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BICTON PARISH COUNCIL

Chairman Richard Brett

MINUTES (Draft until signed) of meeting 2020-AUG, 11th August 2020, 8pm by zoom.

PRESENT:

Parish Cllrs: Richard Brett, Sally Maddox, Wendy Horan, Sue Llewellyn, Deirdre Grennan, Mandie Lee, Rod Warren, Paul Quartermaine, SC Cllr. Lezley Picton, Parish clerk-Peter Anderson.; and 7 members of the public.

POLICE REPORT. No report was received

OPEN FORUM . Jessica and David Pannet explained that **Oxon Pool** is accessible through the small gate. They also pointed out that the **post box on Shepherd's Lane** needs painting. Stuart Leighton said that **Grange Bank footpath** needs the hedge trimming. Cllr Maddox said that she has already reported it to SC; Cllr Picton volunteered to chase it up. **SmartWater** was delivered to The Crescent, Montford Bridge and there was a good uptake. Several parishioners, are concerned about the **Brethren's application for an off-licence at the meeting room annex**. This application could allow trading for 15 hours per day, 7 days per week and be open to the public. This is not how we were led to believe that the site would operate. We were told that it would be for Brethren use only and only open when there was a meeting. The clerk will contact The Brethren to clarify matters, consult with BPC Cllrs and then send the decision on whether to object or not, to SC, before the deadline of the 27/8/2020.

SC Cllr Picton report: Lezley had submitted a written report in advance to save time. This comprehensive report explained; the local plan, the previous stages of the local plan consultation, the draft local plan July 2020, the Severn Rivers Partnership £40m govt grant funding, staffing appointments, local matters and the community reassurance teams. Also, there is a slight possibility that grant funding will become available for a 3m wide shared (pedestrians and cyclists) footpath from Montford Bridge to Shelton. The full report is available.

0. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

1. **APOLOGIES** for **ABSENCE** were received and accepted, from: Elliott Blackmore, NOTED

2. **VERIFY DRAFT MINUTES**, The minutes of BPC zoom meeting of 14/7/2020 were approved and later signed by the chairman.

3. **MATTERS ARISING**

3.1 Cllr Maddox has put a note on the village hall defibrillator to the effect that this instrument is not suitable for use on children.

3.2 Cllr Quartermaine is concerned that Ian Kilby, SC planning chief, has not replied to BPC's letter about the reserved matters for the 296 house SWSUE. Shortly after BPC sent the letter the reserved matters were delegated to an officer and approved. This, it is supposed, is an answer of sorts. So this application cannot now go to the SC planning committee. The subsequent application for 345 houses on the same site is still pending; BPC has requested for it to go to the planning committee if the SC planning officer does not refuse it. BPC is awaiting the outcome.

3.3 The incident on the footpath at the rear of The Crescent, Montford Bridge which resulted in an elderly man sustaining a broken hip may have occurred differently to the way in which it was reported to BPC. The elderly man is confused.

4. **PARISH MATTERS**

4.1 Lengthsman, report and instructions *Standing Agenda Item*

4.2 Parish footpaths, *Standing Agenda Item* They are mostly OK. The footpath opposite Eastgrove has a stubble which is difficult to walk on. Some pavements are overgrown with garden hedges, this will go in the newsletter report with a request that the owners should cut them. There are horses in the field with the footpath by Lion Lodge; the status of the horses is not known. The Severnway ditch has not yet been dug, Mathew Egerton has promised to do it as soon as he can. Chapel Hill footpath is inaccessible.

4.3 **A received email:** I have just read in Bicton Village News that the Road sweeper would be coming around the Village making the place look better , I have seen the road sweeper twice in the last few months, but they have not come around The Oval.

They have chosen small lengths of the road to clean up. Any member of the public can request the road sweeper to sweep a particular piece of road.

4.4 Oxon Pool, there is some confusion about being open and accessibility. Better signage is needed. The kissing gate is open but the main gate is locked. The clerk will contact STC and ask for better signage.

5 PLANNING

5.1 Reference: 20/00307/REM (validated: 24/01/2020)

Address: Development Land At Churncote Off, Welshpool Road, Bicton Heath, Shrewsbury, Shropshire

Proposal: Reserved matters pursuant to outline permission reference 14/00246/OUT for 296 mixed residential dwellings (landscaping reserved) and employment/commercial use (all matters reserved) to include; offices; showroom; A3/A4 (restaurant/pub); C1 (hotel); public open space, structural landscaping, associated infrastructure; vehicular accesses and all associated infrastructure to include landscaping SC

Decision: Grant Permission. Noted.

5.2 20/03074/FUL Oxon Touring Park, Welshpool Road, Bicton Heath, Formation of new field access on the B4380 Holyhead Road. BPC objects to this because, 1, the gate will be close to a listed building, 2, it will involve the removal of shrubbery which at present is a noise barrier, 3, access is on to a 60mph road, 4, the TPOs have not been marked, 5, no height is given for the gate, 6, the similar entrance to The Coppice, just a short distance away, has proved, as predicted, to be dangerous, 7, this site already has a good access from the other side.

5.3 Local Plan Consultation, the deadline is 30/9/20. BPC will formulate a response.

6. OFFICIAL MATTERS

6.1 Monthly Audit of Accounts Bank Statement number 367 £43,243.66 verified by Chairman.

6.2 Muriel's Little Wood, Safety Report, *Standing Agenda Item*. All is safe. The old fencing netting is still there; Cllr Llewellyn will arrange for its removal.

6.3 Does BPC wish to renew its CPRE membership for £36.00? Yes.

7 PARISH ACCOUNTS for payment

7.1 Kevin Williams lengthsmen duties, £306.00 chq 198

7.2 CPRE membership £36.00 chq 199

7.3 Payment of the above accounts 1er Cllr Grennan, 2er Cllr Maddox and agreed.

8. EXTERNAL ITEMS

8.1 Briefing note on CIL Allocations and Income July 2020. Noted.

8.2 Police and Crime Commissioner Town and Parish Council Survey. Cllr Grennan will complete and return this.

8.3 Oxon Park and Ride is still closed when the others are open. The site is being used for hospital transport but it will reopen in the fullness of time.

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

9.1 Bicton pool is silted up. Cllr Llewellyn will inspect it.

9.2 The old churchyard is being tidied and repaired in readiness, it is presumed, for the sale of Bicton Hall.

9.3 The Severnway has been scraped but opposite Bicton Pool is a mess. This is part of a farmyard and is in the process of being slowly sorted out.

9.4 Cllr Maddox will organise for BPC to be part of The Great British Clean Up on 27th September.

9.5 The 40mph sign in to Bicton needs replacing, the clerk will report this.

10. **NEXT MEETING** due to be held on Tuesday 8th September 2020. at 8.00pm in Bicton Village Hall-all being well, if not, it will be zoom again.

MEETING CLOSED 10.16
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