

2019 -Jun.a.

BICTON PARISH COUNCIL

Chairman Richard Brett

MINUTES (Draft until signed) of meeting 2019-Jun 11th June 2019, 8pm in Bicton Village Hall

PRESENT:

Parish Cllrs: Richard Brett, Sue Llewellyn, Elliott Blackmore, Deirdre Grennan, Mandie Lee, Rod Warren, SC Cllr. Lezley Picton, Mathew Mead, Parish clerk-Peter Anderson, 4 parishioners, and Dave Holbrook-Montford Parish Councillor.

POLICE REPORT The Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT) sent a report which showed very little crime in Bicton and what there was seemed to be in Bicton Heath, i.e. Gains Park.

OPEN FORUM

Speeding cars, past the school, on Bicton Lane. A resident reported that this is a real problem with cars coming round the corner off the B4380 far too fast. Speed bumps were suggested but the fire service do not like these because they can damage emergency vehicles. Flashing lights at school time might help, likewise speed cameras. A zebra crossing's Belisha beacon with its constant flashing may disturb local residents. Also, the gate fastener on the small school gate is faulty.

There was a big wedding at the church and cars parked down both sides of Bicton Lane. The wedding organisers should have arranged the parking so as to avoid this.

The faded road markings at the Bicton Lane/Church Road junction have been reported to SC by the clerk and by Stuart.

Mathew Mead reported that; 'Right Home, Right Place' is a county-wide survey. A long term housing needs survey is becoming essential for strategic planning. 'Home Point' is the study of affordable housing needs; an initial finding is that Bicton could need a dozen but people tend to resort to this when their need is urgent. Mathew is willing to work closely with BPC in doing a survey. He also recommends that BPC contacts Renee Wallace of the Rural Community Council (RCC) who has some expertise in surveys which BPC could buy for £500/£1000. For a survey to have real value there must be a high return of questionnaires, this will require volunteers who can be very persistent. Lots of publicity is essential. Bicton Fete is a good place to do publicity. Some questions arose to which there were no immediate answers. 1. When it comes to the expansion of Shrewsbury where do planners consider that Shrewsbury ends and Bicton begins? 2. How will a Bicton housing need survey impact upon the development pressure that Bicton is under from Shrewsbury. 3. Is this 'Right Home, Right Place' initiative, by SC, able to influence the sites already proposed within Bicton at Shelton Rough, East of Calcott Lane and Mytton Oak?

SC Cllr Picton reported; SC is re-doing the review in to bus services. The effects on the park and ride are likely to be that the standard charge will be £2, the group ticket will be abolished and a family ticket will be introduced. The 'Place Plan' is becoming increasingly important as a way of liaising with SC and for accessing CIL. SC is reviewing Place Plans at the moment and it is vital that BPC is up to date with this.

0. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

1. **APOLOGIES** for ABSENCE were received and accepted, from: Wendy Horan, Sally Maddox, NOTED

2. **MINUTES** 2019-May of previous meeting held on 14/5/19 were confirmed and signed.

3. MATTERS ARISING

3.1 The crumbling footpath at Four Crosses. This need the hedge cutting back in order to be able to inspect it.

3.2 The hedge by the school which needs cutting needs a tractor to do it; as does Grange Bank and the Isle Lane/B4380 junction. Mr Price has cut the hedge on Grange Bank which adjoins his land.

4. PARISH MATTERS

4.1 Lengthsman, report and instructions *Standing Agenda Item*

4.2 Parish footpaths, *Standing Agenda Item* Ros Tate is offering the possibility of an alternative route to avoid the horses in the field by the Lion Gates. This offer could be fraught with practical and legal difficulties. It is uncertain just which alternative Ros is offering; a site inspection is needed.

4.3 Village gateway, SC does not have a policy at the moment. It is not immediately obvious as to where such a gateway(s) could be located, how much they would cost and how effective they would be.

