

2022-Jun.a.

BICTON PARISH COUNCIL

Chairman Sally Maddox

MINUTES (Draft until signed) of meeting 2022-Jun. 14th June 2022, 8pm in Bicton village hall.

PRESENT:

Parish Cllrs.: Sally Maddox, Elliott Blackmore, Wendy Horan, Sue Llewellyn, Mandie Lee, Rod Warren, Paul Quartermaine, Deirdre Grennan, SC Cllr. Lezley Picton, Parish clerk-Peter Anderson and 5 parishioners

POLICE REPORT.

OPEN FORUM

Stuart Leighton reported that there are some 'Passing Place' sign that need clearing. The lengthsman will be asked to do it.

Stuart also reported that the footpath behind The Crescent at Montford Bridge is very muddy by the stream and a board walk is needed. The land owner, Mathew Edgerton, is attempting to improve this

Natalie Macmichael requested that the MUGA (Multi Use Games Area) should be improved. After rain, water pools on the surface, and the basket ball hoops need a back-board. Her young son is a talented Basketball player and with practice he could go far. This request will be passed on to the village hall committee, which is the owner of the MUGA. BPC is willing to assist with the finding of grants, if there are any.

Mr Murray Glass of The Annexe, Preston Montford explained his planning application.

SC Cllr PICTON REPORT: SC budget work is ongoing. Another planning application has been submitted for the Churncote Service Station. It is not substantially different from the previous applications. The Commonwealth Games Baton Relay will be passing through Shropshire and will be at The Flaxmill on the 18th July. The SC programme is undergoing a review with an eye to 'deliverability'. Some projects, e.g. that Swimming Pool, will be put on hold. It is being suggested that the stations of the police, fire and ambulance should share a common hub. A notice about accessibility has gone up on the Oxon Pool gate.

0.DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST Cllr Lee, 8.3, she will be attending the CPRE AGM on behalf of BPC and BPC will pay the £15 fee.

0.1 **APOLOGIES** for ABSENCE were received and accepted, from: Richard Brett NOTED

2. **VERIFY DRAFT MINUTES**, 2022-May, dated 10/5/22. These were signed as a true and accurate account.

3. MATTERS ARISING

3.1 12 oaks have been planted at Horton Villa Farm.

3.2 Ed Tate is getting a positive response from land owners in Bicton about planting more trees.

3.3 Mathew Egerton is clearing the brook at Preston Montford.

3.4 Tina Richards has agreed to stand again as the BPC representative to the St. Chad's charity.

3.5 There has been no response to the letter that BPC sent to transport secretaries Shapps and Vere regarding its objection to the NWRR.

4. PARISH MATTERS

4.1 Lengthsman, report and instructions *Standing Agenda Item* Grange Bank hedge has been cut by the contractors, JW&PM Edwards. Noted.

4.2 Parish footpaths. *Standing Agenda Item* 1. From Bicton pond to Grange Bank. over Chapel Hill. the path has been made clear. Noted. 2. Severnwav. Matt Edgerton staked out the line they were to plough to on the field in question. Matthew has been using a quad-bike through there which has caused deep ruts which may be why it has become difficult to walk through. If it is a significant problem he is willing to remove a row of potatoes. The farmer is more than happy for people to walk down the wide tram line. Noted.

4.3 Holyhead road maintenance works; (all works between 9.30am-4.00pm) 17-18 June; 22 June 30 and 31 July. Noted.

4.4 Weeds on The Oval need clearing. A road sweeper has been requested for this area. In the past chemical weed killers have been used but now the dangers of these substances are recognised and there are health and safety issues with their use.

5 PLANNING

5.1 22/02258/FUL The Annexe, Preston Montford Lane, Erection of single storey extension to replace a series of existing outbuildings and remodelling of existing. This is being re-built on the old foot-print; it will make a better family dwelling and it does not affect any other property. BPC supports this application.

