

2024-Aug.a.

BICTON PARISH COUNCIL

Chair Elliott Blackmore

MINUTES (Draft until signed) of meeting 2024-Aug. 13th August 2024, 8.00pm in Bicton village hall.

PRESENT:

Parish Cllrs: Elliott Blackmore, Richard Brett, Sally Maddox, Sue Llewellyn, Mandie Lee, , Deirdre Grennan, Wendy Horan,
SC Cllr Ed Potter, Parish clerk-Peter Anderson and 11 parishioners

NEIGHBOURHOOD ALERT, REPORT. There were 30 ‘Neighbourhood Matters’ reports. None of them specific to Bicton.

OPEN FORUM

Andrew Leighton pointed out that the Inspector is examining the Shropshire Local Plan on 27/11/24 and asked if BPC was to be represented as it involves the SAMDev allocation in Bicton. Cllr Lee volunteered to attend.

Dee Povey had problems with the BPC website, Cllr Brett will sort this out. She also asked about BPC’s intentions in attempting to take possession of Bicton Pool by Adverse Possession. She was assured that this has been a long term aim of more than 12 years and is nothing to do with the proposed farm track to access the chicken farm.

Stuart Leighton said that the verge grass at the South end of Calcott Lane needs cutting. The clerk will report this to SC.

SC Cllr Picton report: In Cllr Picton’s absence SC Cllr Ed Potter reported. The Local Plan Inspections are coming up. With the new government there will be changes to the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) and as soon as the present plan is adopted a new plan will have to be started. **Ofstead** has examined the SC adult care services and given a favourable report. **The SC finances** are ‘under control’ but finding savings of £62m is difficult to achieve. **The nation-wide civil unrest** has not spread to Shropshire although it was feared that it might and some Shrewsbury businesses were closed over the Flower Show weekend. **There is speculation about the financing of the North West Relief Road (NWRR)** but there is nothing official.

0. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

2. **VERIFY DRAFT MINUTES, 2024-Jul, dated 9/7/24.** Verified and signed.

3. MATTERS ARISING

3.1 Shona Butter, of SC footpaths, has not replied about the drainage problem, on the Severnway, at The Crescent, Montford Bridge. Cllr Blackmore will phone her.

4. PARISH MATTERS

4.1 Lengthsman, report and instructions Standing Agenda Item . Report on the lengthsman’s duties and costs for BPC. Kevin Williams has done the lengthsman duties in Bicton for years. BPC has been very pleased with his work. He only does the work that is necessary according to the grass growth. His charges amount to no more than £20 per hour. The strip of grass that Kevin was instructed to not mow, for conservation reasons, was cut by a contractor without BPC’s permission and at no cost to BPC.

4.2 Parish footpaths, Standing Agenda Item The Severnway by The Crescent, Montford Bridge, is ‘swampy’. Chapel Hill footpath is still overgrown with the crop, but it will be harvest time soon.

4.3 Bicton Place Plan, Standing Agenda Item. Shropshire Council Place Plan nominations feedback. The Bicton Place Plan (PP) is subsumed into the Shrewsbury PP and is written by SC. BPC has an important input but ultimately SC has the money (or not!)

4.4 Openreach to lay approx. 115m duct and construct a jointing chamber in verge Approx 45m South of CALCOTT LANE dates are 11th-15th November. Noted.

5 PLANNING

5.1 24/02808/OUT Land North Mytton Oak Road, Hybrid planning application for a residential development of up to 400 dwellings and 80 bed care home (Use Class C2), access, footpath/cycleways, public open space, landscaping and associated drainage and development infrastructure: comprising a FULL application for 102 dwellings, 80 bed care home, access from Mytton Oak Road, footpath/cycleways, public open space, landscaping and associated development infrastructure and OUTLINE application (all matters

reserved) for up to 298 dwellings, access, footpath/cycleways, public open space, landscaping and associated development infrastructure. Applicant: Shropshire Homes (c/o, Planning Prospects Ltd, UK) BPC's decision is to record a neutral response.

5.2 24/02166/FUL Montrose, Shepherds Lane, Erection of replacement outbuilding

SC Decision: Grant Permission. Noted.

5.3 24/02601/VAR Community Centre, Shepherds Lane. Variation of condition 2 (approved plans) and 12 (retail floor area) attached to planning application 19/03600/FUL BPC's decision is to record a neutral response.

5.4 24/01992/FUL Grove Farm, Isle Lane. Erection of double garage, summerhouse, gates, terrace and landscaping works SC Decision: Grant Permission Noted.

5.5 24/02986/FUL Southfields, Calcott Crescent, Change of use of existing residential dwelling (C3) to a residential institution (C2). BPC decided to postpone a decision to the next BPC meeting. The clerk will ask the planning officer for an extension to the deadline.

5.6 24/02916/LBC Field Studies Council, Preston Montford Field Centre, Replacement 5 sliding sash windows on 1st floor, 6 windows adjacent to external fire escape and replacement external doors to fire escape. BPC decided to postpone a decision to the next BPC meeting. The clerk will ask the planning officer for an extension to the deadline.

6. OFFICIAL MATTERS

6.1 Monthly Audit of Accounts and financial report. Lloyds Bank current acc £39,188.16. Deposit acc £61,108.08 (The deposit acc rate has decreased from 4% to 3.81%.) verified by Chairman.

6.2 Muriel's Little Wood, Safety Report, *Standing Agenda Item*. Cllr Warren looked in on Sunday and Cllr Maddox reported that the wood is 'open and breezy'. They both also reported that all is safe. It is decided that a seat in the wood is inappropriate but bird boxes are a good idea.

6.3 Vas, speed Indicator devices, a progress report. BPC has received the Police and Crime Commissioner's grant of £6,139.98 SC has indicated that it will be best for BPC to manage the project. SC will need to approve the site and the devices. Noted. The clerk is instructed to get on with finding quotes.

6.4 To consider renewing the church clock maintenance contract. The three year offer will include servicing the clock in February 2025, 2026 and 2027 and the cost will be £775 net plus vat. This represents good value compared to annual payments and BPC accepts the offer.

6.5 Review of BPC standing orders. It is for BPC councillors to decide what, if anything, should be in the standing orders. Deferred to next meeting.

6.6 To consider the implications of BPC claiming ownership of Bicton Pool by 'Adverse Possession'. It is possible for BPC to make the claim without the use of a solicitor. There are specialist law firms but the cost is likely to be high. The claim forms are available from the Land Registry. The BPC decision is to make a claim for ownership and to not employ a solicitor.

7 PARISH ACCOUNTS for payment

7.1 Kevin Williams, lengthsman duties, July, £296.00

7.2 Street light electricity, July to Sept 2024, £230.82

8. EXTERNAL ITEMS

8.1 Report on the 16/7/24 meeting with Montford parish council. This was a very good forum for discussing mutual concerns such as Grange Bank and the NWR. It was decided to repeat it again next year.

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

10. **NEXT MEETING** due to be held on Tuesday 10th September 2024. at 8pm in Bicton Village Hall.

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MEETING CLOSED 9.59 pm.
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