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BICTON PARISH COUNCIL

Chairman Richard Brett

MINUTES (Draft until signing is approved) of meeting 2020-Jul, 14th July 2020, 8pm by zoom.

PRESENT:

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

POLICE REPORT. This showed the usual very low rate of incidents.

OPEN FORUM No parishioners had taken up the offer to join in by zoom.

SC Cllr Lezley Picton report: The Draft Local Plan is notable for what it does not contain; Shelton Rough is not included. There are a few other things which might affect Bicton and the document is worth a perusal. **The letter that Ian Kilby**, head of SC planning, sent to BPC about the 296 houses in the SWSUE application is a tribute to BPC for its detailed response. Any previous comments are still valid. The OLR, NWRR and green space issues make this application even more complicated. Lezley has requested that this application should go to committee but it is no longer possible for SC members to insist on this. The outcome of this application will affect the subsequent application for 345 houses on the same site. It is now obligatory for developers to follow the *West Midland Design Charter*. **Severn Trent** has finished its work in The Oval and Lezley has requested that a road sweeper should visit. **The Severnway** has been levelled next to Bicton Pool, by farmer Matt Egerton, and will be topped with stone. **SC (Shona) is still working on the issue of horses in fields with footpaths**; Lezley will check on progress. **A sign has appeared** opposite The Coppice advertising Isle Court, there may be planning issues here, Lezley will check it out.

0. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

0.1 Cllr Blackmore, 5.4, his land is part of this development.

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

2. **VERIFY DRAFT MINUTES, 2020-14th April, 12th May and 9th June, and also the executive decisions, taken in consultation with BPC Cllrs. (Agendas were sent out as normal, essential executive decisions were taken and a zoom meeting was held on 9th June.)** With 2 additions
1, 4.2 The last sentence now reads; Another owner found cyclists on a footpath *and challenged them*, and also people in a barley crop where there is no path
2, It was decided to send an email to Martin Withington reiterating BPC's request that any NWRR consultation meetings should be held in Bicton village hall, when lockdown allows such a meeting. The clerk had sent this email but it was not in the minutes. The minutes were then confirmed and signed.

3. **MATTERS ARISING**

4. **PARISH MATTERS**

4.1 Lengthsman, report and instructions *Standing Agenda Item* The footpath to the rear of the Crescent has been cut but needs doing again.

4.2 Parish footpaths, *Standing Agenda Item* 1, The footpath to the rear of the Crescent is a bridle way but has become narrowed. Electric fences are encroaching, there are nettles and an apple tree has been felled on to the way. An elderly man, struggling with these obstacles, fell and broke his hip and had to be rescued. Elliott will speak to the farmer. 2, A field of rape belonging to Adrian Richards has a footpath which is not maintained. Cllr Blackmore will speak to him. 3, The Severnway next to Bicton Pool has been levelled and will be topped with stone; the ditch has become filled but will be dug out.

4.3 Rotten road sign pole Shepherd's Lane/Four Crosses junction-reported to SC. This has now been mended.

4.4 Paediatric defib pads are not recommended for children because they don't normally have heart problems. Sally is going to stick a note on our defib. Ambulances do carry them but those defibs cost £17,000. It is very rare that they are ever used. Noted.

4.5 Parking problems at The Crescent, Montford Bridge. This is an ongoing situation for which BPC has sympathy but a proper solution would require Severnside housing and SC to agree on a plan.

4.6 An invite from Helen Ball, clerk to STC. As you are aware we have been doing quite a bit of work on Oxon Pool and we are now in a position to start to open it up as a fishing pool with public access. We wondered whether you

might wish to join us on Thursday 9th July at 1pm to take a look around. Andy Jones who manages our fisheries will be there too to ask any questions. Oxon Pool should, by now, be open to the public.

