

2019 -Jul.a.
BICTON PARISH COUNCIL
Chairman Richard Brett

MINUTES (Draft until signed) of meeting 2019-Jul, 9th July 2019, 8pm in Bicton Village Hall

PRESENT:

Parish Cllrs: Richard Brett, Sue Llewellyn, Elliott Blackmore, Sally Maddox, Wendy Horan, Deirdre Grennan, Mandie Lee, Rod Warren, SC Cllr. Lezley Picton, Parish clerk-Peter Anderson, 10 parishioners, and 2 SmartWater representatives.

The SmartWater representatives showed Cllrs how to use a smart-phone to register with SmartWater.

POLICE REPORT The SNT report showed the usual very low crime figure for Bicton but it was reported, by a visitor, that there have been burglaries at Shoot Hill, Ford.

OPEN FORUM

Jan Bevan reported that David Wilson Homes is to start building the SWSUE in 4 months time but there have been rumours like this before.

David Fox, of Seedfield, Shepherd's Lane explained the confusion that there has been over his planning application. The issue now seems to be with the SC planning officer for final resolution.

SC Cllr Lezley Picton reported that 1, she has no information about the present state of the SWSUE. 2, SC Highways intended to employ extra staff but there have been no applicants for the jobs. 3, The bad bend problem on Bicton Lane is no nearer to a resolution.

0. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

2. **MINUTES** 2019-Jun of previous meeting held on 11/6/19 were confirmed and signed with the following modifications.

1, (In open forum) There was a big wedding at the church and cars parked down both sides of Bicton Lane. The wedding organisers should have arranged the parking so as to avoid this.

Bicton Lane should be Church Lane.

2, (6.2) Muriel's Little Wood, Safety Report, *Standing Agenda Item*. Cllrs Grennan, Warren and Brett have visited the wood at different times and they report that all is safe and that the adjacent stream has been dredged. Enhancement of the wood should be considered along the lines of flowering plants and plants which feed birds. **'Native species of' needs to be inserted before 'flowering'**.

3. **MATTERS ARISING**

3.1 Isle Lane potholes have been fixed.

3.2 The speeding on Isle Lane is getting worse.

3.3 There is a big pothole on the footpath by the Four Crosses.

3.4 The hedge by the school has been cut but the sight line is still obstructed.

3.5 Grange Bank hedge has been cut.

3.6 The hedge from the Four Crosses to the old Smithy has been cut.

4. **PARISH MATTERS**

4.1 Lengthsman, report and instructions *Standing Agenda Item*

4.2 Parish footpaths, *Standing Agenda Item* The kissing gates by Ratcliffe's will be installed within the next 4 months. A bit of strimming has been done on the Severnway. All 50 trees that BPC planted are now dead by hedge cutter and mower. The 2 lime trees by the pool have been chopped up. Cllr Llewellyn said that stewardship schemes can work and the oaks that she planted 8 years ago are thriving.

4.3 Bicton Lane, bad bend, damage. This is still unresolved.

4.4 To set a date and time to receive the SmartWater kits and to learn how to use them. The roll out will be at the fete which is noon 21st July. The proposal, which is unanimously agreed, is to charge £10 per kit.

5 PLANNING

5.1 19/02985/FUL : The Annexe , Preston Montford Lane, Montford Bridge,
Proposal: Erection of single storey extension following partial conversion and removal of existing extension. BPC has no objections.

6. OFFICIAL MATTERS

- 6.1 Monthly Audit of Accounts Bank Statement number 354 £47,218.44 verified by Chairman.
- 6.2 Muriel's Little Wood, Safety Report, *Standing Agenda Item*. Some holes had been dug in the paths. Cllr Blackmore filled them in. All is safe.
- 6.3 Shropshire Local Plan Review-Strategic Sites' Consultation. This refers to Clive Barracks, Ironbridge Power Station and RAF Cosford. Noted.
- 6.4 Polling districts, polling places and polling stations review 2019. The Bicton polling station arrangements are satisfactory.
- 6.5 Environmental maintenance grant to BPC from SC, £670.00 has been approved. Noted.
- 6.6 Place Plan, to review. The BPC Place Plan is comprehensive but should have added to it; 1, speed control on lanes, 2, speed limit of 40mph on the whole length of the B4380. 3, village gateways, 4, the Severnway upgrade.
- 6.7 Renee Wallace of the RCC has confirmed that she is able to assist BPC to do its Housing Needs Survey but she emphasises that the proposed questionnaire needs to be simplified. It may be possible to use 'Survey Monkey'. Cllrs Lee, Maddox, Llewellyn, Warren and the clerk have volunteered to form a group to meet with Renee.

7 PARISH ACCOUNTS for payment

- 7.1 Kevin Williams, lengthsman, £246.00 chq158
- 7.2 JW Edwards, hedge trimming, £101.40 chq 160
- 7.3 Payment of the above accounts, 1er Cllr Grennan, 2er Cllr Horan and agreed.
- 7.4 The clerk made a mistake filling in cheque 159 and it was voided.

8. EXTERNAL ITEMS

8.1 SALC area committee meeting, Thursday 11th July 6.30pm, University Centre. Cllr Lee volunteered to attend.

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

- 9.1 If a 'village gateway' is installed it should be on the present Shrewsbury boundary to emphasise that Shrewsbury should not encroach in to Bicton.
- 9.2 The use of the old phone box is developing, and it is used.
- 9.3 The tree on the wire at the entrance to Bicton Hall has been declared safe, by a tree surgeon.
- 9.4 The pool of water on the Severnway, by the entrance to 'Swain's Field' just needs a load of stone tipping in it! Next agenda.

10. **NEXT MEETING** to be held on Tuesday 13th August 2019. at 8.00pm in Bicton Village Hall

MEETING CLOSED 10.01 pm
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