneous, independent movement that has come from the Bicton community in response to speculative planning applications which threaten to overwhelm Bicton parish.

**The clerk** was asked to study the **planning officer reports for 14/03319/OUT land to the east of The Cottage, Calcott Lane and 14/02239/OUT land to the east of Bicton Lane**, and to reduce these reports to plain English.

**Police report;** no incidents, or thefts were in the report but it is known that a tri-axle flat-bed trailer has been stolen from the rear of the Red House, Bicton Lane. The clerk will enquire as to why this was not in the report.

**0. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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1. **APOLOGIES** for ABSENCE were received and accepted, from: Martin Davies, SC Cllr. John Everall. NOTED

2. **MINUTES** 2015-May of previous meeting held on 12/5/15 were confirmed and signed.

**3. MATTERS ARISING**

3.1 People have been seen, again, smoking in the Bicton bus shelter.

3.2 The Oxon Hollow gutters have been swept, by SC.

3.3 The section of the Severn Way that was ploughed up has been re-instated, but 20 yards to one side of where it was. Tom Llewellyn will be informed of this.

**4. PARISH MATTERS**

4.1 **Bicton Primary School** *Standing Agenda Item* Natalie Johnson, who has been acting head for some time, has been appointed as permanent head. The appeal for funds to install a de-fibrillator is going well but it now transpires that the £700 is just to buy the machine, another £700 is needed for the special container to house it. Events are being planned to raise this money.

4.2 **Lengthsman, report and instructions** *Standing Agenda Item* The mown verges on both sides of the road at the Four Crosses look very tidy and create a good impression because it is the gateway to Bicton. The surround to Bicton Pool has been strimmed but weeds are growing out over the water; this is actually good for wildlife. The time to cut the overhang is September.

4.3 **Parish footpaths,** *Standing Agenda Item* The Severn Way, past Bicton Pool, needs strimming. Cllr Brett will ask the landowner to do this.

**5 PLANNING**

5.1 Preston Montford Field Centre, 2 storey side extension, 15/01419/FUL, SC granted. Noted.

**6. OFFICIAL MATTERS**

- 6.1 Monthly Audit of Accounts Bank Statement number 303 £32,817.34, verified by Chairman.
- 6.2 Muriel's Little Wood, Safety Report, *Standing Agenda Item*. Cllr Maddox reported that all is safe.
- 6.3 To complete the external audit. The chairman read out the details and everyone agreed that all is in order. The chairman and clerk then signed the audit.

**7 PARISH ACCOUNTS for payment**

- 7.1 Bus shelter cleaner April-June £42.50 chq 998
- 7.2 Clerk's salary April-June £1351.00 chq 999
- 7.3 Kevin Williams, lengthsman duties, £255.00 chq 1000
- 7.4 Payment of the above accounts, proposed Cllr Maddox, seconded Cllr Horan and agreed.

**8. EXTERNAL ITEMS**

- 9. **EXTRA INFORMATION** Any *Additional Information* not specified on the agenda.
- 9.1 Plants are growing in the churchyard wall. These look pretty but may be detrimental to the structure.
- 9.2 The new Priest-in-charge, Mary Lou Toupe, will be installed on 16<sup>th</sup> July. She will live in the Bicton vicarage.
- 10. **NEXT MEETING** to be held on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2015, 8.00pm in Bicton Village Hall.

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MEETING CLOSED 9.08pm  
2015 Jun.6.