

2022-Aug.a.

**BITON PARISH COUNCIL**

Chairman Sally Maddox

**MINUTES** (Draft until signed) of meeting 2022-Jul. 12<sup>th</sup> July 2022, 8pm in Bicton village hall.

**PRESENT:**

*Parish Cllrs:* Richard Brett, Elliott Blackmore, Sally Maddox, Sue Llewellyn, Mandie Lee, Rod Warren, Paul Quartermaine, Deirdre Grennan, Wendy Horan, SC Cllr. Lezley Picton, Parish clerk-Peter Anderson and 4 parishioners

**NEIGHBOURHOOD ALERT, REPORT.** There were 11 emails, none of which were of immediate relevance to Bicton. The police web site for parish affairs no longer exists. There was a word of mouth report of vandals causing a fire and the police being called. The survey that BPC was invited to complete was largely not relevant to Bicton's needs. The clerk will fill it in and return it, laying emphasis on what is needed is a report local to Bicton and an occasional sight of our SNT officer.

**OPEN FORUM**

**SC Cllr Picton report: The report on child exploitation in Telford** is now out. **The Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG)** has been abolished. **The census results** are now available and they show an increase in older people in Shropshire. **The Local Plan is available online.** The advice to parish councils is to negotiate with developers when planning proposals are at an early stage. **Covid is very bad again** and we all need to be careful. **SC is being encouraged to enter partnerships** with neighbouring counties where it can be shown to bring economies. **BPC would benefit from having a formal development policy.**

0. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** Cllr Lee, 7.3, she is due the refund.

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

2. **VERIFY DRAFT MINUTES**, 2022-Apr, dated 12/4/22. These were accepted as a true and accurate account.

3. **MATTERS ARISING**

3.1 The notice on the Oxon Pool gate has now gone up.

3.2 The snicket by the village hall is a numbered footpath. It was correct to remove the bar from across it because this was necessary to allow disabled access.

3.3 There is a little used right-of-way from Grange Bank to Calcott Lane. Shona Butter is investigating its condition.

3.4 The Bicton Lane speed limit is being progressed by SC.

4. **PARISH MATTERS**

4.1 Lengthsman, report and instructions *Standing Agenda Item*

4.2 Parish footpaths, *Standing Agenda Item* The Severnway still has the potatoes across it but they will soon be harvested. It is still wet where the ditch needs clearing but the farmer has promised to do it soon. The electric tape has been removed from behind The Crescent now that the livestock has gone. The Severnway gate by the old vicarage and the next gate along are still awaiting attention from SC.

4.3 The Brethren have renewed the identification letters on all of the BPC street lights, for this they are making no charge. Thanks are sent to The Brethren.

4.4 It is recommended that BPC should have an up-to-date edition of the manual "Local Council Administration" edition 13 is out in October at a cost of £148.00. There is no immediate need for this manual and it is best to wait for the new edition and to make a decision then.

4.5 Shepherd's Lane closure 5<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> September. Noted.

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 SC Decision: Refuse. Noted. These cabins have already been removed.

5.2 22/02895/VAR Variation of condition No2 (approved plans) attached to planning permission 19/04553/FUL dated 09/12/2019. Proposed Barn Conversion West Of East Grove Farm, Isle Lane, Bicton, Shropshire. BPC has no objections.

6. **OFFICIAL MATTERS**

- 6.1 Monthly Audit of Accounts and financial report. Bank Statement number 389 £53,779.16 verified by Chairman.
- 6.2 Muriel's Little Wood, Safety Report, *Standing Agenda Item*. Cllr Warren reported that all is safe. He has done some cosmetic trimming and made 3 openings on the field side to let the air in. A couple of largish holly trees also need to come out for this reason. The wood is well used.

7 **PARISH ACCOUNTS for payment**

- 7.1 Kevin Williams, lengthsman duties, £351.00 chq 269
- 7.2 Shropshire Council 2021 elections recharge contribution £100.00 chq 270
- 7.3 Refund to Cllr Lee for the CPRE AGM attendance £15.00 chq 271
- 7.4 Web site maintenance quarter to May and annual hosting fee, £230.00 chq 272
- 7.5 Payment of the above accounts 1er Cllr Blackmore, 2er Cllr Llewellyn and agreed.

8. **EXTERNAL ITEMS**

- 8.1 Report from Cllr Lee on the CPRE AGM. This was well attended. Important issues were discussed including; hedgerows, planning, and sustainability. Cllr Lee asked about the proposed Churncote services, and was assured that CPRE will be closely scrutinising this.
- 8.2 Report from Cllrs Maddox and Llewellyn on the Lord Lieutenant's party to celebrate the County's volunteers at Orleton Park, Wellington. It was a hot day but everyone was dressed to impress; some more so than others! It was well attended with a few known personalities. The refreshments were welcome in the heat.

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

- 9.1 Cllr Llewellyn will ask Ed Tate how the tree planting initiative is progressing.
- 9.2 The dog poo situation is as bad as ever, especially on Bicton Lane. Cllr Maddox has put up some more notices. The clerk will write it up for the newsletter.
- 9.3 The gate locks on the play area by the village hall are such that an artful child can escape. The village hall committee will be apprised of the situation.
- 9.4 A road sweeper for The Oval has been requested. Drains around The Oval and on Bicton Lane are blocked; this has been reported to SC.
- 9.5 The de-fibrillator has been checked.

- 10. **NEXT MEETING** due to be held on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> August 2022. at 8.00pm in Bicton Village Hall.

MEETING CLOSED 9.21pm.  
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