- 5.2 SC Planning Enforcement is of the opinion that the car sales activities at the Four Crosses Garage are not a problem and anyway car sales have persisted for so long (10 years plus) that they are beyond planning enforcement control. If cars parking on the verges and road side cause a problem it is a matter for the police to enforce.
- 5.3 22/02464/FUL Land Adjacent To Churncote Island, Development of roadside services including - a Petrol Filling Station with ancillary retail (Sui Generis) and a drive-through unit (Class E). BPC objects to this. 1, Two previous applications have been refused by SC and this is not substantially different. 2, Access on to the Welshpool Road will be dangerous and cause congestion. 3, It is contrary to SC development principles for this site. 4, It will adversely affect the high water table.
- 5.4 22/00744/FU Severn Hospice. Erection of an extension to the Perry Ward to provide 4 no. medical bedrooms with ancillary facilities, installation of two air-source or ground source heat pumps both with a capacity greater than 45kW, reconfiguration of the forecourt in front of the existing main entrance and erection of a new entrance canopy. SC Decision: Grant Permission, noted.
- 5.5 The Haven, Shepherd's Lane, 22/00503/FUL, appeal to the planning inspectorate against SC's refusal for detached pitched roof garage.
- 5.6 The Firs, Holyhead Road, 22/08824/ENF, Alleged breach of planning control, use of garage for a commercial business. Class E use was approved in 2014. This was for an office but class E also covers a hairdressing business. The signage may breach the 0.3m rule; SC will advise the owner to 'regularise' this.
- 5.7 Shop at The Brethren's Meeting Room, work is underway to return to the original planning permission.
- 5.8 22/02063/FUL Udlington Farm. Erection of a two storey side extension and car port incorporating ground floor bedroom and ensuite and carers accommodation. This will not affect any other property and BPC has no objections.

6. OFFICIAL MATTERS

- 6.1 Monthly Audit of Accounts and financial report. Bank Statement number 389 £56,510.21 verified by Chair.
- 6.2 Muriel's Little Wood, Safety Report, *Standing Agenda Item*. Cllr Warren reported that all is safe. The lower storey, on the field side, needs clipping to open up the ventilation of the wood and improve its general health.
- 6.3 To complete the External Audit. This was completed and the certificate of exemption will be sent to the external auditor.

7 PARISH ACCOUNTS for payment

- 7.1 Data protection fee £40.00
- 7.2 Clerk's salary Ap-Jun £1538.00
- 7.3 Hedge cutting, £108.00
- 7.4 Kevin Williams, lengthsman duties, £301.00
- 7.5 Shropshire Council, Street light electricity, £216.61
- 7.6 Insurance premium, £300.00. Because of the 31/5/22 deadline this was approved by email consultation and has been paid.
- 7.7 Payment of the above accounts 1er Cllr Llewellyn, 2er Cllr Blackmore and agreed.

8. EXTERNAL ITEMS

- 8.1 A reminder that Fundamentals for Councillors training has been arranged for 16th June 2022, 6pm – 8pm, online using Zoom, flier attached giving details of the event. This is short notice but future events will be attended if possible.
- 8.2 Following my recent contact, please see email below regarding our calendar of **FREE** training opportunities for those with a personal or community-based interest in flood preparedness and resilience. I would appreciate it if you could promote this to your flooded residents/flood action group/community volunteers, and/or via your social media (information attached). This was passed on to Ed Tate.
- 8.3 CPRE AGM, 29/6/22 at Apply Estate, near Shifnal. Cllr Lee will attend on behalf of BPC and will have the attendance fee of £15 reimbursed.

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

- 9.1 There was some fly tipping on Calcott Lane; Cllr Maddox reported this and it was promptly collected by SC.
- 9.2 The Clean Up After Your Dog notices have faded.

9.3 The surface of the 'snicket' has not yet been done. There is a metal barrier to prevent cyclists speeding through, this may be in contravention of the new laws on disability access. On balance BPC thinks that the barrier should be removed. Cllr Maddox is asked to see to this.

9.4 Wheel-chair friendly gates may, for practical reasons, not be appropriate everywhere; e.g. Muriel's Little Wood.

9.5 The gate on the Severnway, by the Old Vicarage, is still in bad repair and the bridleway surface beyond that is very rutted. Cllr Maddox will report this to SC.

9.6 The de-fibrillator has been checked. Noted.

10. **NEXT MEETING** due to be held on Tuesday 12th July 2022. at 8.00pm in Bicton Village Hall.

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MEETING CLOSED 9.35pm.
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