4.4 Would a flashing light make the road safer outside the school? And should it be paid for from CIL? It is felt that it would make the road safer. Possibly it could be located on the B4380. There

is a 'Safer Schools Partnership' working with it is best. A visit from an SC highways engineer is needed. This needs to be in the Place Plan.

5 PLANNING

- 5.1 10 The Oval, extension and garage conversion, 19/02226/FUL, for decision. BPC has no objections to this.

6. OFFICIAL MATTERS

- 6.1 Monthly Audit of Accounts Bank Statement number 353 £51,459.57 verified by Chairman.
- 6.2 Muriel's Little Wood, Safety Report, *Standing Agenda Item*. Cllrs Grennan, Warren and Brett have visited the wood at different times and they report that all is safe and that the adjacent stream has been dredged. Enhancement of the wood should be considered along the lines of flowering plants and plants which feed birds.
- 6.3 Smart Water, to set some dates for the roll out. The PCC grant awarded to Bicton has a deadline for completion of this project which is March 2020. It is necessary to press forward because it could take some time to convince 70% (270) of the Bicton households to buy in to this scheme. Publicity will be undertaken at the fete. Cllr Blackmore will ask Jim Griffiths to help out.
- 6.4 Cllr Maddox applied for a grant, on behalf of BPC, for £297.50 for litter picking equipment. This has been awarded. Noted and thanks to Cllr Maddox.
- 6.5 Shrewsbury Rural North Place Plan Meeting 15/5/19 attended by Cllr Warren and the clerk; a report. Place Plans are becoming more important and it is vital that BPC has an up-to-date plan. SC is placing a lot of emphasis on Place Plans as a way of liaising with parish councils as equal partners. SC is reviewing Place Plans at the moment and BPC must draw up its plan and forward it. A big question that we asked at this meeting was "In planners' minds where does Shrewsbury end and Bicton begin when new developments are being allocated?". There was no immediate answer but BPC is encouraged to keep asking the question.

7 PARISH ACCOUNTS for payment

Cheque number

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| 7.1 GDPR (data protection) fee, £40.00 | 151 |
| 7.2 To reimburse Cllr Maddox for litter picking equipment, £299.72 | 152 |
| 7.3 Clerk's salary April-June 2019 £1449.00 | 153 |
| 7.4 Kevin Williams, lengthsman duties, £161.00 | 154 |
| 7.5 Street light electricity, £152.77 | 155 |
| 7.6 Smart Water kits, £2,157.36 | 156 |
| 7.7 Web site maintenance, £105.00 | 157 |
| 7.8 Payment of the above accounts, 1er Cllr Grennan, 2er Cllr Llewellyn and agreed. | |

8. EXTERNAL ITEMS

- 8.1 BPC is invited to the final Great War Remembrance Service, St Chad's Church, 26th June. Noted.

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

- 9.1 MPC Cllr Dave Holbrook has brought a suggestion from Montford Parish Council that there should be a notice-board by The Crescent in Montford Bridge. It is felt that a well positioned, and well maintained notice-board is a useful asset in passing on information to parishioners. A good notice-board is not cheap to buy and install and then there is the issue of keeping it up to date. This is something that BPC will have to think about. Thanks to Dave Holbrook for attending this meeting and putting forward this idea.
- 9.2 There is a pot hole on Isle Lane just to the rear of the pub. Also the road edge is collapsing opposite the care home. The clerk will report this.
- 9.3 Speeding vehicles on Isle Lane continue to be a problem.
- 9.4 Lorries on the bad bend on Bicton lane. It may be that there is going to be a change of use of the chicken sheds which will mean that there will be fewer lorries using the lane.
- 9.5 Village Hall car park. There is an issue with the surface; it needs some dressing. The contractor has not yet been paid so it is expected that the problem will be sorted soon. This is being dealt with by the village hall committee.
- 9.6 Some kissing gates are being installed on the Severnway by Ratcliffe's land.
10. **NEXT MEETING** to be held on Tuesday 9th July 2019. at 8.00pm in Bicton Village Hall

MEETING CLOSED 10.27 pm

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