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BICTON PARISH COUNCIL

Chairman Richard Brett

DRAFT MINUTES OF MEETING 2017-Jun Held on 13th June 2017. 8pm in Bicton Village Hall

PRESENT:

Parish Cllrs: Richard Brett, Elliott Blackmore, Sue Llewellyn, Deirdre Grennan, Martin Davies, Rod Warren, Parish clerk-Peter Anderson, Plus 5 parishioners.

Police report There have been some shed and home burglaries in the wider area. Speed patrols have been mounted, and, “drivers seem to be noticeably reducing their speed”. In Montford Bridge there have been two burglaries and one attempted. Bicton had one criminal damage, one assault and one making off without payment.

SC Cllr Lezley Picton has obtained a reply from the SC Planning Policy dept. in answer to BPC’s questions. These were read out but they will be forwarded to BPC Cllrs for consideration and debated at the next meeting.

OPEN FORUM

Cars parked at the end of The Crescent, Montford Bridge. These can sometimes cause inconvenience for vehicles that need to turn.

0. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

0.1 Cllr Davies, 4.2, he is the lengthsman. Cllr Brett, 7.4, he maintains the web site.

1. **APOLOGIES** for ABSENCE were received and accepted, from: Sally Maddox, Jane Mullineux, Wendy Horan, SC Cllr. Lezley Picton NOTED

2. **MINUTES** 2017-May of previous meeting held on 9/5/17 were confirmed and signed.

3. MATTERS ARISING

3.1 Wags and Whiskers, a fence has been erected which makes it more difficult for the dogs to see comings and goings and so they bark less. Three people are employed to help to keep the dogs quiet. It has been quieter recently. More hedging is to be planted.

3.2 Tina Richards will continue to be the BPC representative at the St. Chad’s Charity.

3.3 The very big articulated lorries which have difficulties negotiating the bends on Bicton Lane are only scheduled for once every seven weeks.

4. PARISH MATTERS

4.1 Bicton Primary School *Standing Agenda Item* Cllr Horan sent her apologies to this meeting because she is at a school governors meeting. The school is awaiting an Ofsted inspection. The whole school will be having evacuation training due to the terrorist’s attacks in the country.

4.2 Lengthsman, report and instructions *Standing Agenda Item*

4.3 Parish footpaths, *Standing Agenda Item* The field by Oxon Hall has been planted with potatoes, the footpath has not been maintained and the advice is to walk around the edge of the field. The Severnway improvements are somewhat delayed but will be done soon; in the meantime it is a quagmire when it rains. The cutting of the growth on road verges before July prevents the wild flowers from seeding; this is becoming a big problem nationally. The footpath between the B4380 and Lower Calcott Lane is excellently maintained.

4.4 Village hall car park; an update as to the costs of improvements. The Village Hall committee is still working out the possibilities and meets again on 18/6/17. BPC urges them to retain the trees, if this is at all possible. Tom Llewellyn has said that SC will quote for the contract and suggests that the surface should be compacted stone rather than tarmac.

5 PLANNING

5.1 Grange Bank waste site, report from the Environment Agency. Karen Price, who works out of Hafod House in Shrewsbury has inspected the site. She reports that there are no pollutants and no litter to be seen. To be allowed to continue to use this site the operators will need an exemption

certificate, which is likely to be granted. BPC wants more clarification from Karen Price, Cllr Blackmore volunteered to phone her.

- 5.2 Milns Bridge, 16/04085/FUL, planning officer's comments. The SC planning officer, Cathryn Robinson, agrees that this is tantamount to a new build but the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) allows this. The use of modern material is encouraged by NPPF and states that innovation and design must not be stifled. This site would, in any case, be appropriate for a new development. She agreed that this development may be somewhat reminiscent of an agricultural building. If BPC is not happy with all of this, its only recourse is to report it to planning enforcement. BPC decided not to do this.

6. OFFICIAL MATTERS

- 6.1 Monthly Audit of Accounts Bank Statement number 328 £55,017.80 verified by Chairman. Also the 2016/17 Vat refund of £440.89 has been received.
- 6.2 Muriel's Little Wood, Safety Report, *Standing Agenda Item*. Cllr Maddox has done some minor pruning. There is a lot of growth this season. She reports that all is safe.
- 6.3 BPC has been awarded £1,560.73 lengthsmen's grant from SC. Noted.
- 6.4 To complete the external audit. This was approved and signed by the chairman and clerk.

7 PARISH ACCOUNTS for payment

- 7.1 Bus shelter cleaning April/June £42.50 chq 1070
- 7.2 Clerk's salary April/June £1378.00 chq 1071
- 7.3 Kevin Williams, lengthsmen duties, £230.00 chq1072
- 7.4 Maintenance of BPC website-quarter, £90.00 chq1073
- 7.5 Payment of the above accounts 1er Cllr Llewellyn, 2er Cllr Grenman and agreed.

8. EXTERNAL ITEMS

8.1 ShireLiving is the company running 'The Coppice' which is the new care home at Uddlington. It has sent a letter to BPC. It is expected to open in September. It is for people over age 55. There is on-site support. ShireLiving is advertising for residents.

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

- 9.1 If free trees are offered to BPC under the SC scheme Cllr Warren will immediately apply on behalf of BPC. This will avoid delay and increase the chances of getting some trees.
- 9.2 The clerk is asked to send a note of thanks to retiring SC Cllr David Roberts. Through the LJC he was very supportive of BPC's aspirations.
- 9.3 The clerk is asked to send a note to SC Cllr Peter Nutting to remind him, in writing, that BPC is ambitious to utilize as much CIL money as possible within the parish. Especially on the projects to improve the footpaths on Grange Bank and at Uddlington.

10. **NEXT MEETING** to be held on Tuesday 11th July 2017. at 8.00pm in Bicton Village Hall

MEETING CLOSED 9.05 pm
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