

2024-Jul.a.

BICTON PARISH COUNCIL

Chair Elliott Blackmore

MINUTES (Draft until signed) of meeting 2024-Jul. 9th July 2024, 8.00pm 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 Ed Potter, PC Rich Walters and PCSO Sarah Edwards, Parish clerk-Peter Anderson and 2 parishioners

NEIGHBOURHOOD ALERT, REPORT. PC Rich Walters gave a comprehensive report. There have been 47 local incidents, 13 highway-mainly Churncote, 3 cattle escapes, 1 burglary on Gains Park, 3 ASB-also on Gains Park, and lots of online fraud. There is an improved radar gun to catch speeding drivers, BPC was given some wheelie bin stickers to remind drivers to drive carefully, there are some door-to-door 'salesmen' called 'Nottingham Knockers' they may be legit but caution is needed, Sue Llewellyn has seen some suspicious parking at Rossall. The advice is to note the vehicle, its number and descriptions of people. BPC's 3 policing priorities are speeding, school parking and burglary/theft.

OPEN FORUM Weeds are growing in the footways around The Oval. Councils are no longer allowed to use sprays. The weeds may be untidy but they are not dangerous.

SC Cllr Picton report: In Lezley's absence Ed Potter reported. The vacant university building is to be used for temporary homeless accommodation. This will save £2.5m per year. 5 recycling centres are to remain open with shorter hours. Green waste collection will cost £56 per year. Food waste can be put in the green bin. Separate food waste collection will begin in 2026. The financial pressure on SC has just about been balanced; the social care costs are huge. SC has a redundancy programme, some have accepted voluntary and long term vacant posts are not being filled.

0. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** Cllr Lee, 5.3, she is a neighbour. Cllr Llewellyn, 5.1, she is a neighbour to Mr and Mrs Tate. Cllr Warren, 6.5, he wants it recorded that he is prepared to be the Vice chair but not the chair.

0.1 **APOLOGIES** for ABSENCE were received and accepted, from: SC Cllr. Lezley Picton, NOTED

2. **VERIFY DRAFT MINUTES**, 2024-Jun, dated 11/6/24. These were verified and signed.

3. **MATTERS ARISING**

3.1 The missing fence rail at Muriel's Little Wood has been replaced.

4. **PARISH MATTERS**

4.1 Lengthsman, report and instructions Standing Agenda Item

4.2 Parish footpaths, Standing Agenda Item The quagmire remains on the Severnway around the footbridge by The Crescent, Montford Bridge. It has been 3 years since Shona Butter of SC looked at it and 5 weeks since she was reminded and there is no reply. Chapel Hill f.p. is overgrown with crop. Cllr Blackmore will speak to the farmer. Other f.ps. are OK.

4.3 Bicton Place Plan, Standing Agenda Item, plus, Place Plan Priority Line I - unfunded - Bicton Flora Assessment. Cllr Warren delivered a comprehensive report. He will write it up for the Bicton newsletter. A copy is attached to the minutes. BPC thanks Rod for this report.

4.4 Road Closure: Shepherds Lane, Bicton Heath, Start Date: 14th July 2024 End Date: 16th July 2024 Purpose: Road Closure - Severn Trent Water, road closure required in conjunction with sluice valve renewal works on Welshpool Road. Works Promoter: Severn Trent Water. Noted.

5 PLANNING

- 5.1 24/02208/FUL Proposed Dog Exercising Field West Of, Isle Lane, change of use from agriculture to dog exercising field with associated hardstanding for parking area. Applicant: Mr and Mrs Tate. BPC wishes to record a 'neutral' comment.
- 5.2 Planning Enforcement Cases 24/10331/ENF Montrose, Shepherds Lane, **Description of Issue:** Alleged breach of planning control in relation to 21/03958/FUL, the incorrect installation of bathroom windows on the extension of the remodelled dwelling, allowing windows to be opened rather than fixed shut. Also the same windows not fitted with permene (sic). Noted
- 5.3 24/02166/FUL Montrose , Shepherds Lane, Erection of replacement outbuilding Applicant: Tilmatee Parriera. Cllr Lee left the room. BPC wishes to record a 'neutral' comment.
- 5.4 24/02222/FUL Land South Holyhead Road, Bicton, 32 affordable dwellings and associated infrastructure including access and landscaping. BPC strongly objects. It is outside the SAMDev boundary, it exceeds Bicton housing agreement, the road access is on to the 60mph, it is filling the green space between Shrewsbury and Bicton, it is in the SWSUE masterplan as a health village, it does not ate what type of affordable, there is no evidence that so many affordable homes are needed by Bicton residents, car parking is inadequate and there is no such designation as "Redundant Agricultural Land"!

6. OFFICIAL MATTERS

- 6.1 Monthly Audit of Accounts and financial report. Lloyds Bank Statement . To be verified by Chairman. Deposit account, £60,887.49 Current account, £ 33,399.18 Noted.
- 6.2 Muriel's Little Wood, Safety Report, *Standing Agenda Item*. The fence rail has been replaced. There has been more digging and ramp making. There are lots of saplings and re-growth in the brook.
- 6.3 Vas, speed Indicator devices, a progress report. Nothing has been heard. The clerk will contact the PCC (Police and Crime Commissioner).
- 6.4 Data Protection Fee, £35, this will be taken by direct debit on 11/7/24. Noted.
- 6.5 To approve the amended standing orders. For next agenda. It is suggested that the vice chair should NOT be expected to automatically succeed to the chair.

7 PARISH ACCOUNTS for payment

- 7.1 Kevin Williams, lengthsman duties for June £148.00
- 7.2 JW & PM Edwards, hedge cutting, £168.00
- 7.3 Payment of the above agreed. Cllrs Lee and Llewellyn will make the payments.

8. EXTERNAL ITEMS

- 8.1 Montford Parish Council (MPC) Meeting 2407 at 7.30 pm Tues 16 July 2024 in The Wingfield Arms. BPC is invited. The clerk will attend and Cllrs are welcome. Noted.
9. **EXTRA INFORMATION** Any *Additional Information* not specified on the agenda.
10. **NEXT MEETING** due to be held on Tuesday 13th August 2024. at 8pm in Bicton Village Hall.

MEETING CLOSED 10.10 pm.
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