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BICTON PARISH COUNCIL

Chairman Richard Brett

DRAFT MINUTES OF MEETING 2016 Aug Held on 9th August 2016. 8pm in Bicton Village Hall

PRESENT:

Parish Cllrs:, Elliott Blackmore, Roy Bound, Wendy Horan, Sally Maddox, Sue Llewellyn, Deirdre Grennan, Rod Warren, Parish clerk-Peter Anderson, Plus 3 parishioners.

In the absence of Cllr Brett, Vice Chairman Cllr Blackmore took the chair.

OPEN FORUM

A disturbing incident was reported involving a criminal giving a false address in Bicton. This resulted in some threatening behaviour towards the occupants of this address, who have no connection whatsoever with this criminal. The occupants co-operated fully with the police and it is hoped that this incident is now resolved.

The Brethren are having an open day 13/8/16 12.30pm.

Police report; there were no ASBs. There was one assault, which was detected. The police are giving priority to detecting drug use on the cricket pitch on Racecourse Lane. Just for comparison, Bicton Heath had 16 ASBs and 11 other crimes.

0. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

1. **APOLOGIES** for ABSENCE were received and accepted, from: Richard Brett Martin Davies, NOTED

2. **MINUTES** 2016-Jul of previous meeting held on 12/7/16 were confirmed and signed.

3. MATTERS ARISING

3.1 The Bicton bus shelter lower panel has been further damaged. It needs removing. Cllr Blackmore will inspect it.

3.2 The hedge from the Four Crosses to the Old Smithy has been cut by the contractor who was working for Cllr Blackmore.

3.3 The road sign on the Welshpool Road, approaching Churncote Island, which was overgrown and was reported to Shropshire Council by the clerk after the last BPC meeting, has still not been cleared.

3.4 The leaning telegraph pole on the Holyhead Road has been inspected by BT. Apparently, it was condemned 2 years ago. It was installed in 1968. Such poles have a maximum life expectancy of 50 years. The BT inspector has reported it again.

3.5 Grange Bank footpath has still not been cleared of soil despite the promise of Shropshire Council traffic engineer Perry Muir.

4. PARISH MATTERS

4.1 Bicton Primary School *Standing Agenda Item* It is the school holidays.

4.2 Lengthsman, report and instructions *Standing Agenda Item* Martin has not yet finished cleaning the road signs and the hedge at Four Crosses still needs doing.

4.3 Parish footpaths, *Standing Agenda Item* The paths are in pretty good condition at the moment. There has been no rain and everywhere is dryish. There is a bad gateway on Morris's land where the cows poach the ground.

4.4 Double yellow lines at the Bicton Lane/B4380 junction. Mike Davies, SC traffic engineer, has been told that, for safety reasons, BPC wants yellow lines at this junction.

4.5 A parishioner has expressed concern at a potential pollution hazard at the Four Crosses. This is at the rear of the Four Crosses Inn and is the landlord's responsibility; but for some reason he finds it difficult to address the problem.

5 PLANNING

5.1 1 and 2 New Cottages, Shepherd's Lane, erection of a dwelling, 16/02391/FUL, SC refused. Noted.

5.2 The appeal on planning application 14/02239/OUT (appeal reference 16/02371/REF) land east of Bicton Lane, 15 dwellings, has still not been decided. There is a note on the inspector's website saying that it has been taken to the high court as the applicant is challenging Shropshire Council's 5 year land supply status.

6. **OFFICIAL MATTERS**

- 6.1 Monthly Audit of Accounts Bank Statement number 317 £40,808.24 verified by Chairman.
- 6.2 Muriel's Little Wood, Safety Report, *Standing Agenda Item*. Cllr Maddox did some light pruning around the gateways and the path, there is no litter and she reported that all is safe.
- 6.3 Clustering; Mathew Mead has sent some information. Shrewsbury Town Council (STC) is not looking to cluster with neighbouring parishes. There may be some scope for Bicton to work with its other neighbours in providing very local services.

Cllr Grennan entered the meeting with apologies for being late.

7 **PARISH ACCOUNTS for payment**

- 7.1 Kevin Williams, lengthsman duties, July 2016, £168.00 chq 1033.
- 7.2 Payment of the above account proposed Cllr Maddox, seconded Cllr Horan and agreed.

8. **EXTERNAL ITEMS**

- 8.1 SALC has sent a programme of training events. Noted.
- 9. **EXTRA INFORMATION** Any *Additional Information* not specified on the agenda.
 - 9.1 Bicton Pool is smothered with weeds. There is hardly any water in it. Martin has not yet cleared the sluices. Silt from the Severnway is clogging the pool.
 - 9.2 The Police and Crime Commissioner is having a consultation, this can be accessed online. Noted.
- 10. **NEXT MEETING** to be held on Tuesday 13th September 2016. at 8.00pm in Bicton Village Hall

MEETING CLOSED 8.52 pm
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