

2021-Jun.a.

BICTON PARISH COUNCIL

Chairman Richard Brett

MINUTES (Draft until signed) of meeting 2021-Jun. 8th June 2021, 8pm in Bicton village hall.

PRESENT:

Parish Cllrs: Richard Brett, Elliott Blackmore, Wendy Horan, Sue Llewellyn, Mandie Lee, Rod Warren, Paul Quartermaine, SC Cllr. Lezley Picton, Parish clerk-Peter Anderson and 3 parishioners

OPEN FORUM

There is some misunderstanding about who should post the BPC notices on the Montford Bridge notice board. Stuart will speak to Elaine to resolve this.

It is reported that the police have been catching speeding drivers on the Holyhead road; and that offenders will be prosecuted.

Pam Hayes- Brown has put herself forward as a volunteer litter picker. BPC is much heartened by this volunteering. If we cannot stop the antisocial people from scattering litter then at least we can shame them by volunteering to pick up their mess.

Mary Fowles has passed away. We believe that she was Bicton's oldest resident. Over the years she has served on BPC and as a magistrate. The tone that people adopted when they spoke of her said it all; she was much respected and contributed greatly to the parish and the wider community. We can all learn from her example.

SC Cllr Picton report: PC Ross Cookson is retiring. BPC sends its best wishes to him. **The Oxon park and ride is resuming;** whether or not it is charging or is free is uncertain. **A footway from the Coppice to the Uplands and on to the Welshpool road** will be constructed by the Wrekin Housing Association; how exactly it will be paid for is uncertain. **Work has not yet started on the Severnway;** Lezley will make enquiries. **The Boundary Commission report is out today;** SC will do its own revision of boundaries; BPC will be invited to the meeting. **Lezley will find out the answer to the question** of when exactly CIL is paid by the developer.

0. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** Cllr Blackmore, 5.1, and 5.3, he is a neighbour. Cllr Lee, 5.2, she is the applicant.

0.1 **APOLOGIES** for ABSENCE were received and accepted, from: Deirdre Grennan, Sally Maddox, NOTED

2. **VERIFY DRAFT MINUTES**, 2021-May, dated 11/5/21. The minutes were signed as a true and accurate account.

3. **MATTERS ARISING**

3.1 BPC is now informed that the field with the footpath through it by Lion Lodge will have brood mares put in it. This is in contradiction to Cllr Picton being told, on the 8th May, that no more horses would be put on that patch.

3.2 The posts on the verges of Shepherd's Lane have been inspected by the SC officer and declared to be OK.

3.3 A road has been built off Shepherd's Lane; Cllr Picton will find out the reason for its construction.

3.4 The new bench will be placed by the bus stop on the opposite side to Bicton Lane; it will not obstruct the view of drivers in this position. It will be a zero maintenance composite material with a plaque on it stating that it has been donated by The Brethren.

4. **PARISH MATTERS**

4.1 Lengthsman, report and instructions *Standing Agenda Item*

4.2 Parish footpaths, *Standing Agenda Item* They were very wet during the rains but they are OK now.

4.3 Severnway improvements, a progress report. Paul Butter, of SC, has reported that he is waiting for the ground to dry out and he expects work to start in mid June.

4.4 New Grange Bank cycle way request. This is a very reasonable request from a young girl who, accompanied by her mother, travels that route to school. There are several big obstacles to making a cycleway. 1. shared pedestrian and cycle ways are no longer allowed. 2. there is not enough width of road and verges to accommodate everything. 3. the cost could mount up in to the hundreds of thousands of pounds and the funds are not available. SC Cllrs Picton and Potter will confer to see if any improvements are possible.

4.5 Noise from Bicton Race Track. a complaint from Montford. The land owner and the event organisers are acting within the rules when they hold these events. The problem is the noise which, when the wind is just so, carries to Montford Bridge and is very bad for people who want to be out in their gardens. BPC has asked the people affected to monitor the noise and to report back.

5 PLANNING

- 5.1 Development Land At Churncote Off Welshpool Road, Bicton Heath, Shrewsbury - 20/01957/FUL report from today's (8/6/21) SC planning committee. It took the committee just 12 minutes to approve this scheme. All unresolved issues were just referred to SC planning officers. This is a very complicated planning issue because it affects, and is affected by, the NWR.
- 5.2 21/01283/FUL Erriff, Shepherds Lane, Erection of single storey rear extension to create garden room, terrace and access to garden SC Decision: Grant Permission.
- 5.3 21/01240/FUL land at Westside Drive, Welshpool Road. Application to reopen an existing side access to Westside House. Withdrawn. Noted
- 5.4 20/03570/FUL Land Adjacent To Churncote Island, Welshpool Road/A5, Hybrid application for a mixed-use development - FULL consent For formation of roadside services including a petrol filling station, a drive-through restaurant; drive-through coffee shop; creation of new vehicular access (off A458); on-site roads and parking areas; landscaping scheme; and, OUTLINE consent (access for consideration) for the erection of offices (Use Class B1) Withdrawn. Noted.

6. OFFICIAL MATTERS

- 6.1 Monthly Audit of Accounts Bank Statement number 377 £54,092.75 verified by Chairman.
- 6.2 Muriel's Little Wood, Safety Report, *Standing Agenda Item*. The tree surgeon, Max Jellicoe, has examined the Wood and he recommends that all is safe and no work needs doing. Since his inspection it has been reported that there is a branch over-hanging the road which is loose. Rod has some oak saplings, a few of which could be planted in the wood.
- 6.3 To complete the external audit. The internal auditor approved the returns. With unanimous approval the chairman and the clerk signed the return.

7 PARISH ACCOUNTS for payment

- 7.1 Insurance, £488.99. This fell due on 1/6/21 so, with councillors approval, a cheque was raised and it is paid.
- 7.2 Data protection fee £40.00
- 7.3 Bench, £464.68
- 7.4 SALC subscription, £452.52
- 7.5 Zoom fee, refund to Cllr Maddox, £14.39
- 7.6 Clerk's salary April to June, £1493.00
- 7.7 Kevin Williams, lengthsman duties for May, £270.00
- 7.8 Richard Brett, web site maintenance, £120.00
- 7.9 Payment of the above accounts was approved. 1er Cllr Llewellyn, 2er Cllr Horan.

8. EXTERNAL ITEMS

- 8.1 Police and Crime Commissioner Town and Parish Council Survey. The clerk will complete this.

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

- 9.1 The clerk is asked to look into the costings of installing a VAS (Vehicle Activated Sign) at Montford Bridge.
- 9.2 The De-fibrillator has been checked and is OK.
- 9.3 3 sacks of litter have been collected.
- 9.4 Dave Price has pointed out that by one of his fields the curb is low and water runs off the road and in to the field. Cllr Blackmore volunteered to have a look at it.
- 9.5 The broken Calcott Lane nameplate was fixed by The Brethren.
- 9.6 The overhanging foliage on Drury Lane has been cut back.
- 9.7 It was pointed out that ex BPC councillors are still registered on the SC web site.
- 9.8 Some tree roots are cracking the footpath on The Oval. SC Cllr Picton volunteered to look in to this and 9.7.

10. **NEXT MEETING** due to be held on Tuesday 13th July 2021. at 8.00pm in Bicton Village Hall.

MEETING CLOSED 9.28pm.
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