

**2018 Aug.a.**  
**BICTON PARISH COUNCIL**  
Chairman Richard Brett

**MINUTES** (Draft until signed) of meeting 2018-Aug, 14<sup>th</sup> August 2018. 8pm in Bicton Village Hall

**PRESENT:**

*Parish Cllrs:* Richard Brett, Sue Llewellyn, Elliott Blackmore, Sally Maddox, Mandie Lee, Parish clerk-Peter Anderson, 16 parishioners.

**POLICE REPORT** No report had been received.

**OPEN FORUM**

**Grange Bank hedge and gutter**, on the opposite side to the footpath, needs trimming and clearing. The clerk will report this to SC.

**Russ Maxim, of the Rapid Relief Team**, asked if there is anything in the parish that they can help with. Bus shelter cleaning was suggested. Russ will let us know if this is possible.

**Stuart did a litter pick on Calcott and Shepherd's Lanes.** He collected 3 sacks of rubbish. He has had difficulty in making progress towards getting the old phone box removed. He has a 20 page guide to how to do it; which he has given to the clerk.

**To co-opt a councillor to fill the vacant seat.** There were two high quality candidates who presented themselves for co-option. Both are admirably qualified but, for the moment, there is only one seat. It was a difficult decision; but it was resolved by Paul Quartermaine stepping aside for Mandie Lee. She was duly co-opted by a unanimous vote. Many thanks to Paul, who promised to continue to take a close interest in parish affairs until there is another vacancy; and, welcome to Mandie.

**0. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

0.1 Cllrs Brett and Maddox, 5,5, they are neighbours. Cllr Llewellyn, 5.3, her son is the applicant. Cllrs Brett, Maddox and Blackmore, 5.3, they are council colleagues of Cllr Llewellyn. Cllr Blackmore, 5.4, the road is close to his property.

1. **APOLOGIES** for **ABSENCE** were received and accepted, from: SC Cllr. Lezley Picton, Rod Warren, Wendy Horan, Deirdre Grennan, Martin Davies, NOTED

2. **MINUTES** 2018-Jul of previous meeting held on 10/7/18 were confirmed and signed.

**3. MATTERS ARISING**

3.1 Village Hall car park. Veolia are offering grants but the village hall committee has been told that Veolia is not keen on supporting car parks.

3.2 Bench on Calcott Lane. Tom Llewellyn has inspected the bench and he has volunteered carry out repairs. Oak or Iroko will cost €150. BPC agrees that Tom should proceed.

**4. PARISH MATTERS**

4.1 Lengthsman, report and instructions *Standing Agenda Item*

4.2 Parish footpaths, *Standing Agenda Item* There is a notice, by the Hospice, about the diversion of footpath 13 during the building work there.

4.3 The new street light, opposite the Whitehouse, Bicton Lane, shines in to a neighbouring property bedroom window, is it possible to have it shielded? Cllr Blackmore will look in to it.

4.4 Car parking problem, The Coppice, 21/7/18. There was a craft Fayre on this day. The parking is inadequate even for a normal day. Cars were parked on the carriageway and also blocked the footpath opposite. The clerk will report this to SC.

**5 PLANNING**

5.1 Shelton Heath, there is a master-plan for developing this area, submitted by Berrys who request a meeting with BPC. The clerk will issue an invitation to Berrys to come to a BPC meeting.

5.2 1 Villa Lane, extension, 18/02492/FUL, SC refused. Noted.

5.3 Barn north east of Rossall Grange, change of use to a dwelling, 18/03162/FUL, for decision. Cllr Llewellyn withdrew from the discussion. BPC decided to fully support this application. It is an appropriate use of a redundant building and will not affect any other property.

