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BICTON PARISH COUNCIL

Chairman Richard Brett

MINUTES (Draft until signed) of meeting 2021-Jul, 13th July 2021, 8pm in Bicton village hall.

PRESENT:

Parish Cllrs: Richard Brett, Elliott Blackmore, Sally Maddox, Sue Llewellyn, Mandie Lee, Rod Warren, Deirdre Grennan, SC Cllr. Lezley Picton, Parish clerk-Peter Anderson and 5 parishioners

POLICE REPORT

OPEN FORUM

Stuart reported that the bus shelter in Montford Bridge has some graffiti. He tried to scrub it off but it would not budge; it will need to be over-painted. Cllr Blackmore will inspect it. **Also, the hedge by this shelter needs cutting back,** the lengthsman will be asked to do it.

Gordon Wallach asked if anything was known about what stage the planning enforcement is at on the Brethren's shop. Cllr Picton said that a confidential letter will be sent soon. **The money for the new bench** has been transferred from the Brethren to BPC's account.

SC Cllr Picton report: This was the usual comprehensive report which included; the local plan will go to council soon, there are no changes for Bicton, the Government planning white paper will be out by autumn, More money for the highways in Shropshire will be available soon, it may be possible to visit the incinerator after Christmas, a cycle path from Shelton to Bicton is being planned for and the logic is that it should go all the way to Montford Bridge.

0.DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST Cllr Blackmore, 5.1, he is a neighbour to the SWSUE.

0.1 **APOLOGIES** for ABSENCE were received and accepted, from: Paul Quartermaine, Wendy Horan, NOTED

2 **VERIFY DRAFT MINUTES**, 2021-Jun, dated 8/6/21. The chairman signed the minutes as a true and accurate account.

3 MATTERS ARISING

3.1 The new bench has been paid for and delivery is promised for August.

3.2 The internal and external audits are complete.

3.3 The defibrillator has had its monthly checks.

3.4 The water that was running off the road in to a field was caused by a blocked gutter which was easy to clear.

3.5 The field by Lion Lodge, with the footpath, now has brood mares in it. These are not so frisky as the young horses.

3.6 The flooding, on the road, at Montford Bridge is caused by the drain not being at the lowest point. Graham Downes, at SC, is now the person to deal with this.

3.7 The crumbling surface of the footways around The Oval is caused by age rather than the tree roots. The clerk will report this to SC.

4. PARISH MATTERS

4.1 Lengthsman, report and instructions *Standing Agenda Item* Some hedges have been cut to aid pedestrians and traffic; Grange Bank, Isle Lane, Oxon Hollow, and the junction of Shepherd's Lane and Welshpool Road.

4.2 Parish footpaths, *Standing Agenda Item* See below.

4.3 Severnway improvements, a progress report. The bad place by Bicton Pool is still bad but work is promised to start tomorrow. Other paths are dry. Paul Butter, of SC, has asked BPC to pay for 2 days work of stone crushing at £390 per day; BPC agrees to this; proposed by Cllr Blackmore, seconded by Cllr Llewellyn and agreed unanimously.

4.4 Just to confirm on behalf of the Brethren in Bicton: "We repaired and renovated the road sign at Calcott Lane. The bus shelters were washed and cleaned. The litter pick on Holyhead Road collected 4 black sacks of mixed litter." This is noted with thanks.

5 PLANNING

5.1 *21/02473/FUL Development Land At Churncote Off, Welshpool Road, Bicton Heath, Erection of 2No. sales and marketing cabins for a temporary period of 3 years in connection with previously*

approved planning permission 20/01957/FUL with associated infrastructure and 5No. car parking spaces. This is in Shrewsbury parish but the sales office will be for the SWSUE in Bicton parish. It is noted that these cabins have been sited already. Shrewsbury Town Council (STC) objected to this application. It was decided to not respond to this application because it would take a lot of time and energy and be very unlikely to achieve anything.

5.2 21/01819/FUL The Haven , Shepherds Lane, Erection of detached garage. Applicant: Mrs Johnson-Davies. At the May meeting BPC had no objections to this but there is an issue and the applicant needs BPC's advice. There were no objections to this application but still it was refused by SC. The applicants are appealing the decision and BPC will have further chance to comment then.

5.3 21/03093/FUL Villa Farm Barn , Villa Lane, Erection of one and a half storey side extension. BPC supports this because it is neither over-looked nor over-looking. There is enough car parking-space. The plan is carefully thought out. It is in keeping. It is the kind of development that suits Bicton. It references the history of the barn.

6. OFFICIAL MATTERS

6.1 Monthly Audit of Accounts Bank Statement number 378 £51,902.02 verified by Chairman.

6.2 Muriel's Little Wood, Safety Report, *Standing Agenda Item*. The canopy is fully restored, this makes it somewhat dark. Cherry trees have proliferated. A working party in the autumn could thin the saplings. Cllr Maddox pruned some nettles and brambles to improve access. There are many midges! All is safe.

6.3 Vehicle Activated Signs (VAS) some approximate costings. The clerk searched some web sites and found costings from £2,050 to £6,750. There are many variations and options. Cllr Picton is meeting an advisor for a site visit tomorrow at 2pm at Bicton village hall. BPC Cllrs are invited to attend

6.4 Footpath between The Connice and Severn Hospice and Welshpool Road. How could this be funded? possibly from the CIL Local Fund? The planning for this footpath is at an early stage but the obvious route for funding is the CIL Local.

7 PARISH ACCOUNTS for payment

7.1 Kevin Williams, lengthsman duties, £290.00 chq 234

7.2 Street light electricity, £145.74 chq 235

7.3 Payment of the above accounts 1er Cllr Maddox, 2er Cllr Warren and agreed.

8. EXTERNAL ITEMS

8.1 There is a new police alert scheme "Neighbourhood Matters". Neighbourhood Matters will enable residents, businesses and community groups in our area to find out more about what is happening in the local community. To sign up for this service go to;

<https://www.neighbourhoodmatters.co.uk/#SignUp>

8.2 Report from SALC meeting on 9/6/21, via zoom, attended by Cllr Lee. There was a presentation from the police about child protection, also a presentation about youth addiction issues and SC has plans to develop youth activity. It was requested that there should be a better system of warning of road closures. There is a scheme to encourage tree planting for the Queen's 70th anniversary. SC will complete a review of parish boundaries by 2025.

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

9.1 Cllr Maddox did a litter pick and collected 3 carrier bags full.

9.2 The defibrillator has had its monthly check.

9.3 The old phone box is doing good service as a book exchange.

9.4 The Brethren's Rapid Relief Team is participating in two initiatives at the moment. 1, Food Boxes for emergency relief at disaster sites and 2, 'Magic Breakfast' at local schools.

9.5 The question was raised of a parish council governor at the primary school. Cllr Horan is absent but her advice will be sought on this matter.

10. **NEXT MEETING** due to be held on Tuesday 10th August 2021. at 8.00pm in Bicton Village Hall.

MEETING CLOSED 10.03pm.
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