5 PLANNING

- 5.1 20/02068/FUL - Rose Cottage. BPC's decision at the last meeting was no objections. A neighbour has some observations about this decision. The crux is that BPC objected to his application, which was granted by SC, but then BPC had no objections to a similar application by his neighbour. His application had set the precedent and if his had been allowed it would be unreasonable for his neighbour's to be refused.
- 5.2 20/01592/FUL The Haven, Shepherds Lane, Erection of single storey rear extension and associated alterations following demolition of existing conservatory, SC Decision: Grant Permission Noted.
- 5.3 20/01709/FUL Myrtle Cottage, Bicton Lane, Erection of a two storey side and rear extension, SC Decision: Grant Permission. Noted.
- 5.4 In 2014 David Wilson Homes were given permission for 296 houses on land off Churncote Island. It took almost 6 years for the application to come back for landscaping (20/00307/REM | Reserved matters pursuant to outline permission reference 14/00246/OUT for 296 mixed residential dwellings (landscaping reserved) and employment/commercial use (all matters reserved) to include; offices; showroom; A3/A4 (restaurant/pub); C1 (hotel); public open space, structural landscaping, associated infrastructure; vehicular accesses and all associated infrastructure to include landscaping Development Land At Churncote Off Welshpool Road Bicton Heath Shrewsbury Shropshire.) The reserved matters are now in for consideration. They will go to **committee probably on 21 July. It is necessary for BPC to be represented at committee.** The result of this application will impact upon the subsequent application 20/01957/FUL for the same site, for 345 houses. Ian Kilby, head of SC planning, took the unprecedented step of writing to BPC about this. This shows the complexity of the application and the value of BPC's comments. Cllr Quartermaine will draft a BPC response to this letter. Particular mention should be made of the drainage work that has already started. There seems to be no regard for where the water will ultimately go as the ditches towards Calcott Moss and Preston Montford are already at capacity; and what are the swales actually for! .
- 5.5 The SC planning committee is having virtual meetings. An SC member can request that an application goes to committee but they can no longer insist. An objector/supporter used to be allowed 3 minutes to address the committee, now they are allowed 550 written words; the SC member is allowed 900.

6. OFFICIAL MATTERS

- 6.1 Monthly Audit of Accounts Bank Statement number 366 £43,882.72 verified by Chairman.
- 6.2 Muriel's Little Wood, Safety Report, *Standing Agenda Item*. All is safe, cyclists use the wood and keep the paths open.
- 6.3 To sign the certificate of exemption for the external audit. The internal auditor has approved the accounts and Cllr Quartermaine has examined them closely and recommended some book keeping changes which will make the finances more readily understandable and future expenditure much easier to plan. Signing of the certificate was approved. BPC's thanks go to Cllr Quartermaine.

7 PARISH ACCOUNTS for payment

- 7.1 JW & PM Edwards & Son, hedge cutting £93.60 chq 193
- 7.2 Street light electricity 1/4/20 to 30/6/20. £147.46 chq 194
- 7.3 Kevin Williams, lengthsman duties. £198.00 chq 195
- 7.4 Bicton newsletter £4.00 chq 196
- 7.5 PCC, clock repair fund. £200.00 chq 197
- 7.6 Payment of the above accounts 1er Cllr Grennan 2er Cllr Brett and agreed.

8. EXTERNAL ITEMS

9. **EXTRA INFORMATION** Any *Additional Information* not specified on the agenda.
- 9.1 A muntjac deer has been seen in the parish.
- 9.2 SmartWater signs have been put up around the parish by Cllr Blackmore.
- 9.3 The damaged pavement on The Oval, which BPC reported, has been repaired by SC.
- 9.4 A 40mph sign at Montford Bridge is pale and obscured. Cllr Blackmore will investigate.
- 9.5 The old churchyard, which now belongs to Bicton Hall, is being cleared. The Hall is for sale.

10. **NEXT MEETING** due to be held on Tuesday 11th August 2020. at 8.00pm in Bicton Village Hall-all being well, if not, it will be zoom again. SALC has a zoom licence which BPC can use and therefore will not be time limited.

MEETING CLOSED 9.13 pm
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