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**BICTON PARISH COUNCIL**

Chairman Richard Brett

**MINUTES** (Draft until signed) of meeting 2017 Jul, 11<sup>th</sup> July 2017. 8pm in Bicton Village Hall

**PRESENT:**

*Parish Cllrs:* Elliott Blackmore, Sally Maddox, Jane Mullineux, Wendy Horan, Sue Llewellyn, Deirdre Grennan, Martin Davies, Rod Warren, SC Cllr. Lezley Picton, Parish clerk-Peter Anderson, Plus 2 parishioners.

In the absence of Cllr Brett Cllr Blackmore took the chair.

**POLICE REPORT.** Communities should be reassured that the murder at Half Way House poses no further threat because the suspect is in custody. Speeding traffic is the priority of the moment, especially tractors. Within the SNT area there have been burglaries of both homes and outbuildings. Bicton crime is; one criminal damage and one assault (no complaint). In addition, Mathew Mead reported (by email) that there is a tarmac scam going on in the area.

**OPEN FORUM**

**SC Cllr Lezley Picton reported,** The new council is settling down. The new car parking strategy is being debated in cabinet tomorrow. Along with price increases the main change will be 'linear pricing'. The public consultation will be launched tomorrow, please look on the SC web site. Proposed changes to the Quarry Swimming Pool are on hold.

**Stuart Leighton** raised the issue of cars parked at the hammerhead on The Crescent, Montford Bridge, he said that he finds it difficult to turn his car there.

0. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

0.1 Cllr Davies, 4.2, he is the lengthsman.

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

2. **MINUTES** 2017-Jun of previous meeting held on 13/6/17 were confirmed and signed.

3. **MATTERS ARISING**

3.1 Village hall car park trees. If the trees are left they will get big and the roots will cause damage. The best plan is to remove the trees and plant more in a different spot.

3.2 Waste transfer site on Grange Bank. Cllr Blackmore spoke to Karen Price of the Environment Agency; there is no transfer licence for the site, nothing is ever removed from this site, there is also plastic waste on site. Karen Price will visit the site again. SC Cllr Picton will look in to this issue to find out why SC Planning Enforcement will not take this on. It seems to be an enforcement issue because it is agricultural land and waste storage/transfer is not agricultural.

4. **PARISH MATTERS**

4.1 Bicton Primary School *Standing Agenda Item* There will be two assemblies next week; one for the full school and one for the leavers. There will be an OFSTEAD soon, they phone at 11.30am one day and turn up the next.

4.2 Lengthsman, report and instructions *Standing Agenda Item* Kevin cut the grass at the Calcott lane/Welshpool Road junction. Shrewsbury Town Council used to cut this but they have had a £170,000 budget cut. Cllr Blackmore will ask Kevin to cut the hedge at the Isle Lane/Four crosses junction. There is a dead wych elm in the hedge opposite Isle Court, to deal with this Martin will need access to the field; Cllr Blackmore will ask Mr Barker for permission.

4.3 Parish footpaths, *Standing Agenda Item* The growth has been cut back on the Severnway, the boggy bit is very boggy, The SC team is waiting for some suitable weather and for a bigger digger to be delivered and then they will start work on the Severnway.

5 **PLANNING**

5.1 Calcott Mount, change of use from outhouse to dwelling, 17/02934/CPL, for decision. This is an application for a *Certificate of Lawfulness*, BPC is notified for its information only, BPC is **not** invited to comment. Noted, but BPC does not have any objections anyway.

5.2 Westside, 17/01851/FUL and 17/01858/FUL, dwellings, SC granted. Noted.

## 6. OFFICIAL MATTERS

- 6.1 Monthly Audit of Accounts Bank Statement number 329 £53,760.69 verified by Chairman. The clerk discovered that it is possible to apply for a grant to comply the *Transparency Code*, this may amount to as much as £2000, it is to pay for the web site and to buy a laptop and equipment so that planning applications can be viewed online at meetings, and for any purpose that relates to open and transparent government. The chairman signed the grant application.
- 6.2 Muriel's Little Wood, Safety Report, *Standing Agenda Item*. Cllr Mullineux has organised a team of volunteers to tidy the wood, Cllr Warren will also help. The weather has been too hot, but the work will be done soon. The intention is to leave the brush as 'eco-piles'.
- 6.3 To consider the answers to BPC's questions, from the SC planning policy dept, in regard to the ongoing housing strategy review. A full debate took place based on the previously circulated document ***Planning Policy Team Response to Issues Raised by BPC 10/7/17*** (attached). These points are to be used to draft a BPC policy which will ultimately be put to the community for approval.
- 6.4 SC has found some extra money and BPC's lengthsmen grant has been increased to £2,112.10 Noted.

## 7. PARISH ACCOUNTS for payment

- 7.1 Kevin Williams, lengthsmen duties, £284.00 chq 1074
- 7.2 Payment of the above account 1er Cllr Horan, 2er Cllr Warren and agreed.

## 8. EXTERNAL ITEMS

9. **EXTRA INFORMATION** Any *Additional Information* not specified on the agenda.
  - 9.1 Dog poop, Cllr Grennan has collected some more, so the problem continues. The signs that are in place are too high and the wrong way round. A multi-purpose bin is needed by the entrance to Muriel's Little Wood. Also a bag dispenser is needed.
  - 9.2 The old phone box. It has still not been removed, Cllr Llewellyn will get on to BT.
  - 9.3 The kerbs at The Crescent, Montford Bridge need cleaning, Cllr Mullineux will report this to SC.
10. **NEXT MEETING** to be held on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> August 2017. at 8.00pm in Bicton Village Hall

MEETING CLOSED 9.27 pm  
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