

2023-Jul.a.

BICTON PARISH COUNCIL

Chair, Sally Maddox

MINUTES (Draft until signed) of meeting 2023-Jul. 11th July 2023, 7.30pm in Bicton village hall.

PRESENT:

Parish Cllrs: Richard Brett, Elliott Blackmore, Sally Maddox, Sue Llewellyn, Mandie Lee, Paul Quartermaine, Deirdre Grennan, SC Cllr. Lezley Picton, Parish clerk-Peter Anderson and 6 parishioners

NEIGHBOURHOOD ALERT, REPORT. This consisted of the usual matters of general importance; fraud updates, ASB awareness, PCC newsletter, etc, but it did not include an incidence of local harassment!

OPEN FORUM

Matt and Dee Povey reported that their house has been hit with a lorry and a plant pot was also mangled. This is on video and the police have been told. The new kerbs are due to be installed next week. The bollards to go with the kerbs are also due, Cllr Picton will chase this.

SC Cllr Picton report: The **30 mph limit on Bicton Lane** will need to go on the same Traffic Restriction Order as the restrictions on parking opposite the school. Before restrictions are applied opposite the school it would be as well to have local residents on board with the idea.

The LGBC (Local Government Boundary Commission) review will recommend that Bicton will be 'warded' and have 6 rural councillors and 3 urban councillors. Bicton Heath and Bowbrook are having, or will soon have, significant housing development and will, in effect, become urban. On the back of this LGBC review Shropshire Council will do a CGR (Community Governance Review). This will likely redraw the Bicton parish boundary so that the Bicton Heath and Bowbrook areas will be formally moved in to Shrewsbury Town. What this may do to the 'rural' Bicton Parish Council is uncertain; but it may remain with its present number of councillors.

0. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** Cllr Maddox 5.2, she is a close neighbour. Cllr Maddox 4.3, she has part time employment at The Coppice.

0.1 **APOLOGIES** for ABSENCE were received and accepted, from: Wendy Horan, Rod Warren
NOTED

2. **VERIFY DRAFT MINUTES**, 2023-Jun, dated 13/6/23 were signed as a true and accurate account.

3. **MATTERS ARISING**

3.1 For the Steam Rally, Preston Montford Lane will be closed to all but access.

3.2 The Severnway has still not been reinstated, by the farmer, after the damage done by the contractor's tractors.

3.3 The snicket has had some more work done, it is much improved but just not quite finished.

3.4 Bicton Pool, Paul Butter is under pressure and he has not had time to draw up a plan.

4. **PARISH MATTERS**

4.1 Lengthsman, report and instructions *Standing Agenda Item*

4.2 Parish footpaths, *Standing Agenda Item* They are 'pretty' good and 'pretty' dry. Chapel Hill is overgrown with crops but it will be harvest time soon.

4.3 Letter from a Coppice resident about the difficulty of disabled access on to the service bus because of the grass verge. Cllr Maddox will report this to SC.

5 **PLANNING**

5.1 23/01758/FUL 3 Lewis Way, Side annex to existing house, with service off the existing house
SC Decision: Refuse. Noted.

5.2 23/02665/PMBPA Bicton Barn, Bicton Lane, Application for prior approval under Part 3, Class Q of the Town & Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 for the change of use from agricultural to form one residential unit. Cllr Maddox explained the effect that it would have on her property and then she withdrew. BPC objects because; the windows will overlook the neighbouring property, the structure is not sturdy and suffered severe damage in storm Arwen, (Jan. 2022) The repairs made it, in effect, a new build, it will be a change of character for itself and for the area, an almost identical previous application was refused by SC and by the planning inspector.

5.3 Shropshire Homes are preparing to submit a planning application for the development of up to 400 homes north of Mytton Oak Road, Shrewsbury. The initial application will be made in outline, however will include detailed proposals for the first phase of 94 homes. We will be holding a public consultation event on Monday 17th July 2023 at Shropshire Conference Centre. This is noted with the comments; there is a high water table at this site, the proposal is not in SAMDev and Shropshire has more than the required 5 year land supply.

5.4 22/03543/FUL amendment, 106 houses at Bicton Heath. SC granted.

6. OFFICIAL MATTERS

- 6.1 Monthly Audit of Accounts and financial report. Bank Statement number 402, verified by Chair. There are still some delays with getting money in to the Lloyds account. The clerk gets a slightly different story every time he phones Lloyds Bank. The £10,000 cheque that BPC wrote from the HSBC account to the Lloyds account was paid in at the Shrewsbury branch on 7/7/23. The delay was occasioned by Lloyds not sending a book of paying in slips; eventually 6 books of paying in slips and 2 cheque books arrived! Lloyds has awarded BPC £40 compensation for the mishandling. The clerk is instructed to complain again.
- 6.2 Muriel's Little Wood, Safety Report, *Standing Agenda Item*. A rail has fallen off the roadside fence, Cllr Llewellyn will arrange for its repair. The wood is generally overgrown, Cllr Warren will be asked for his advice on clipping and strimming. Seth Bradbury, the tree surgeon, met Cllrs Warren and Maddox at the wood on 22/6/23, he advised that all is safe. The ash tree is healthy and its branch dropping is normal and is no danger. The split oak tree should have its fallen bough cut off and then it will continue as a strong tree.
- 6.3 It is rumoured that Oxon Pool is being sold to the housing developer. The situation is; SC owns the site, STC (Shrewsbury Town Council) has a lease, which is to be increased to 125 years, public access will continue, it is expected that money for upkeep will be contributed from the NWRR,
- 6.4 In the light of recent SC planning decisions and the proposed divisional boundary review is it time for BPC to review its housing policy and SAMDev status? This is deferred until Cllr Warren is here.

7 PARISH ACCOUNTS for payment

- 7.1 Web site maintenance £120.00 chq 298
- 7.2 Kevin Williams, lengthsman duties, £171.00 chq 299
- 7.3 Grange Bank hedge-cutting JW & PM Edwards & Son £115.20 chq 300
- 7.4 Payment of the above accounts 1er Cllr Blackmore, 2er Cllr Llewellyn and agreed.

8. EXTERNAL ITEMS

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

9.1 Cllr Llewellyn reported that speeding on Isle Lane is very bad. She has had occasion to speak to a driver who driving dangerously. The speed bump at Lion Gates is worn away. The slow signs, by the cottages, are worn away. The clerk is asked to report this to SC plus sign posts and speed bumps are needed by the cottages. Cllr Blackmore will speak to Robin Morris to ask him to influence the business park users to drive slower.

9.2 The new bungalows, at The Coppice, have no water supply, BPC can do nothing about this.

9.3 Lamp post F is working. The insurance money has not arrived, the clerk will chase it.

9.4 The defibrillator has been checked.

9.5 The Co-op is having a 'food waste conference' in Bicton village hall, 26/7/23, 6-8pm.

9.6 The recent heavy rain blocked the drains on Bicton Lane (SY3 8EU) The clerk is asked to report this to SC.

10. **NEXT MEETING** due to be held on Tuesday 8th August 2023. at 7.30pm in Bicton Village Hall.

MEETING CLOSED 9.19 pm.
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