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**BICTON PARISH COUNCIL**

Chairman Richard Brett

**DRAFT MINUTES OF MEETING 2015-Jul Held on 14<sup>th</sup> July 2015. 8pm in Bicton Village Hall**

**PRESENT:**

*Parish Cllrs:* Richard Brett, Elliott Blackmore, Wendy Horan, Sally Maddox, Sue Llewellyn., Deirdre Grennan., Parish clerk-Peter Anderson, Plus 21 parishioners, Plus SC Cllr. Claire Wild standing in for John Everall.

**OPEN FORUM**

**The hedge is overhanging the footpath on the Welshpool road between Shepherd's Lane and Calcott Lane.** The clerk will ask for it to be cut.

**Grange Bank hedge is also becoming overgrown.** The clerk will ask for it to be cut.

**Bracken is obscuring drivers vision on the Preston Montford/B4380 junction.** The clerk will ask for it to be cut.

**Claire Wild, SC Cllr. For Severn Valley Ward, is standing in for John Everall whilst he recovers from an operation.** She reported that SAMDev is more or less agreed and planners are giving it a lot of weight when making decisions. Application 15/02269/OUT, Land East of Calcott Lane, should be a delegated refusal; anything else would fly in the face of all that has been agreed. She advises us to keep on writing in with objections. If it has to go to committee it will be August 25<sup>th</sup> at the earliest, but probably later. Claire has been consulting planning officers on this subject. If it comes to a committee decision Claire will do her very best to get this application rejected. Claire was thanked for attending this meeting on what is a very busy night for her when she also has two other meetings.

**Police report,** PC Jon Summerfield has sent his apologies for missing the trailer theft off the last report, it was just human error when compiling the report. This month's report has 2 anti-social behaviour incidents, 1 burglary non dwelling, and 1 vehicle crime.

**0. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

2. **MINUTES** 2015-Jun of previous meeting held on 9/6/15 were confirmed and signed.

**3. MATTERS ARISING**

3.1 Save The Village campaign group, this is working feverishly to object to 15/02269/OUT, Land East of Calcott Lane; but this campaign is not just about this field, it is about any field anywhere and not just in Bicton. Many local parishes have pledged support. There are 86 objections to 15/02269/OUT on the SC planning portal, plus another 20 letters which will be delivered by hand tomorrow, plus 129 postcards. It is intended to lobby the SC planning committee members to make sure that they are aware of the issues. It was pointed out that there is a need to scrutinise planning applications because the information that they contain is often inaccurate.

**4. PARISH MATTERS**

4.1 Bicton Primary School *Standing Agenda Item* Everything is running smoothly. This Thursday is the leavers' assembly. The fund raising for the de-fibrillator is going well. The de-fibrillator is for the whole village and will be mounted outside the school. Local people will be trained to use it. The total cost will be about £1,500, of which half is already raised. It is not yet known who will be the key holder.

4.2 Lengthsman, report and instructions *Standing Agenda Item* Some more strimming has been done around Bicton Pool.

4.3 Parish footpaths, *Standing Agenda Item* Anthony Egerton will cut the Severnway beyond Bicton Pool. Muriel's Little Wood needs some strimming.

4.4 Mike Davies, SC traffic technician, has inspected Bicton Lane and has sent a report. Improvements to the footways are possible if land ownership issues can be resolved. He

recommends against changing the priority at the Bicton Lane/Church Lane junction. BPC accepts this but wants the give way lines to be re-painted. The clerk will ask for this to be done.

## 5 **PLANNING**

- 5.1 Land east of Calcott Lane, 300 dwellings, 15/02269/OUT, for decision. BPC notes that there are serious inaccuracies in this application. 1, The site is in Bicton and not Bicton Heath. 2, The site was once owned by SC. 3, This is not a part of the SWSUE. BPC strongly objects to this application on the following grounds. It is not sustainable, it is outside SAMDev, there is no infrastructure to support it, there are no local jobs for its inhabitants, its carbon footprint would be large, the local amenities are insufficient, it represents gross over-development of the area, there are drainage and flooding issues associated with the site, the loss of this grade 1 agricultural land is unacceptable. Also, the reasons for the officer refusal for 14/03319/OUT, East of the cottage Calcott Lane, which is only a few metres away, are applicable to this application, but even more so.
- 5.2 Udlington Manor, two storey extension, 15/02504/FUL, for decision. This will not affect any neighbours therefore BPC has no objections.
- 5.3 Galliers Homes wishes to consult BPC about connecting the open space on the East of Bicton Lane development to Muriel's Little Wood. A Galliers representative will be invited to the next BPC meeting
- 5.4 Précis of the planning officers' reports for 14/02239/OUT and 14/03319/OUT. Noted. These provided a very useful insight in to the planning process and in to the decision making process of the individual planning officer. These officer reports become available on the SC planning portal. To find them go to the application, then documents (of which there may be many) and then it will be called "committee report" or "officer report".

## 6. **OFFICIAL MATTERS**

- 6.1 Monthly Audit of Accounts Bank Statement number 304 £31,168.84, verified by Chairman.
- 6.2 Muriel's Little Wood, Safety Report, *Standing Agenda Item*. Cllr Maddox reported that all is safe.
- 6.3 Street lighting joint energy agreement with SC. Does BPC wish to continue with this agreement? Although there is a small increase this still represents the best value for Bicton so the arrangement will be continued.
- 6.4 The Diocese of Lichfield intends to spend the money from the sale of the Bicton headmaster's house on the new Bicton school. To this end it needs BPC to sign an acknowledgement that BPC has been informed of this intention. BPC instructs the clerk to sign and return this form.

## 7 **PARISH ACCOUNTS for payment**

- 7.1 To sweep the Oxon Hollow footpath, £80.00 chq 1001
- 7.2 Kevin Williams, lengthsman duties, £223.00 chq 1002
- 7.3 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 The new Priest in Charge is being licensed on Thursday.
  - 9.2 There is a drain cover on the Preston Montford road which is sticking up. The clerk will report it.
  - 9.3 Dog mess around The Oval continues to be a problem. The clerk will report this to the SC dog warden; plus, it will be put in the newsletter report.

10. **NEXT MEETING** to be held on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2015. at 8.00pm in Bicton Village Hall

MEETING CLOSED 9.20 pm  
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