

2015-Aug.a.

BICTON PARISH COUNCIL

Chairman Richard Brett

DRAFT MINUTES OF MEETING 2015-Aug Held on 11th August 2015. 8pm in Bicton Village Hall

PRESENT:

Parish Cllrs: Elliott Blackmore, Wendy Horan, Sally Maddox, Sue Llewellyn, Deirdre Grennan. Martin Davies, Parish clerk-Peter Anderson, PC Jon Summerfield, CSO Angie Roberts, Helen Howie, Plus 4 parishioners.

In the absence of Cllr Brett Cllr Blackmore took the chair.

OPEN FORUM

Some of the hedges on Grange Bank have been cut. Mike Davies, SC senior traffic technician, has completed the formalities in order to apply for funding to investigate the feasibility of widening the footpath on Grange Bank.

Gordon Wallach, on behalf of the Brethren, presented a donation for the de-fibrillator. Cllr Horan, as school representative, thanked Gordon and accepted the cheque.

PC Jon Summerfield reported that a group had camped by the Evolution Centre, this had caused noise but there was no trouble. There was an attempted garage break-in at Montford Bridge. A car window and a house window, on Church Close, have been smashed, no reason could be found for this. A prowler was seen at a property on Bicton Lane.

Helen Howie of Berrys, acting on behalf of the developers of the land to the East of Bicton Lane, asked BPC if it would consider allowing a gate to be installed between Muriel's Little Wood and the proposed public amenity land of the new development? Also, is BPC interested in taking on the ownership/management of the new amenity land?

0. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

0.1 Cllr Davies, 4.2, he is the lengthsman.

1. **APOLOGIES** for ABSENCE were received and accepted, from: SC Cllr. John Everall, SC Cllr Claire Wild, Roy Bound and Richard Brett. **NOTED**

2. **MINUTES** 2015-Jul of previous meeting held on 14/7/15 were confirmed and signed.

3. MATTERS ARISING

3.1 Muriel's Little Wood needs some strimming to be done. Tom Llewellyn will be asked if he can do it.

3.2 The Severnway, beyond Bicton Pool has been trimmed by Tony Egerton.

3.3 The hedge on the Welshpool Road, between Shepherd's Lane and Calcott Lane has been trimmed. The farmer, Graham Clarke, got the hedge-cutter in especially to do this.

3.4 The clerk did report the dog mess around The Oval, to SC, who have not replied and have taken no action. It has been suggested that BPC could buy a Dog Bag Dispenser for £79.00, the bags cost £26.00 per 800. This will be put on the next agenda.

3.5 The prominent drain cover on Preston Montford Lane was reported, to SC, by the clerk. It has not been fixed, the clerk is asked to report it again.

4. PARISH MATTERS

4.1 Bicton Primary School *Standing Agenda Item* It is holiday time.

4.2 Lengthsman, report and instructions *Standing Agenda Item* Calcott Lane is tidy and so is Bicton Pool. Muriel's Little Wood needs a trim, Tom Llewellyn will be asked to do it.

4.3 Parish footpaths, *Standing Agenda Item* Dog mess is the perennial problem.

4.4 Shropshire Speed Reduction Wheelie Bin Stickers. Does BPC wish to purchase some at £43.50 for 50? BPC feels that these stickers would not have any effect so none will be purchased.

5. PLANNING

5.1 Galliers Homes wishes to consult BPC about connecting the open space on the East of Bicton Lane development to Muriel's Little Wood. Helen Howie, of Berrys, has been invited to explain the

proposal. It was decided that this needs careful consideration and will be deferred until the next BPC meeting.

- 5.2 20 Barn Owl Way, Bicton Heath, variation for amended house type, 15/02602/VAR, for decision. This is a change from one of the developer's standard house plans to another and will not make any difference, therefore BPC has no objections.
- 5.3 The Wingfield Caravan Park, siting of 6 static vans in place of 16 tourers. This will make no substantial difference therefore BPC has no objections.

6. OFFICIAL MATTERS

- 6.1 Monthly Audit of Accounts Bank Statement number 305 £30,950.84 Verified by Chairman.
- 6.2 Muriel's Little Wood, Safety Report, *Standing Agenda Item*. Cllr Maddox reported that apart from some strimming that is needed then all is safe.
- 6.3 BPC is empowered to grant some money to the Save The Village campaign under section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972. This can be used to defray expenses upon production of an invoice which shall be approved at a BPC meeting. Does BPC wish to make such a grant, and if so, how much? BPC agrees to this in principle. Initially the total amount is not expected to be more than £300.00. More could be granted but at BPC's absolute discretion. Each and every expenditure is to be judged on its merits.
- 6.4 Mazars has returned the external audit. In its opinion everything is in accordance with proper practices.

7 PARISH ACCOUNTS for payment

- 7.1 Street light electricity 2015/16 1st quarter. £302.59 chq 1003
- 7.2 Mazars, external audit, £120.0 chq 1004
- 7.3 Kevin Williams, lengthsman duties £303.2 chq 1005
- 7.4 Payment of the above accounts proposed Cllr Llewellyn, seconded Cllr Maddox and agreed.

8. EXTERNAL ITEMS

- 9. **EXTRA INFORMATION** Any *Additional Information* not specified on the agenda.
 - 9.1 The old churchyard now belongs to Mark Bebb. Noted.
 - 9.2 There is a pothole on Isle Lane, about 50 yards from the junction. The clerk will report it to SC.
 - 9.3 The road verge, on Isle Lane, by the Four Crosses, is being chewed up. The clerk will report it to SC.
 - 9.4 Cllr Maddox did an informal litter pick. Noted with thanks.
 - 9.5 The yard at the rear of the Four Crosses Inn is visible from the road and it is squalid, a rat has been seen by the bins there.
10. **NEXT MEETING** to be held on Tuesday 8th September 2015. at 8.00pm in Bicton Village..

MEETING CLOSED 9.20 pm
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