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BICTON PARISH COUNCIL

Chairman Richard Brett

DRAFT MINUTES OF MEETING 2016 Jul Held on 12th July 2016. 8pm in Bicton Village Hall

PRESENT:

Parish Cllrs: Richard Brett, Elliott Blackmore, Roy Bound, Wendy Horan, Sally Maddox, Sue Llewellyn, Deirdre Grennan, Martin Davies, Rod Warren. SC Cllr. John Everall, Parish clerk- Peter Anderson, 4 parishioners, and CSO Tim Griffiths.

OPEN FORUM

Stuart Leighton reported that he had spoken to the owner of the coach company about the school bus incident at Four Crosses and received a promise that more care will be taken in future.

A garden wall has collapsed on to the road in Montford Bridge. Barriers have been erected around it. It has been like this for some time. It is presumed that it is the property owner's responsibility.

The hedge on the B4380 towards the Four Crosses is overhanging the footpath. Cllr Blackmore will have a look at it and if necessary ask Kevin to cut it back.

Cllr Everall said that he had nothing to report from Shropshire Council.

Police report; There was one ASB incident in Bicton. Interestingly, Bicton Heath had 19 ASB incidents.

0. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

0.1 Cllr Davies, 4.2, he is the lengthsman.

1. **APOLOGIES** for ABSENCE were received and accepted, from: NOTED

2. **MINUTES** 2016-Jun of previous meeting held on 14/6/16 were confirmed and signed.

MATTERS ARISING

3.1 Cllr Bound spoke to the wife of the Four Crosses Garage proprietor about parking on the slip road. She said that they do their best to discourage this but customers just will park there

3.2 Double yellow lines at the Bicton Lane/B4380 junction. SC traffic engineer Mike Davies is reluctant to put yellow lines here. The clerk is instructed to tell him that BPC is of the opinion that double yellow lines at this junction would make it much safer.

3.3 Cars are still being parked outside the nursing home on Isle Lane. Cllr Blackmore has spoken to Julie Richards about this. There is not enough parking for when staff shifts change and there is an overlap. When the place was built a promise was made that there would be plenty of off-road parking.

4. **PARISH MATTERS**

4.1 Bicton Primary School *Standing Agenda Item* The building of the Eco Room will commence in the summer and will go on in to the autumn. The builders will need the school car park for equipment; this will mean no parking for parents delivering children. The parents will be instructed to park at the village hall and walk round...

4.2 Lengthsman, report and instructions *Standing Agenda Item* Martin has checked the soak-away at the end of Calcott Lane. This was damaged by BT. A new soak-away is needed. Martin has solved the drainage problem at the Four Crosses end of Isle Lane. He has trimmed the hedge by the give-way sign and half of the village road signs have been cleaned.

4.3 Parish footpaths, *Standing Agenda Item* Tom Llewellyn has sent an email to BPC. The kissing gate by Lion Lodge has been replaced with a pedestrian gate. 2 paths south of Holyhead Road have been cleared and way markers have been installed. Low branches have been removed along the Severn Way. A fallen tree has been cleared. Improved styles with dog gates installed along eastern end of the Severn Way.

- 4.4 To consider planting new trees in Bicton. Cllr Warren is preparing a paper on trees that he expects to have finished in the autumn. The aim is to persuade local landowners to plant, or to allow self sets to grow; local species especially oak and lime are the most desirable. The clerk will draft a letter to be sent to local landowners.
- 4.5 Report from Cllr Warren from the meeting of Shrewsbury and Atcham Parish and Town Councils Area Committee 30/6/16. The main theme of this meeting was 'clustering'. This is parish councils cooperating to provide services that Shropshire Council can no longer afford to provide. The SC environmental maintenance contract with Ringway will not be renewed. SC has the idea that it will continue to hold the money and make it available through the clusters. Country parks will have a zero budget and might be maintained through sponsorship. SC is preparing a resource pack to send to parish councils. The clerk is asked to find someone to come to BPC and explain the situation.
- 4.6 Bicton Bus shelters, to consider how best to repair/maintain them. Although the shelters have some minor wear and tear they are basically sound and for the moment no action is necessary.

5 PLANNING

- 5.1 Land south of the B4380, field access, 16/02059/FUL, SC granted.

6. OFFICIAL MATTERS

- 6.1 Monthly Audit of Accounts Bank Statement number 316 £41,442.59, verified by Chairman.
- 6.2 Muriel's Little Wood, Safety Report, *Standing Agenda Item*. Cllr Brett reported that all is safe. Some minor trimming work needs to be done. Cllr Warren volunteered to help to do this.

7 PARISH ACCOUNTS for payment

- 7.1 Kevin Williams, lengthsman duties, June 2016, £258.00 chq 1031
- 7.2 Martin Davies, lengthsman duties, £333.85 chq 1032

Payment of the above accounts proposed Cllr Grennan, seconded Cllr Horan and agreed.

8. EXTERNAL ITEMS

9. **EXTRA INFORMATION** Any *Additional Information* not specified on the agenda.
 - 9.1 The road sign on the Welshpool Road on the approach to Churncote roundabout is overgrown. The clerk is asked to report this to SC.
 - 9.2 Grange Bank needs the soil clearing off the footpath. The clerk will ask SC to do this.
 - 9.3 There is a leaning telegraph pole by 'The Smithy'. Cllr Blackmore will inspect this and report back.
10. **NEXT MEETING** to be held on Tuesday 9th August 2016. at 8.00pm in Bicton Village Hall

MEETING CLOSED 9.11 pm
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