

2019 -Aug.a.
BICTON PARISH COUNCIL
Chairman Richard Brett

MINUTES (Draft until signed) of meeting 2019-Aug 13th August 2019, 8pm in Bicton Village Hall

PRESENT:

Parish Cllrs: Richard Brett, Sue Llewellyn, Elliott Blackmore, Sally Maddox, Wendy Horan, Deirdre Grennan, Mandie Lee, Paul Quartermaine, Tim Williams, Parish clerk-Peter Anderson, 1 parishioners,

Paul Quartermaine was co-opted to fill the BPC vacancy.

POLICE REPORT None received but the Bicton Newsletter has been promised a Community Engagement article.

Tim Williams representing West Mercia Police 'We don't buy crime' initiative, promised to help with the SmartWater roll out. Dates suggested were October 5th, 12th, and 19th at Bicton village hall. The hall availability needs to be checked. Lots of publicity will be needed. Tim recommends that, in line with other SmartWater schemes, BPC should offer the kits for free.

OPEN FORUM

Gordon Wallach congratulated the Village Hall committee on the improvements to the car park. He also suggested that the Brethren's 'Rapid Relief Team' could do refreshments at the SmartWater roll out. (The Rapid Relief Team supplied 5,000 meals during the Whaley Bridge emergency.) He will ask Russ Maxim.

0. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

2. **MINUTES** 2019-Jul of previous meeting held on 9/7/19 were confirmed and signed.

3. MATTERS ARISING

3.1 Village gateway sign, this would be best sited at the Bicton/Shrewsbury boundary. The SmartWater sign could be added to this. The clerk will ask advice from SC Highways.

3.2 The old phone box is being used; items left in it are being made use of. Cllr Grennan has cleaned it.

3.3 Speeding on Isle Lane. Cllr Blackmore counted 45 vehicles within half an hour, one evening, and most were speeding. Traffic calming is needed either side of the cottages. The clerk will ask SC Highways.

4. PARISH MATTERS

4.1 Lengthsman, report and instructions *Standing Agenda Item*

4.2 Parish footpaths, *Standing Agenda Item* There is a proposal to order a load of stone to fill the puddle, on the Severnway, by 'Swain's Field'. The Severnway is the responsibility of SC. The clerk will pass this on to SC Cllr Picton.

4.3 Bicton Lane, bad bend, damage has been repaired. Already it has been scraped, but it is working.

4.4 SmartWater there is some confusion about whether, or not, to make a charge or to supply them free. A decision is needed. It was decided, unanimously, to supply the kits for free.

4.5 Tenants at The Coppice have started a petition to get the speed limit reduced on the B4380. This petition should go to SC. Also needed are; a drop-kerb, a bus shelter and the newly planted hedge needs moving back.

5 PLANNING

5.1 19/03382/FUL 3 Lewis Way, Bicton, Erection of replacement to existing feather board fence to rear boundary with 3m high acoustic reduction wooden fence. BPC has no objections.

- 5.2 Seedfield, garage and extension, 19/01538/FUL, SC granted. Noted.
- 5.3 No formal application has been received at agenda setting but it is expected that there will be an application from The Brethren for a store/conference room/extra parking on the corner of the site near the Four Crosses junction. Gordon Wallach said that the present hall is a religious charity and cannot store other stuff, hence the need for a store.
- 5.4 19/02985/FUL The Annexe , Preston Montford Lane, Erection of single storey extension following partial conversion and removal of existing extension SC Granted. Noted.

6. OFFICIAL MATTERS

- 6.1 Monthly Audit of Accounts Bank Statement number 355 £47,380.04 verified by Chairman.
- 6.2 Muriel's Little Wood, Safety Report, *Standing Agenda Item*. Cllr Brett reported that all is safe.
- 6.3 Bicton Village Hall committee is requesting the promised grant from BPC of £5,000 towards the car park improvements. There is some confusion about the VAT. A parish council cannot reclaim the VAT on a village hall that it does not own and BPC does not own Bicton village hall. It is agreed to pay the promised £5,000. Further to this BPC offers to contribute £2,000 towards the VAT. (The total VAT amount is £4,051.20) The clerk will check this with the village hall committee and put it on the next agenda for payment.
- 6.4 Bicton housing survey, a meeting with Renee Wallace of the RCC is proposed for 9/9/19. The clerk and Cllrs Warren, Maddox and Llewellyn have agreed to attend.

7 PARISH ACCOUNTS for payment

- 7.1 Street light electricity. July/Sept 2019 £152.77 chq 161
- 7.2 Kevin Williams, lengthsman duties, £260.00 chq 162
- 7.3 Bicton village hall, £5,000.00 chq 163
- 7.4 Payment of the above accounts 1er Cllr Llewellyn, 2er Cllr Blackmore and agreed.

8. EXTERNAL ITEMS

- 8.1 SALC area committee meeting, Thursday 11th July 6.30pm, University Centre. Cllr Lee sent a comprehensive report to all BPC Cllrs. Subjects covered at this meeting included; CIL, SAMDev, traffic calming, potholes, electric vehicle charging points, LJs, planning committees and Christmas lighting.

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

10. **NEXT MEETING** to be held on Tuesday 10th September 2019. at 8.00pm in Bicton Village Hall

MEETING CLOSED 9.40 pm
2019 Aug.b.