- 5.4 Oxon Link Road, 18/03166/EIA, for decision. BPC strongly objects to this application. A 5 leg Churncote roundabout will be a difficult and dangerous junction. The Shepherd's Lane footpath diversion will be much longer than the present route. Pedestrian access to local buses will be more difficult and so will encourage more car use. There is no footbridge or controlled crossings, as were originally promised. The bunding and screening is much less than originally promised; this will damage the visual amenity and increase the noise levels. The access to the caravan park is inadequate and potentially dangerous if towing vehicles are held up on the carriageway. The environmental impact and damage to wildlife is unacceptable. The narrowing of Welshpool Road will cause serious problems given the size of modern vehicles.
- 5.5 Bicton Barn, conversion to a dwelling, 18/03358/FUL, for decision. BPC objects to this application. The windows will overlook the neighbouring properties. These windows have been re-designed with 'angled glass' but even so there will still be an invasion of neighbour's privacy.
- 5.6 The owner of The Annexe, Preston Montford, has been told by the SC planning officer that he will not get planning permission to convert the rear section of the building into a separate dwelling. This was the 'officer's view'; he has not yet put in a formal application. BPC indicated that, on the evidence so far presented, it would be minded to support such an application.
- 5.7 The Smithy, Holyhead Road, two storey extension to rear and detached double garage 18/02831/FUL SC granted. Noted.
- 5.8 11A The Oval, demolition of existing conservatory and erection of single storey extension including part conversion of existing garage. New Velux rooflights to rear elevation and new pitched roof to dormer and front porch. 18/02320/FUL. SC granted. Noted.

## 6. OFFICIAL MATTERS

- 6.1 Monthly Audit of Accounts Bank Statement number 343 £53,739.80 verified by Chairman.
- 6.2 Muriel's Little Wood, Safety Report, *Standing Agenda Item*. There is a lot of growth but all is safe.
- 6.3 HSBC bank has raised the issue of the cheque book signatories, the mandate needs to be changed. The clerk will set the wheels in motion.
- 6.4 Report on the meeting between BPC and Eddie West. SC principal planning policy officer, on 25/7/18. This is attached in the minutes book.
- 6.5 Jim Griffiths has resigned from his duties as bus shelter cleaner. Noted.
- 6.6 The cabinet for the defibrillator has arrived and is now stored at the village hall. Noted.

## 7. PARISH ACCOUNTS for payment

- 7.1 Kevin Williams, lengthsman duties, £78.00 chq 121
- 7.2 Highline Electrical, conversion of street lights to LED, £7,764.00. A cheque for this payment was written at the last meeting, 10/7/18, but HSBC has refused to honour it because it is not "signed in accordance with mandate". The clerk has discovered that HSBC is bothered, in this context, by cheques over £5,000. To expedite payment, because changing the mandate may take some time, two cheques will be sent to Highline, one for £4,000 and one for £3,764. Chqs 122 and 123
- 7.3 Street light electricity, Ap/Jun 2018, £377.28. This is more than it should be because of the conversion to LED but the bill was sent before the change was registered. Matt Muir, of SC has assured BPC that this will be sorted out on the next invoice. Chq 124
- 7.4 Payment of the above accounts, 1er Cllr Blackmore, 2er Cllr Llewellyn and agreed.

## 8. EXTERNAL ITEMS

- 8.1 Training session, "Negotiate a Better Outcome in Planning" 12/9/18, 10am-4pm, The Lord Hill. Noted.
- 8.2 Town and Parish Council Forum, next meeting, 10am, 3/9/18, Shirehall. Noted
- 8.3 Invitation to Stakeholder Engagement Day, Local Transport Plan for Shropshire, 10am-3.15pm, Football ground. 19/9/18. Noted.

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

- 9.1 There has been some fly tipping on Isle Lane, Cllr Llewellyn reported this to SC.
- 9.2 There has also been some fly tipping by Oxon Pool.

10. **NEXT MEETING** to be held on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2018. at 8.00pm in Bicton Village Hall

MEETING CLOSED 10.17 pm  
2018 Aug.b

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